

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section
5 5-1005 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1005) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-1005)

7 Sec. 5-1005. Powers. Each county shall have power:

8 1. To purchase and hold the real and personal estate
9 necessary for the uses of the county, and to purchase and
10 hold, for the benefit of the county, real estate sold by
11 virtue of judicial proceedings in which the county is
12 plaintiff.

13 2. To sell and convey or lease any real or personal
14 estate owned by the county.

15 3. To make all contracts and do all other acts in
16 relation to the property and concerns of the county
17 necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers.

18 4. To take all necessary measures and institute
19 proceedings to enforce all laws for the prevention of
20 cruelty to animals.

21 5. To purchase and hold or lease real estate upon which
22 may be erected and maintained buildings to be utilized for
23 purposes of agricultural experiments and to purchase, hold

1 and use personal property for the care and maintenance of
2 such real estate in connection with such experimental
3 purposes.

4 6. To cause to be erected, or otherwise provided,
5 suitable buildings for, and maintain a county hospital and
6 necessary branch hospitals and/or a county sheltered care
7 home or county nursing home for the care of such sick,
8 chronically ill or infirm persons as may by law be proper
9 charges upon the county, or upon other governmental units,
10 and to provide for the management of the same. The county
11 board may establish rates to be paid by persons seeking
12 care and treatment in such hospital or home in accordance
13 with their financial ability to meet such charges, either
14 personally or through a hospital plan or hospital
15 insurance, and the rates to be paid by governmental units,
16 including the State, for the care of sick, chronically ill
17 or infirm persons admitted therein upon the request of such
18 governmental units. Any hospital maintained by a county
19 under this Section is authorized to provide any service and
20 enter into any contract or other arrangement not prohibited
21 for a hospital that is licensed under the Hospital
22 Licensing Act, incorporated under the General
23 Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, and exempt from taxation
24 under paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Section 501 of the
25 Internal Revenue Code.

26 7. To contribute such sums of money toward erecting,

1 building, maintaining, and supporting any non-sectarian
2 public hospital located within its limits as the county
3 board of the county shall deem proper.

4 8. To purchase and hold real estate for the
5 preservation of forests, prairies and other natural areas
6 and to maintain and regulate the use thereof.

7 9. To purchase and hold real estate for the purpose of
8 preserving historical spots in the county, to restore,
9 maintain and regulate the use thereof and to donate any
10 historical spot to the State.

11 10. To appropriate funds from the county treasury to be
12 used in any manner to be determined by the board for the
13 suppression, eradication and control of tuberculosis among
14 domestic cattle in such county.

15 11. To take all necessary measures to prevent forest
16 fires and encourage the maintenance and planting of trees
17 and the preservation of forests.

18 12. To authorize the closing on Saturday mornings of
19 all offices of all county officers at the county seat of
20 each county, and to otherwise regulate and fix the days and
21 the hours of opening and closing of such offices, except
22 when the days and the hours of opening and closing of the
23 office of any county officer are otherwise fixed by law;
24 but the power herein conferred shall not apply to the
25 office of State's Attorney and the offices of judges and
26 clerks of courts and, in counties of 500,000 or more

1 population, the offices of county clerk.

2 13. To provide for the conservation, preservation and
3 propagation of insectivorous birds through the expenditure
4 of funds provided for such purpose.

5 14. To appropriate funds from the county treasury and
6 expend the same for care and treatment of tuberculosis
7 residents.

8 15. In counties having less than 1,000,000
9 inhabitants, to take all necessary or proper steps for the
10 extermination of mosquitoes, flies or other insects within
11 the county.

12 16. To install an adequate system of accounts and
13 financial records in the offices and divisions of the
14 county, suitable to the needs of the office and in
15 accordance with generally accepted principles of
16 accounting for governmental bodies, which system may
17 include such reports as the county board may determine.

18 17. To purchase and hold real estate for the
19 construction and maintenance of motor vehicle parking
20 facilities for persons using county buildings, but the
21 purchase and use of such real estate shall not be for
22 revenue producing purposes.

23 18. To acquire and hold title to real property located
24 within the county, or partly within and partly outside the
25 county by dedication, purchase, gift, legacy or lease, for
26 park and recreational purposes and to charge reasonable

1 fees for the use of or admission to any such park or
2 recreational area and to provide police protection for such
3 park or recreational area. Personnel employed to provide
4 such police protection shall be conservators of the peace
5 within such park or recreational area and shall have power
6 to make arrests on view of the offense or upon warrants for
7 violation of any of the ordinances governing such park or
8 recreational area or for any breach of the peace in the
9 same manner as the police in municipalities organized and
10 existing under the general laws of the State. All such real
11 property outside the county shall be contiguous to the
12 county and within the boundaries of the State of Illinois.

