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I received & reviewed the Howard County Section of the recent Baltimore Sun, regarding the Council Public Hearing Legislation listing.

Ref the resolution levying property tax for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, I would like to request the council and Mr. Ball change the time of years allowed for a property tax reduction/discount for years of residence in the home. The tax is discounted if one resides in the home for 40 years. A recent survey published the last few months indicated that persons purchase a home later in age due to work/age, profession & monetary reasons ... therefore reside in a home only 30 years. The 40 year benchmark for a discount is out of date and should be lowered. It would be more fair and an encouragement to reside here & care for the property.

I have been living continuously in my home purchased in 1981 - making it shy of the allowable 40 yr. living in home discount. I am healthy, although hearing impaired, a widow, in my 80's..I care for my home & property. A change in the Live In Property Tax Discount to 30 years would ease the monetary burden on those of us in this category only for a short time having paid the high county tax for 38 years.... but would encourage current and new county residents to buy, maintain, & stay in their home ..... thereby supporting Howard County.

Please put forth this request for consideration & promotion to assist seniors in residence and benefit home ownership in Howard County. I cannot participate in the Public Hearing but trust you will put forth my request. Thank You.  
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