

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Bill No. 8-07

Introduced by Mr. Dillon, Chairman
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, February 20, 2007

Introduced and first read on February 20, 2007
Public Hearing set for and held on March 19, 2007
Public Hearing on AMENDED BILL set for April 3, 2007
Bill Expires May 26, 2007

By Order: Judy C. Holmes, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Supplement to
2 Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program

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4 FOR the purpose of enhancing the Local Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax
5 Credit for certain individuals; changing a certain definition; establishing the eligibility
6 criteria for the enhancement; specifying an effective date for this Ordinance; and
7 generally relating to the Local Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit
8 Program.

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10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments: § 4-2-204(b)
11 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 4-2-204 (a) and (c)
14 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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16 BY adding: § 4-2-204(d) and (e)
17 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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19 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County,*
20 *Maryland,* That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as
21 follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter stricken from bill by amendment.

ARTICLE 4 FINANCE, TAXATION, AND BUDGET

TITLE 4. REAL PROPERTY TAXES

4-2-204. Supplement to Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program.

(a) **Definitions.** In this section, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(1) "Combined income" has the meaning stated in the Tax-Property Article, § 9-104(a), of the State Code.

(2) "Dwelling" has the meaning stated in the Tax-Property Article, § 9-104(a), of the State Code.

(3) "Homeowner" has the meaning stated in the Tax-Property Article, § 9-104(a), of the State Code.

(4) "Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program" means the program established under the Tax-Property Article, § 9-104, of the State Code.

(5) "Total real property tax" means the product of the sum of all property tax rates on real property, including special district tax rates, for the taxable year on a dwelling, multiplied by the lesser [amount of the assessed value of the dwelling or \$350,000; and then reduced by any] OF \$350,000 OR THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE DWELLING REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY ASSESSMENT ON WHICH A property tax credit IS granted under the Tax-Property Article, § 9-105, of the State Code.

(b) **Creation.** There is a local supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program for dwellings in the County as authorized by the Tax-Property Article, § 9-215, of the State Code.

(c) **Calculation.** UNLESS ELIGIBLE FOR ENHANCEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (D), [The] THE local supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program is the difference between the amount of the property tax credit as calculated under the Tax-Property Article, § 9-104(g), of the State Code and the amount of the property tax credit as calculated by determining the total real property tax on a dwelling, less the following percentage of the combined income of the homeowner:

(1) 0% of the 1st \$4,000 of combined income;

(2) 0% of the 2nd \$4,000 of combined income;

(3) 0% of the 3rd \$4,000 of combined income;

(4) 3% of the 4th \$4,000 of combined income;

(5) 7% of the 5th \$4,000 of combined income; and

1 (6) 9% of combined income over \$20,000.
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3 (D) **Eligibility for enhanced local supplement.** THERE IS AN ENHANCED LOCAL
4 SUPPLEMENT IF A HOMEOWNER, AS OF THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR PRECEDING
5 THE TAXABLE YEAR FOR THE WHICH THE ENHANCED LOCAL SUPPLEMENT IS SOUGHT:

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7 (1) IS AT LEAST 70 YEARS OF AGE; AND

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9 (2) HAS RESIDED IN THE DWELLING FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS.
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11 (E) **Calculation of enhanced local supplement.** IF THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
12 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (D) ARE MET, THE LOCAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE
13 HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM IS ~~40%~~ 130% OF THE AMOUNT
14 CALCULATED SUBSECTION (C), BUT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF THE REAL
15 PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON THE DWELLING.
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17 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
18 from the date it becomes law, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after
19 June 30, 2007.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED: March 19, 2007