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**Onorato, Ravenstahl Announce Visitability Tax Credit Program**

*Measure offers tax incentives to build disability access into new or renovated housing*

**PITTSBURGH** — Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onorato and Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl today announced the rollout of the Act 132 Residential Visitability Tax Credit Program, which offers tax incentives for new construction or renovation projects that build access for people with disabilities into residential housing.

“This program is an important step in our continuing effort to work with the disability community and address issues of accessibility and livability,” said Onorato. “We’ve worked with advocacy groups and the City of Pittsburgh to increase awareness of disability issues and to ensure that sidewalks, public areas, businesses, recreational facilities, polling places and voting machines are accessible to people with disabilities. We are proud to introduce this tax credit program, which will encourage increased accessibility in new construction and renovations to enable people with disabilities to visit friends and family.”

The total amount of the tax credit granted through the program is \$2,500 over five years, or the total amount of all increases in property taxes levied as a result of the construction/renovation that is eligible for the credit, whichever is less.

“Having been a member of Council in 2004 when the City’s original visitability ordinance was passed, I am very happy to see that the Commonwealth has enabled us to move this program forward,” said Ravenstahl. “This tax credit is yet another way Pittsburgh can welcome everyone

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that wants to live here. I am proud to say that our program has already had two applications. It is my goal is to attract and retain families, and we will continue to find innovative solutions that make it easier for developers and homeowners to invest and improve.”

For Allegheny County residents living outside of the City of Pittsburgh, the tax credit application, instructions and Visitability Design Inspection Report are available on the County’s web site at [www.alleghenycounty.us/opa](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/opa) or in the Office of Property Assessments, located on the third floor of the County Office Building at 542 Forbes Avenue.

Applications for City of Pittsburgh residents are available on the City’s website at [www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/finance](http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/finance) or in the Real Estate Office on the first floor of the City-County Building, located at 414 Grant Street. City residents may be eligible for twice the tax credit, since they are residents of both the City and the County.

Allegheny County residents outside of the City of Pittsburgh should contact their local municipalities to determine if they are eligible for a tax credit from their municipalities.

Applicants will receive a written notice of approval or denial within 90 days after the date of filing for the tax credit. If the application is denied, the applicant has the right to appeal to the Board of Property Assessment Appeals & Review within 30 days of receiving the denial letter.

For questions regarding the Act 132 Residential Visitability Design Tax Credit Program, contact the Allegheny County Office of Property Assessments at 412-350-4600.

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