13 19. To appropriate funds from the county treasury to be
14 used to provide supportive social services designed to
15 prevent the unnecessary institutionalization of elderly
16 residents, or, for operation of, and equipment for, senior
17 citizen centers providing social services to elderly
18 residents.

19 20. To appropriate funds from the county treasury and
20 loan such funds to a county water commission created under
21 the "Water Commission Act", approved June 30, 1984, as now
22 or hereafter amended, in such amounts and upon such terms
23 as the county may determine or the county and the
24 commission may agree. The county shall not under any
25 circumstances be obligated to make such loans. The county
26 shall not be required to charge interest on any such loans.

1 21. To appropriate and expend funds from the county
2 treasury for economic development purposes, including the
3 making of grants to any other governmental entity or
4 commercial enterprise deemed necessary or desirable for
5 the promotion of economic development in the county.

6 22. To lease space on a telecommunications tower to a
7 public or private entity.

8 23. In counties having a population of 100,000 or less
9 and a public building commission organized by the county
10 seat of the county, to cause to be erected or otherwise
11 provided, and to maintain or cause to be maintained,
12 suitable facilities to house students pursuing a
13 post-secondary education at an academic institution
14 located within the county. The county may provide for the
15 management of the facilities.

16 24. To sell or convey irregular public parcels by
17 ordinance or resolution as provided under Sections 11-76-2
18 and 11-76-4.3 of the Illinois Municipal Code. "Irregular
19 public parcel" means a parcel of vacant land of limited or
20 narrow size or configurations; parcels of irregular size or
21 shape that would be difficult to develop on a planned basis
22 and in a manner compatible with contemporary standards and
23 requirements; or platting that failed to create
24 rights-of-way for streets or alleys or that created
25 inadequate right-of-way widths for streets, alleys, or
26 other public rights-of-way or that omitted easements for

1 public utilities that is owned by a municipality.

2 All contracts for the purchase of coal under this Section
3 shall be subject to the provisions of "An Act concerning the
4 use of Illinois mined coal in certain plants and institutions",
5 filed July 13, 1937, as amended.

6 (Source: P.A. 95-197, eff. 8-16-07; 95-813, eff. 1-1-09;
7 96-622, eff. 8-24-09.)

8 Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
9 adding Section 11-76-4.3 as follows:

10 (65 ILCS 5/11-76-4.3 new)

11 Sec. 11-76-4.3. Irregular parcels; method of sale or
12 transfer.

13 (a) For purposes of this Section:

14 "Irregular public parcel" means a parcel of vacant land of
15 limited or narrow size or configurations; parcels of irregular
16 size or shape that would be difficult to develop on a planned
17 basis and in a manner compatible with contemporary standards
18 and requirements; or platting that failed to create
19 rights-of-way for streets or alleys or that created inadequate
20 right-of-way widths for streets, alleys, or other public
21 rights-of-way or that omitted easements for public utilities
22 that is owned by a municipality.

23 (b) The corporate authorities of a municipality by
24 resolution may authorize the sale or public auction of an

1 irregular public parcel. The value of the real estate shall be
2 determined by a written MAI certified appraisal or by a written
3 certified appraisal of a State certified or licensed real
4 estate appraiser. The appraisal shall be available for public
5 inspection. The resolution may direct the sale to be conducted
6 by the staff of the municipality; by listing with local
7 licensed real estate agencies, in which case the terms of the
8 agent's compensation shall be included in the resolution; or by
9 public auction. The resolution shall be published at the first
10 opportunity following its passage in a newspaper published in
11 the municipality or, if none, then in a newspaper published in
12 the county where the municipality is located. The resolution
13 shall also contain pertinent information concerning the size,
14 use, and zoning of the real estate and the terms of sale. The
15 corporate authorities may accept any contract proposal
16 determined by them to be in the best interest of the
17 municipality by a vote of two-thirds of the corporate
18 authorities then holding office.

19 (c) If a municipality has either:

20 (1) adopted an ordinance to sell an irregular public
21 parcel under Section 11-76-2 and has received no bid on the
22 irregular public parcel, or

23 (2) adopted a resolution to sell an irregular public
24 parcel under subsection (b) of this Section and has
25 received no offer on an irregular public parcel within 6
26 months after adoption of the resolution,

1 then that irregular public parcel may be transferred at no cost
2 to any adjoining property owner of the irregular public parcel
3 by ordinance of the corporate authorities of the municipality
4 by two-thirds vote.

5 (d) When the ordinance to transfer an irregular public
6 parcel at no cost has been adopted and passed pursuant to
7 subsection (c) of this Section, the mayor or president, and the
8 municipal clerk, may convey the irregular public parcel by
9 proper deed of conveyance, stating therein the consideration
10 therefor, with the seal of the municipality.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law.