

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

Resolution No. 83-2015

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

A RESOLUTION adopting the schedule of rates for the Building Excise Tax.

Introduced and read first time May 4, 2015.

By order

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on May 18, 2015.

By order

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn___, by the County Council

on May 22, 2015.

Certified By

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

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

1 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 285 of the Acts of the 1993 Maryland General Assembly (Section
2 20.500 *et seq* of the Howard County Code) authorizes the County to establish a Building Excise
3 Tax to finance capital projects for additional or expanded public road facilities in Howard
4 County; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, Section 20.503 of the Howard County Code requires the County Council to
7 adopt a schedule of rates for the Building Excise Tax; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the County Council may increase the Building Excise Tax in accordance
10 with Section 20.500(c) of the Howard County Code; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 20.500(c)(2) of the Howard County Code, the
13 percentage of the increase in the Building Excise Tax since the month and year when the
14 building excise tax is first enacted may not exceed the percentage of the increase in the
15 Engineering News Record construction Cost Index for the Baltimore Region; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, for Fiscal Year 2015, the Building Excise Tax has increased in accordance
18 with Section 20.500(c)(2) of the Howard County Code as shown in the attached Rate Schedule.

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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
21 Maryland this 22nd day of May, 2015 that it adopts the schedule of rates for the
22 Building Excise Tax attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein; and

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24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the schedule of rates for the Building Excise Tax
25 shall be effective on July 1, 2015 and shall continue in effect until changed or repealed by
26 subsequent resolution of the County Council.

BUILDING EXCISE TAX

RATE SCHEDULE

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

Each gross square foot of new construction	\$1.17
Each gross square foot of addition construction.....	\$1.17

NON-RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

Office and retail	
Per gross square foot of addition construction	
or new construction.....	\$1.17
Distribution and manufacturing	
Per gross square foot of addition construction	
or new construction.....	\$0.60
Institutional and other	
Per gross square foot of addition construction	
or new construction.....	\$0.60