
From: billjones410@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 1:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fw: Aging in place

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Will the aging in place in Ho Co be extended from the eighth year benefit?
Will the 9th year be implemented ?
William C Jones
8106 Woodloo Drive

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

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From: "Bresani, Alexandra" <ABresani@howardcountymd.gov>
To: "billjones410@aol.com" <billjones410@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Oct 10, 2024 at 8:42 AM
Subject: Re: Aging in place

Dear Mr. Jones,

Thank you for contacting Howard County Government's Office of Public Information. The parameters of the Aging in Place Tax Credit, such as the length of time one is eligible, is determined, set and voted on by the Howard County Council. You'll therefore want to speak to your County Council representative for further assistance with your inquiry. Contact information for the County Council can be found on its website at <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/>.

Thanks again and I hope you have a good day.

Sincerely,
Alexandra

From: billjones410@aol.com <billjones410@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 6:11 PM
To: ASK <ASK@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Aging in place

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Will the Aging In Place tax credit in Ho Co be extended from the current eight year benefit?
Will a ninth year be implemented?
Thank you
WILLIAM C JONES
Billjones410@aol.com

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From: Mary and Bob Marchegiano <marchegianos@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2024 10:28 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Aging In Place Tax Credit

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Council members:

Deb Jung introduced a bill to extend the Aging In Place tax credit beyond the current allowed eight years. That bill was not passed. My husband (81) and I (76) are requesting that the council reconsider the decision and remove the eight-year limitation entirely. We have lived in our home since 1973. Seniors are an asset to the County population and should be encouraged to stay in their homes for the following reasons:

1. Seniors use fewer County services. We do not have children in school. We use the roads less. We generate less trash.
2. Seniors add to the County economy. We use local commercial establishments that support the local economy such as food stores - medical services - pharmacies - specialty shops - household and maintenance services.
3. We provide stability and age diversity in neighborhoods.
4. We support local programs and, because we are usually retired, we donate numerous volunteer hours to support County parks and programs.

Please encourage seniors to Age in Place in their County homes.

Mary Marchegiano
410-419-7398
3533 Lakeway Drive
Ellicott City, Md

From: DIANE BUTLER <politicodiane@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 11:01 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Make the aging tax credit 25 years in the home

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Diane Butler

From: Amy <amybenn@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 2:23 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Aging in Place Tax Credit

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I am asking you to support an extension to this tax credit. It is of great help to many at this stage in life.
Thank you for considering

Amy Bennett

Sent from my iPhone
Amy

From: Donald Livingston <dplship@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 12:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Aging in place tax credit

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Please vote to extend senior aging in place tax credit . It should be indefinitely given after 30 years residence.

Don Livingston

From: Jerry Elprin <jelprin@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 3:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Request to extend the 8 year limit on the Aging In Place Tax Credit
Attachments: Aging in Place Advocacy.pdf

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Hello all. I just saw the attached notice asking me to email County Executive Ball and the County Council and request an extension of the 8 year eligibility limit on the Howard County Aging in Place Tax Credit.

I have lived in my house since 1969 and have two grown children still living with me. I have had the Aging in Place tax credit for a number of years, though I don't remember when I first got and then renewed it.

Please extend the 8 year eligibility limit.

Jerrold Elprin
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**AGING IN PLACE TAX CREDIT
REQUEST TO EXTEND THE 8 YEAR ELIGIBILITY LIMIT**

As of July 1, 2025 the first group of residents to reach the 8 year Aging in Place Tax Credit eligibility limit will be denied their tax credit. They are age 73+ and have resided in the same home 49+ years. At the same time qualified residents who have resided in their homes for 30 years will receive the Aging in Place property tax credit for the first time.

Please email or call County Executive Ball and the County Council to request support for an extension of the eligibility limit on the Howard County Aging in Place Tax Credit.

THE MORE MESSAGES THEY GET THE BETTER!

