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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. **9**

### Resolution No. 103 -2020

Introduced by: David Yungmann

A RESOLUTION proposing to add County Charter Section 619 to provide that certain property tax rate increases may only be made with the approval of the voters; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2020. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted \_\_\_\_, Adopted with amendments \_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_, Withdrawn \_\_\_\_ by the County Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

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.

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2 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that County  
3 Charter Section 619. - [Reserved.] is, upon approval of the voters of Howard County, amended to  
4 read as follows:

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6 **Article VI. - Budgetary and Fiscal Procedures.**  
7 **Section 619. – PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASE.**

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9 Section 619. PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASE.

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11 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES IF THE COUNTY IMPOSES A COUNTY PROPERTY TAX IN  
12 ACCORDANCE WITH THE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND CODE.

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14 (B) THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL REFER TO A REFERENDUM OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF  
15 THE COUNTY, AT THE NEXT REGULAR GENERAL ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF  
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, ANY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION INCREASING THE  
17 TAX RATE FOR THE NEXT TAXABLE YEAR ON ASSESSMENTS OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE  
18 COUNTY'S PROPERTY TAX.

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20 (C) EACH ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A SEPARATE BALLOT QUESTION  
21 AT THE REFERENDUM.

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23 (D) ANY INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE ABOVE THE AMOUNT CHARGED IN THE PRECEDING  
24 FISCAL YEAR SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNLESS APPROVED BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF VOTERS  
25 VOTING ON THE BALLOT QUESTION AT THE REFERENDUM.

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27 (E) ON THE APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF  
28 VOTERS VOTING ON THE BALLOT QUESTION AT THE REFERENDUM, THE ORDINANCE OR  
29 RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

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31 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
32 Maryland, that at the next general election to be held in Maryland, the proposed amendment to  
33 the Howard County Charter shall be submitted to the voters of Howard County for their adoption  
34 or rejection in accordance with the provisions of the Article X of the Howard County Charter and

1 Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution, and if adopted by the majority of the voters, shall  
2 stand adopted from and after the 30th day following the general election.

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4 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
5 Maryland, that this Resolution, having been approved by two-thirds of the members of the  
6 Howard County Council, stands adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 in accordance  
7 with provisions of Article X of the Howard County Charter.