



Why the Resolution Process is Important for Your Borough

Through past advocacy efforts, the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) has helped to enact a modernized Borough Code; achieved success with prevailing wage rates on road and construction projects; helped to secure a \$28.3 billion Transportation Plan and sought relief for unfunded mandates. These priorities happened, in part, because you made your voices heard about what your needs are in your boroughs.

Advocacy is important because it helps you to gain access to programs, funding and education resources that can support your borough. Government regulations have a significant impact in your borough. That is why it is important for your borough to be involved in advocacy efforts and in helping to decide PSAB's legislative priorities in Harrisburg. You can do that through the resolutions process that is in place.

You may not know that your borough or your County Boroughs Association (CBA) can submit a resolution at any time, as issues arise. You do not need to wait until the months leading up to the annual conference to submit a resolution, however, in order to be considered for formal adoption at the Annual Conference each year, resolutions do need to be submitted in February.

Look for information later this year on the 2015 Resolutions process. Prior to the conference, the PSAB Resolutions and Policy Steering Committee will review the submitted resolutions and make recommendations for the full delegation at the annual conference.

PSAB is here to help. Visit PSAB's website, www.boroughs.org and click on the Legislative section. You will find a "Legislative Resources" section that will provide statistics, talking points and other education data to help you understand issues such as transportation and police radar.

Additionally, we have added a section called "Sample Resolutions" that can help you understand what needs to be included in the resolution. A resolution must be adopted at a regular public meeting.

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