



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 905

PRINTERS NO. 1102

PRIME SPONSOR: M. Daley

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
Borough Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the Borough Code to require additional factors for consideration when establishing shade tree ordinances. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would amend the Borough Code (Title 8) to authorize borough councils to consider the following "shade tree" factors prior to the adoption of an ordinance requiring the planting, removal or maintenance of shade trees:

- environmental concerns;
- long-term and short-term effects on public and private property; and
- the effect on pedestrian and traffic safety.

Any ordinance, rule or regulation enacted may establish or reference an inventory of existing shade trees in the borough and a list of shade trees suitable for planting or transplanting.

If council creates a shade tree commission, the commission is required to present information to council related to the shade tree factors before the approval and enactment of any commission regulation.

If council or the shade commission undertakes work relating to shade trees, the shade tree factors must be addressed prior to beginning the work.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or borough funds.

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House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: June 29, 2015

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.