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Latest News

Reminder: Act 57 Requires Townships to Adopt Tax Resolution

[Act 57 of 2022](#) requires all municipalities that levy real estate taxes to adopt a resolution or ordinance directing their tax collector to implement its provisions. Townships have from today, the law's effective date, until January 9, 2023, to adopt the resolution or ordinance.

Act 57 allows taxpayers who fail to receive a tax notice during their first year of occupancy to apply for a waiver from penalties and additional costs from the tax collector. The state Department of Community and Economic Development is required to make a standard waiver form available.

As a member service, PSATS developed this [Act 57 of 2022 Model Resolution](#), which is also available here [in Word format](#).

PFBC Accepting Municipal Applications for Boating Facility Grant Program

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is offering Boating Facility Grants to help communities capitalize on the surge in new boating activity. Townships and other municipalities may apply for these grants, as well as certain nonprofits, by December 30.

The program is designed to help local governments and nonprofits improve public recreation boat access facilities in their communities that are available for general use. This can include construction of boat ramps, courtesy floats, restrooms, access roads, parking areas, and signs, and can be used to make existing facilities ADA compliant. Funding requires a 50% match. Click here [for more information](#).

Today in History...

On October 10, 1845, The United States Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Maryland, with 50 midshipmen students and seven professors. Known as the Naval School until 1850, the curriculum included mathematics and navigation, gunnery and steam, chemistry, English, natural philosophy, and French. The Naval School officially became the U.S. Naval Academy in 1850, and a new curriculum went into effect, requiring midshipmen to study at the academy for four years and to train aboard ships each summer—the basic format that remains at the academy to this day.

Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

[The Latest On Short Term Rentals - 10/12/22](#)

In this session, learn about the recent trends for regulating STRs around the country, as well as best practices to ensure that your municipality can address these issues head-on in an effective and efficient manner.



[How To Spot And Avoid An Ethics Act Violation - 10/19/22](#)

Mary Fox, the Ethics Commission's Executive Director, will cover conflicts of interest, voting conflicts, statements of interest, requesting advisory opinions, and much more, as well as provide tips for how your municipality can best avoid finding itself in the unwanted spotlight due to an Ethics Act issue.



[Preparing Your Township For Winter Maintenance - 10/26/22](#)

In this webinar, township elected officials and staff will learn about how they can best position their townships to tackle the many issues that arise from winter maintenance of township roads.



Using Drones For Emergency Management - 11/2/22

Drones, or unmanned aerial systems (AES), are becoming a large part of public safety operations. As this trend continues, township officials and emergency managers need to understand the capabilities and strategies for UAS use for emergencies.

Streamlining Municipal Code Enforcement With GIS/Automation - 11/9/22

This webinar will demonstrate how municipalities are using simple, user-friendly GIS-based solutions to make municipal operations, such as code enforcement, more streamlined, automated, and efficient.



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