

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

Resolution No. 85-2015

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

A RESOLUTION levying a property tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016; setting the tax rates for property; and providing for the collection of the property 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments ☐, Failed ☐, Withdrawn ☐, by the County Council on May 22, 2015.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 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 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 22nd day of May, 2015, 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, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 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 by operation of law at **\$2.535 on each \$100** of assessed
26 valuation of such 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, 2015
2 and shall continue in effect until changed or repealed by subsequent resolution of the County
3 Council.

Habicht, Kelli

From: Hightower, Rozonna
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 10:56 AM
To: Hammond, Patricia; Habicht, Kelli; Respass, Charity; Harold, Lisa
Subject: FW: Missing pieces
Attachments: constant yield FY2016.doc

May the rest of your day be sunny side up~

Rozonna L. Hightower

Admin Support Tech 3

Council Vice Chair, Jon Weinstein

District One

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From: Feldmark, Jessica
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 10:14 AM
To: Hightower, Rozonna
Cc: Sayers, Margery
Subject: RE: Missing pieces

Attached is a copy of the ad that we were required to run for tonight's hearing. It is also related to CR85-2015.

Can you please share this with the rest of your colleagues as well?

Thanks!

Jessica Feldmark
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Howard County Council
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From: Hightower, Rozonna
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 10:05 AM
To: Feldmark, Jessica
Subject: Missing pieces

Good Morning – do we have any material for the Constant Yield Hearing tonight?

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Rozonna L. Hightower

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HOWARD COUNTY NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The County Council of Howard County proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2015, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 2.4%, from, \$43,077,058,246 to \$44,122,570,180.

2. If Howard County maintains the current tax rate of \$1.014 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 2.4% resulting in \$10,601,491 of new real property tax revenues.

3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.9900, the constant yield tax rate.

4. The county is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The county proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$1.014 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 2.4% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$10,601,491 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2015 in the Banneker Room, George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 410-313-2001 for further information.

Persons needing accommodations to fully participate in the meeting, please contact the Council Office, 410-313-2001, at least eight working days in advance. Visit the Council webpage:
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov>