
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1531 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY EVERETT, JAMES, MOUL, FREEMAN AND SAPPEY,
MAY 30, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 30, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) and 11
2 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in
3 corporate powers, further providing for real property; and,
4 in corporate powers, further providing for city property and
5 affairs.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1201.1(a) and (c) of Title 8 of the
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 1201.1. Real property.

11 (a) Sale.--No real estate owned by the borough may be sold
12 except upon approval of council by resolution. Additionally, no
13 real estate owned by the borough may be sold for a consideration
14 in excess of [\$1,500] \$6,000, except to the highest bidder after
15 due notice by advertisement for bids or advertisement of a
16 public auction.

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18 (c) Exception.--Real estate owned by a borough may be sold
19 at a consideration of [\$1,500] \$6,000 or less without

1 advertisement or competitive bidding only after council
2 estimates the value of the property upon receipt of an appraisal
3 by a qualified real estate appraiser. Prior to selling real
4 estate valued at \$6,000 or less without advertisement or
5 competitive bidding, borough council shall make a public
6 announcement of the council's intention to sell the real estate
7 at a regular or special meeting of council at least 30 days
8 prior to the sale.

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10 Section 2. Section 12402.1(b)(1) and (8) of Title 11 are
11 amended to read:

12 § 12402.1. City property and affairs.

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14 (b) Sales of real estate.--

15 (1) No real estate owned by the city may be sold except
16 upon approval of council by resolution, and no real estate
17 owned by the city may be sold for a consideration in excess
18 of [~~\$1,500~~] \$6,000, except to the highest bidder after due
19 notice by advertisement for bids or advertisement of a public
20 auction in one newspaper of general circulation in the city.

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22 (8) Real estate owned by a city may be sold at a
23 consideration of [~~\$1,500~~] \$6,000 or less without
24 advertisement or competitive bidding only after council
25 estimates the value of the real estate upon receipt of an
26 appraisal by a qualified real estate appraiser. Prior to
27 selling real estate valued at \$6,000 or less without
28 advertisement or competitive bidding, council shall make a
29 public announcement of the council's intention to sell the
30 real estate at a regular or special meeting of council at

1 least 30 days prior to the sale.

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3 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.