

## LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
  - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
  - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The bill seeks City Council approval to allow the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown acquire two properties via eminent domain, if necessary.

- 621 W Gordon Street

- 621 N Front Street

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
  - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown will be required to pay the property owners just compensation for the properties, to be agreed upon by the court. The Authority will also pay maintenance fees to manage the properties until the properties are transferred to new owners.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown received federal Community Development Block Grant funds to pay for the property acquisition costs.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown is ready to move forward with the next steps in the eminent domain process as soon as City Council approves this resolution.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

City Council should support this bill because the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown will ensure that these two blighted properties are quickly rehabilitated and occupied, therefore reducing the number of blighted properties in the City.