

**TOWNSHIP OF SILVER SPRING,
Cumberland County, Pennsylvania**

RESOLUTION 2016-09

**A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE STATE TO AMEND THE
COVERED DEVICE RECYCLING ACT, ACT 108 OF 2010**

WHEREAS, the Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA), Act 108 of 2010, was adopted by the State Legislature in 2010 in order to assist local governments with managing the fast-growing electronics waste stream by requiring electronics manufacturers to fund recycling infrastructure and relieve local governments from the recycling and end-of-life management costs; and

WHEREAS, the Act has succeeded in significantly increasing electronics recovery and recycling in the state, but the collection infrastructure is unstable and local governments and other collectors are faced with mounting fees in the absence of consistent manufacturer funding and limited markets for cathode ray tubes (CRTs); and

WHEREAS, while the Act intended to place the burden of electronics recycling on the manufacturers of electronic devices, the Act has failed to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Act created a ban on disposal of electronic waste in landfills, effective January 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires electronics manufacturers to fund e-scrap recycling programs that are regular and ongoing to at least 85% of the state's population; and

WHEREAS, a 2014 Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) report to the General Assembly stated "the CDRA requires manufacturer programs to provide recycling access to 85% of the population; however, the landfill ban of covered devices applies to 100% of the population. These provisions in the CDRA result in a confounding situation for citizens that may have limited or no opportunities for recycling but are faced with a landfill ban on the material they wish to discard."; and

WHEREAS, once manufacturers have met their weight-based performance standard (goal), which in a number of cases is midway through the year, they no longer provide financial support to continue their collection programs, thus shifting management costs to cash-strapped local governments; and

WHEREAS, a 2014 PADEP report to the General Assembly stated "Televisions and computer monitors that contain cathode ray tubes (CRTs) are especially problematic for recycling due to the leaded glass in the CRTs, absence of low-cost recycling technology, and limited number of CRT processors."; and

WHEREAS, a 2014 PADEP report to the General Assembly stated "Nevertheless, the demand for opportunities to recycle old televisions continues to be high [...]. As of August 2015, 43% of all calls received by the statewide recycling hotline pertained to access issues for recycling of televisions."; and

WHEREAS, a 2014 PADEP report to the General Assembly stated "After almost four years of implementation, the CDRA has not stimulated a dependable statewide infrastructure to ensure local governments, collectors, and recyclers are able to operate and provide recycling services on a continuing basis."; and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in many recyclers and local governments across the state grappling with the burden to fund or cease e-scrap collection, which has been particularly difficult in rural communities that do not benefit from retail collectors or economies of scale; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Resolution 2016-09 calls on state lawmakers to improve the current law to create more stable and comprehensive, manufacturer-implemented electronics recycling infrastructure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Resolution 2016-09 calls on state lawmakers to implement actions to strengthen communication among stakeholders and promote the adoption of changes to the Act that will provide for year-round collection of electronics, consistent with convenience standards for both rural and urban populations that help alleviate the immediate financial pressures faced by local governments.

ADOPTED as Resolution 2016-09, this 13th day of April, 2016

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP OF SILVER SPRING**



Secretary

By: 

Chairman