



**CITY OF ALLENTOWN**

**30199**

**RESOLUTION**

**R62 – 2021**

***Introduced by City Council on May 5, 2021***

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**Recommends the Lehigh County explore in conjunction with relevant city officials the establishing of a Housing Court**

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***Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That***

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania state law notes “the court of common pleas of a judicial district may establish, from available funds, a housing court which shall have jurisdiction as provided under subsection (d). The court may adopt local rules for the administration of housing courts and their related services such as housing clinics to counsel code violators on their responsibilities and procedures to bring properties into code compliance. The local rules may not be inconsistent with this section or any rules established by the Supreme Court;” and

**WHEREAS**, Allentown’s Vision 2030 recommended the establishing of a Housing Court concurrent with the development of other legal remedies to cope with the increasing number of substandard houses in Allentown and can service as a crucial component to an effective and holistic code enforcement structure and even more important, as an essential agent in the development of such a system (page 91 of the report).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Allentown that the Lehigh County explore in conjunction with relevant city officials the establishing of a Housing Court.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Judge Johnson, the County Executive and the Lehigh County Commissioners.

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Ce-Ce Gerlach	X	
Daryl Hendricks	X	
Cynthia Mota	X	
Joshua Siegel	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Julio A. Guridy, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

***THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 30199 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.***

  
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 City Clerk