

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

Resolution No. 962026

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Property Tax – Fiscal Year 2027

Title: A RESOLUTION levying a property tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027; setting the tax rates for property; and providing for the collection of the property tax.

Introduced and read first time May 4, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on May 18, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on May 20, 2026.

Certified By Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive on May 26, 2026

Calvin Ball
Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, the County Council has adopted the Annual Budget and Appropriation
2 Ordinance, and having considered all sources of revenue, has found it necessary to levy and impose
3 a property tax to balance the budget; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 6-302 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code
6 of Maryland, the County Council is authorized to set a property tax rate on real property within
7 Howard County; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, Section 6-302 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of
10 Maryland requires that the property tax rate for personal property and operating real property
11 assessed under Section 8-109(c) of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland,
12 be set at no more than 2.5 times the rate for real property; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the property tax rate was last adopted by Council Resolution No. 109-2025
15 and there are no changes proposed for Fiscal Year 2027.
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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
18 Maryland this 20 day of May, 2026, pursuant to Section 6-302 of the Tax - Property
19 Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, that it hereby imposes a Howard County property tax
20 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 upon the assessment of
21 property subject to the property tax in Howard County; and
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23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the tax rate on real property is hereby fixed at **\$1.044**
24 **on each \$100** of assessed valuation of such property; and
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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the tax rate on operating personal property and
27 operating real property owned by a public utility under Section 8-109 of the Tax-Property Article
28 of the Annotated Code of Maryland is set at **\$2.610 on each \$100** of assessed valuation of such
29 property; and
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1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Executive shall cause the property tax
2 to be collected in the manner provided by law; and

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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the property tax rate shall be effective July 1, 2026
5 and shall continue in effect until changed or repealed by subsequent resolution of the County
6 Council.

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on May 26, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on _____, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on _____, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on _____, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on _____, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on _____, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council