

**PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®
ISSUES MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE
LOCAL ORDINANCE REVIEW PROGRAM**

Section One – General

- (A) There is hereby established a Local Ordinance Review Program whose purpose is to help local associations/boards react appropriately to ordinances as proposed by municipalities in the Commonwealth.
- (B) The Program will provide legal review of ordinances through an established relationship with Caldwell & Kearns.

Section Two – Criteria for Receiving Legal Review of Ordinance

- (A) Local associations/boards (hereafter referred to as “boards”), whether independently or as a coalition of boards, may request a legal review of an ordinance through the Program.
- (B) An Application for Ordinance Review Form, approved for such purposes by the Issues Mobilization Committee, must be completed, executed by the board(s) president(s), and submitted to the PAR Department of Government Affairs.
- (C) Any request for review must state that the requesting board(s) will pay one-half of the expenditures incurred by the Issues Mobilization Committee in granting the application and having the legal review performed. For purposes of this section, a coalition of boards making a single request shall pay one-half of the review cost, regardless of how that sum is divided among the coalition of boards.
- (D) A board may submit for review any ordinance proposed and/or introduced at the municipal level. Such ordinances shall pertain to private property rights, home-ownership and/or PA REALTORS®.

Section Three – Local Ordinance Review Committee

- (A) There is hereby established a Local Ordinance Review Committee (LORC) composed of three (3) members duly appointed to the Issues Mobilization Committee.
- (B) Committee members shall be appointed for a one (1) year term, and shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Issues Mobilization Committee in January of each year. Committee appointees shall each represent a different district.
- (C) The purposes of the Committee are to:
 - i. Consider requests at any time during the calendar year. Only applications complying with Section Two (B) above will be considered.
 - ii. Upon receipt of the Application, the PAR Department of Government Affairs will initially review and then forward all information to the Committee for their review.
 - iii. The Committee will take one of the following actions:
 - a) Grant review request in full.
 - b) Grant a portion of the review request.

- c) Deny review request.
 - d) Provide review if certain conditions are met, as required by the Committee.
 - e) Postpone a decision until the Committee receives more definitive information.
- (D) The following factors shall be considered by the LORC in its deliberations to take action:
- i. The affect of the ordinance on boards, board members and/or the licensed practice of real estate;
 - ii. The affect of the ordinance on property owners, buyers and lessees;
 - iii. The likelihood that the ordinance, or similar laws, may be imposed in other areas of the Commonwealth;
 - iv. The extent to which the ordinance will negatively impact the Objects of the Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS® as set forth in its Bylaws.
- (E) When an issue is of a time-sensitive nature, a telephone conference call will be scheduled no later than seven (7) days after receipt at PAR.
- (F) The PAR Department of Government Affairs will complete the actions taken by the Committee and provide appropriate follow-up.

*Approved by Issues Mobilization Committee
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