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL ALL DISTRICTS

(410) 313-2001 to reach all or just one council member

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District 4 Deb Jung

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District 5 David Yungmann

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Calvin Ball 410-313-2013

cball@howardcountymd.gov

From: Fred Lobbin <lobbinfb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 9:11 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Aging In Place Tax Credit

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My wife and I have lived in Columbia since July of 1967 and have lived in our current home for 46 years. I am asking for your support for **an extension of the 8 year eligibility limit on the Howard County Aging in Place Tax Credit.**

**Fred Lobbin
6186 Campfire
Columbia, MD 21045**

From: THOMAS DOYLE <tfdoyl@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2025 10:33 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Aging in Place Tax Credit

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I request for an extension of the 8 year eligibility limit on the Howard County Aging in Place Tax Credit

Sent from my iPhone

From: snap@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 10:31 AM
To: Smith, Brenda; Anderson, Isaiah; Gelwicks, Colette; Respass, Charity
Subject: Case: CS0069518 – opened and unassigned

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Case

Short Description: Support for HCPSS Operating Budget

Case Number: CS0069518

Case Opened: 06-09-2025

Constituent:

[VIEW CASE](#)

Details:

06-09-2025 10:30:55 AM EDT - Christiana Rigby Additional comments

From: Jerome Carr <jcarr51@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 7, 2025 2:21 PM
To: jolene_mosley@hcpss.org; linfeng_chen@hcpss.org;
andrea_chamblee@hcpss.org; meg_ricks@hcpss.org;
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Cc: jess.nocera@thebaltimorebanner.com; 'Jerome Carr'
<jcarr51@verizon.net>
Subject: RE: Funding for HCPSS-An Easy Pot of Money

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Let me be get right to the point. While our local politicians claim an inability to provide the appropriate funding needed by our children for their education, they provide a needless and wasteful \$5 million plus giveaway in the guise of the Age in Place Tax Credit ("AIP Credit"). Now that I have your attention, let me explain.

The County Council and the Executive provide a property tax credit equal to 20% of the eligible County tax (the lesser of \$650,000 or the assessed value of the residence) for up to 8 years to the following classes of residents at least 65 years of age: those who have lived in the same residence for at least 30 years; retired military with 20 years of service; surviving spouse of retired military with 20 years of service and not remarried. Based upon a County tax rate of approximately \$1.04 per \$100 assessed property value, this credit can reach about \$1,200 per year per eligible homeowner.

According to data from the Howard County Office of Finance, the value of the AIP Credits taken in Tax Year 2024/Fiscal Year 2025 totaled almost \$5.8 Million. Can we really afford such wasteful and unnecessary largesse when are schools are not receiving the necessary funding?

The AIP Credit is NOT based on need. In other words, if you have a home assessed for \$1 million, \$2 million, or more, you still get the credit. If your income is \$150,000 per year, \$200,000 per year or more, you still get the credit. On top of this, if you have lived in the County and paid property taxes for over 30 years and downsize as an empty nester, for medical reasons or financial reasons, you do NOT get the AIP Credit since your property has not been the same one for the requisite 30 year period. This is craziness and seemingly a pure political giveaway.

I should also note for those unaware, that the County does provide a separate property tax credit for older residents in need. The Senior Tax Credit is 25% of the County property tax, with income and asset qualifications. There are also other targeted tax credits available, regardless of age, such as Hardship Assistance (related to certain fees), the Livable Homes Tax Credit for certain installed accessibility features, and the Homeowners Tax Credit Program for need-based assistance.

What is even more mystifying is that our County leaders have even increased the AIP Credit in recent years. It used to require 40 years in the same residence to qualify, and the credit was limited to 5 years. Of course, it still makes no sense and is discriminatory on its face with the "same residence" requirement.

The AIP Credit also can serve as a basis for increased housing costs and reduced housing supply. It can discourage older, long-time residents, from moving to smaller residences where they would lose the benefit of the AIP Credit (no longer "same residence"). The credit works against normal housing turnover for younger, growing families to move in.

Education should always be a top priority, not handing out wasteful and

unnecessary tax credits. My wife and I recently heard a presentation on the planning for Columbia. As Jim Rouse knew back then, what makes for a successful community and influences homebuyers and maintains stable/increasing property values is excellence in education. We cannot allow the current government short-sightedness.

Finally, let me be transparent. Although residents of Howard County since 1976, and homeowners for about 45 years, we do not qualify for the AIP Credit since we do not meet the "same residence" requirement. However, with 3 children who went through HCPSS, a wife as a retired teacher, and 2 children working in public education, we know that any money we might save if we qualified for the AIP Credit is far better spent on educating our children. That is why we chose Howard County and remain here.

Sincerely,
Jerome Carr

howardcountymd.gov



Ref:MSG6253731

8/25/25

Dear Liz Walsh,

I am a 90 year old longtime Harvard Co. resident (from 1948) + am writing this because I do not drive or use a computer → I would like to express my support for the bill to extend the current "aging in place" tax supplement without the eight year cut off - but make it permanent after 8 yrs. - (A few years ago I would be at the hearing + signing the petition)

Thanks for your support in this -
Sincerely,

(forgive my handwriting)

Ellen Adams Gutow

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