



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

RESOLUTION

R62 – 2021

Introduced by City Council on May 5, 2021

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

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.