

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

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Resolution No. 82-2020

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

A RESOLUTION levying a property tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; setting the tax rates for property; and providing for the collection of the property tax.

Introduced and read first time May 4th, 2020.

By order Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on May 18, 2020.

By order Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on May 27, 2020.

Certified By Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive on June 3, 2020

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
3 impose 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
6 Code of Maryland, the County Council is authorized to set a property tax rate on real property
7 within 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.
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14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
15 Maryland this 27th day of May, 2020, pursuant to Section 6-302 of the Tax - Property
16 Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, that it hereby imposes a Howard County property
17 tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 upon the assessment of
18 property subject to the property tax in Howard County; and
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20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the tax rate on real property is hereby fixed at
21 **\$1.014 on each \$100** of assessed valuation of such property; and
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23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the tax rate on operating personal property and
24 operating real property owned by a public utility under § 8-109 of the Tax-Property Article of the
25 Annotated Code of Maryland is set at **\$2.535 on each \$100** of assessed valuation of such
26 property; and
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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Executive shall cause the property tax
29 to be collected in the manner provided by law; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the property tax rate shall be effective July 1, 2020
2 and shall continue in effect until changed or repealed by subsequent resolution of the County
3 Council.

Sayers, Margery

From: marielee <marieb1133@aol.com>
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May 9, 2020

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.
Marie A. Barron. 9707 Riverside Circle - Ellicott City, Md. 21042.

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