



2009 ADOPTED PSATS RESOLUTIONS

09-01 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3102 of the Second Class Township Code to increase the required advertising and bidding limits from the current \$10,000 and increase the required telephone quotation limits from \$4,000, AND FURTHER, That these limits be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index. UNION COUNTY

09-02 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to encourage intergovernmental cooperation for the purpose of developing and implementing uniform emergency action plans and to support such efforts with state funding to train and conduct exercises for all stakeholders. NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

09-03 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to hold municipalities harmless for actions they are required to take regarding the designation of airport hazard areas. WASHINGTON COUNTY

09-04 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would impose a fee or tax on private water sources, such as wells and springs. BUTLER COUNTY

09-05 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to allow townships to assess reasonable fees for the administration and enforcement of state regulations governing the land application of sewage sludge and residual waste. BERKS COUNTY

09-06 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to provide Act 14 notification anytime a permit is filed for the land application of residual waste. BERKS COUNTY

09-07 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Solid Waste Management Act (*Act 14 of 1984*) to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to notify municipalities of all permit applications in their jurisdiction. WAYNE COUNTY

09-08 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act to allow paid firefighters to volunteer their services as a firefighter at the employing fire department while not on duty. ERIE COUNTY

09-09 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 606 of the Second Class Township Code to authorize townships to provide township supervisors and employees who are over the age of 65 with supplemental Medicare insurance coverage. CRAWFORD COUNTY

09-11 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Liquid Fuels Allocation Law (*Act 655 of 1956, as amended*) to include alternative fuels (such as liquid propane, compressed natural gas, hydrogen, water, waste, vegetable oil, and electricity) used in on-road vehicles under this law. LYCOMING COUNTY

09-12 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would “right-size” municipal government. POTTER COUNTY

09-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to authorize municipalities to require developers to make offsite capital improvements on township roads. FRANKLIN COUNTY

09-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to allow municipalities to levy a 1 percent tax on company proceeds from gas and oil extraction. TIOGA COUNTY

09-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Oil and Gas Act (*Act 223 of 1984, as amended*) to require gas companies to notify the host municipality 30 days before the start of construction or drilling on a permitted well site. LYCOMING COUNTY

09-17 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Oil and Gas Act (*Act 223 of 1984, as amended*) to require gas companies to notify all affected municipalities 30 days before the start of construction on a permitted site when a municipal road will be a primary traffic route to a drilling site, pump station, or collection pipeline. LYCOMING COUNTY

09-19 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to assume responsibility for all stormwater drainage within the rights of way on state roads. LANCASTER COUNTY

09-20 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Uniform Construction Code (*Act 45 of 1999, as amended*), to change the definition of “utility and miscellaneous structures” to limit such structures to a single story. ELK COUNTY

09-24 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Sterling Act (*Act 45 of 1932*) to authorize municipalities and school districts that levy the earned income tax to collect and retain earned income taxes from municipal residents who work in Philadelphia, AND FURTHER, to require Philadelphia to provide offsetting credits for income taxes paid to an individual’s home municipality. BUCKS COUNTY

09-26 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Uniform Municipal Deed Registration Act (*Act 110 of 2008*) to require a certificate of inspection and documentation that all other municipal obligations are met before a deed may be recorded by the county. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

09-28 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek consideration of township requests for funding from the portion of the 2009 federal economic stimulus package designated for Pennsylvania. BUCKS COUNTY

09-30 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to ensure that insurance payments for ambulance services are paid directly to the ambulance company, rather than the patient. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

09-31 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (*Act 205 of 1988, as amended*) to temporarily increase the amortization schedule for defined benefit pension plans from 15 to 30 years until the national financial crisis is abated. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

09-32 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to the Local Tax Enabling Act (*Act 511 of 1965, as amended*) to require individuals seeking low-income exclusions to the local services tax to apply through the municipality. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

09-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would place increased emphasis on the comprehensive plan relative to the zoning ordinance; AND FURTHER, that would require a municipality to make findings of fact that its ordinances are generally consistent with its comprehensive plan before the municipality could take any action on land use issues. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-34 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 503 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to allow municipalities to charge recreation fees to developers, in lieu of land dedication, for the operation of recreation facilities operated by the municipality or facilities located in another municipality. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-35 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation to require municipalities to identify properties on their official map that they are seeking to acquire through eminent domain for recreation and open space purposes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-36 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the commonwealth to disburse the local earned income tax deducted from its employees' wages to the employees' place of residence, as required by the Local Tax Enabling Act (*Act 511 of 1965, as amended*). RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize townships, in conjunction with their local fire departments, to establish a standard hydrant connection type that water companies and water authorities located within their jurisdiction must use. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-38 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would prohibit government competition with private enterprise or restrict a township's ability to provide services to its residents in accordance with existing state law. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-39 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Right-to-Know Law (*Act 3 of 2008*) to allow municipalities to charge a reasonable fee for the cost of the labor necessary to search, gather, and prepare the records. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-40 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that in-service retirement option plans be negotiated between the municipality and police unit without recourse to arbitration, AND FURTHER, that such plans not require a guaranteed interest rate on the invested funds. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-41 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to allow the board of supervisors, by majority vote, to provide for a lesser annual pay increase to police officers outside of a bargaining unit. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-42 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 503 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to allow municipalities to use recreation fees for the maintenance of recreation facilities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 304 of the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to require that local comprehensive plans take precedence over the county comprehensive plan when a major difference occurs between local and county comprehensive plans. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-44 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Local Tax Enabling Act (*Act 511 of 1965*) to restore the ability of a political subdivision to levy an annual sign tax, which was eliminated by Act 50 of 1998. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-45 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state legislature to provide municipalities with replacement revenues for revenues lost by the legislative elimination of a tax or taxes imposed by a municipality. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the General Assembly to oppose any legislation that would further limit the taxing authority of municipalities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS support local tax reform legislation that:

1) maintains that municipal taxes may only be levied by the municipal governing body that will use the taxes to fund municipal services and obligations; and

2) requires all tax revenues collected from the citizens of a municipality to be returned to that municipality if a county or regional tax collection is included. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-48 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to eliminate binding arbitration as a means of settlement in union/employer contract disputes, AND FURTHER, that mediation be used to settle union/employer contract disputes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Second Class Township Code to authorize townships to annually appropriate township funds to recognize township employees and township committee members for their service to the township (*e.g., recognition dinner or party, flowers, plaque, etc.*) RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require insurance carriers within Pennsylvania to include township supervisors in group health plans, disability plans, and pension plans regardless of the actual hours worked within any given week. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-51 RESOLVED, That PSATS recommend legislation to require the commonwealth and its agencies to identify, report, and provide reimbursement for all mandates imposed on municipalities by such agencies. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-52 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to provide that agricultural zoning be recognized as a legislative and zoning classification in Pennsylvania. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-53 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3205(a)(1) of the Second Class Township Code to allow the board of supervisors to petition the court of common pleas for the right to levy up to 10 additional mills, for a total of 24 mills, if a township funds a municipal police department. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize the use of the Internet as an acceptable means of legal advertising when legal notices are required to be published by the municipality.
CHESTER COUNTY