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Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1.   That Resolution 712 of 2009, which currently reads:

"Whereas, "The Institutions for Purely Public Charity Act of 1997", known as Act 55 exempts organizations deemed as charitable by the Commonwealth from their real estate and certain other tax obligations; and

Whereas, it is estimated that 36% of the property in the City is exempt from real estate taxes; and

Whereas, the City's largest revenue source is the real estate tax; and

Whereas, there are approximately 143,000 parcels of land in the City, and the value of the land and the improvements on said land exceeds $21 billion dollars; and

Whereas, the fewer than 400 parcels owned by just the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, Duquesne University, Carlow University, Chatham University, Community College of Allegheny County, Point Park University, Robert Morris University represent 2/10 of 1% of all land in the City yet have a current assessed value exceeding $1.3 billion dollars, 6% of the assessed value of all 143,306 parcels in the City and are exempt from real estate taxation; and

Whereas, were these organizations subject to the real estate tax, the above-named institutions would be legally required to remit to the City $14 million dollars and the School District of Pittsburgh $18 million

dollars, annually, based on their current assessments; and

      Whereas, these institutions, and their students benefit disproportionately from the City's obligation to provide services to everyone in the City; and

      Whereas, Council believes, unequivocally, that the City's tax-exempt educational institutions have a moral obligation to contribute directly to the provision of these vital City services;

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor, the Director of Finance and the City Solicitor are hereby authorized to enter into agreement or agreements with institutions of purely public charities for the purposes of collecting payments in lieu of taxes.

Section 2.   The City Treasurer shall publish bi-annually in the Municipal Record and deliver to the City Council on the first day of June and December in each year reports showing payments received in lieu of taxes from tax-exempt institutions for each assessable parcel, the fair market value of such properties and the percentage of value received in lieu of taxes. In addition, such reports shall identify the agreement pursuant to which such payments are being received by the City. Copies of such agreements shall be made available during business hours to the public by the City Clerk in addition to being made available in electronic format for distribution and for publishing to the City's Internet website(s). "

IS HEREBY REPEALED IN ITS ENTIRETY.