

Introduced _____
Public Hearing _____
Council Action _____
Executive Action _____
Effective Date _____

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 3

Bill No. 20 -2016

Introduced by: Jon Weinstein

AN ACT authorizing additional credits against Watershed Protection and Restoration Fees under specified circumstances; requiring additional information in the annual report; and generally relating to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2016. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2016.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2016 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this __ day of _____, 2016 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2016.

Allan H. Kittleman, 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 **Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the
2 Howard County Code is amended to read as follows:

3

4 *By amending*

5 *Title 20. Taxes, Charges, and Fees.*

6 *Subtitle 11. - Watershed protection and restoration.*

7 *Sec. 20.1105(e). - Credits.*

8 *Sec. 20.1111. - Report.*

9

10 **Title 20. Taxes, Charges, and Fees.**

11 **Subtitle 11. - Watershed protection and restoration.**

12

13 **Sec. 20.1105. - Credits.**

14 (e) Amount of Credit.

15 (1) Upon a determination of eligibility, the County shall provide a credit
16 as set forth in a rate schedule adopted by Resolution of the County Council and the
17 application fee shall either be applied towards the Applicant's tax account or
18 refunded.

19 (2) IF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE DETERMINES THAT THE BALANCE IN THE
20 COUNTY'S WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND IS SUFFICIENT TO
21 COVER THE COSTS THAT ARE REASONABLY EXPECTED DURING THE CURRENT AND
22 FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR, THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAY AUTHORIZE, AT THE
23 REQUEST OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AN ADDITIONAL CREDIT OF UP TO 100% OF
24 THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FEE FOR EACH PROPERTY THAT
25 IS SUBJECT TO THE FEE.

26

27 **Sec. 20.1111. - Report.**

28 (a) With the cooperation of the Director of the Department of Public Works and the
29 Director of the Department of Finance, the Administrator of the Office shall submit a
30 report to the County Council that includes:

- 1 (1) Any information required by subsection 4-202.1(i) of the Environment
2 Article of the Maryland Code;
- 3 (2) Financial data regarding:
- 4 (i) The imposition, collection, and disposition of the watershed
5 protection and restoration fee;
- 6 (ii) The watershed protection and restoration fund, including balances,
7 deposits, and disbursements;
- 8 (iii) Program costs;
- 9 (3) Information about reimbursements and grants;
- 10 (4) The number of appeals and whether the kinds of appeals suggests that
11 changes to law or procedures are indicated;
- 12 (5) Information about applications for credits and credit awards;
- 13 (6) Year over year tax delinquency data as well as the number of properties, if
14 any, in tax delinquency where the amount delinquent may be related to the stormwater
15 fee;
- 16 (7) Information about applications for the fee assistance program and
17 recommendations for program improvements, with a focus in the first year on the
18 feasibility of establishing a fee assistance program for non-residential property owners;
19 [[and]]
- 20 (8) PROJECTIONS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS TO SHOW EXPENSES, PROJECTED
21 FEE REVENUE, OTHER ANTICIPATED SOURCES OF REVENUE, AND ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE
22 FEE; AND
- 23 (9) Any program recommendations.
- 24 (b) The Administrator shall submit the report annually on or before March 1 for the
25 preceding calendar year.
- 26
27

28 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County,***
29 ***Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.***