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**STORMWATER FEE SUBSTANTIAL
FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EXEMPTION
APPLICATION**

To be completed by applicant

Please type or print using ink only

IMPORTANT! This application needs to be submitted by December 31, 2026 to be considered for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. Please read the attached County Code § 13-7-106, which is the basis in determining whether the qualifications are fulfilled in order to receive the hardship exemption. YOU MUST RE-APPLY EACH YEAR TO RECEIVE THIS EXEMPTION.

Name of Applicant for Exemption: _____

Name(s) of Property Owner(s): _____

Property Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parcel ID# (District/Subdivision/Account Number): _____

Primary Telephone #: _____ Secondary Telephone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please affirm your eligibility for the exemption by checking the following statements that apply. To qualify for the exemption, you must be able to answer "Yes" to two out of the following four:

- The combined gross income, as defined in § 9-104 of the Tax-Property Article of the State Code, does not exceed the income guidelines established by the Maryland Office of Home Energy Programs for any one of the Fuel and Utility Assistance Programs in accordance with § 5-5A-07 of the Human Services Article of the State code (found in the table below): Yes No

If answered "Yes", monthly income is: _____

If answered "Yes", household size is: _____

Members in Household:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Maximum Monthly Income:	\$2,660	\$3,607	\$4,553	\$5,500	\$6,447	\$7,393	\$8,340	\$9,287	\$10,233
Maximum Yearly Income:	\$31,920	\$43,284	\$54,636	\$66,000	\$77,364	\$88,716	\$100,080	\$111,444	\$122,796

2. At least one of the property owners who resides at the property receives an energy assistance subsidy in accordance with a Fuel and Utility Assistance Program established under the Human Services Article, § 5-5A-07, of the State Code:

Yes No

If answered "Yes", please attach documentation of receiving the energy assistance subsidy, such as a recent energy bill.

3. At least one of the property owners who resides at the property receives supplemental Security Income under 42 U.S.C. § 1381, et seq. or food stamps under 42 U.S.C. § 2011, et seq.:

Yes No

If answered "Yes", please attach documentation of supplemental Security Income or food stamps, such as a letter received from the Social Security Administration or a letter from the Maryland Department of Human Services regarding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

4. At least one of the property owners who resides at the property receives veterans or Social Security disability benefits under the Social Security Act, the Railroad Retirement Act, any federal act for members of the United States Armed Forces, or any federal retirement system:

Yes No

If answered "Yes", please attach documentation of receiving veterans or Social Security disability benefits.

Applicant Certification

I, the applicant, hereby certify that I have read County Code § 13-7-106 and that I am entitled to the tax exemption for the residential property described above. I understand that I must re-apply each year for the tax exemption to be applicable. I understand that this application must be filed by December 31, 2026 in order to be considered for the tax year that begins July 1, 2026 and ends June 30, 2027. I understand that any exemption granted is only valid for the year that payment of the stormwater remediation fee is due. The real property for which the exemption is requested contains a detached single family dwelling or a dwelling unit in an attached dwelling or multifamily residential property, and at least one of the property owners is an occupant of the property.

I understand that it is my responsibility to notify the Anne Arundel County Office of Finance if I no longer meet the eligibility requirement for the tax exemption or no longer reside in or own the dwelling for which the tax exemption was granted.

I declare under penalties of perjury provided for by the Tax – Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, §1-201, that all information above is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I give Anne Arundel County Government permission to take whatever action is necessary to verify my eligibility for the tax credit.

Applicant:

Signature

Date

Return this application via email at taxcredits@aacounty.org, or by mail to:

Anne Arundel County, Office of Finance
Attn: Tax Credits
44 Calvert Street, Room 110
Annapolis, MD 21401

If you provide an email address on this application then the Office of Finance will send a receipt confirmation to that email address within 10 business days of receiving the tax credit application. Contact our office if you do not receive a confirmation. If you are mailing your application less than 14 days before the deadline, it is suggested that you use a traceable form of delivery. Anne Arundel County is not responsible for delays in mail delivery. Notification will be sent upon approval or denial of the application.

§ 13-7-106. Exemptions – Substantial financial hardship.

(a) **Program established.** There is a Substantial Financial Hardship Exemption Program. The purpose of the Program is to exempt from the payment of the stormwater remediation fee a property owner who is able to demonstrate substantial financial hardship as a result of the fee.

(b) **Qualifications for exemption.** To qualify for a substantial financial hardship exemption:

(1) the real property for which the exemption is requested shall contain a detached single family dwelling or a dwelling unit in an attached dwelling or multifamily residential property;

(2) at least one of the property owners shall be an occupant of the property; and

(3) at least two of the following four criteria shall be met to demonstrate substantial financial hardship:

(i) the combined gross income, as defined in § 9-104 of the Tax-Property Article of the State Code, does not exceed the income guidelines established by the Maryland Office of Home Energy Programs for any one of the Fuel and Utility Assistance Programs in accordance with § 5-5A-07 of the Human Services Article of the State Code

(ii) at least one of the property owners who resides at the property receives an energy assistance subsidy in accordance with a Fuel and Utility Assistance Program established under the Human Services Article, § 5-5A-07, of the State Code;

(iii) at least one of the property owners who resides at the property receives supplemental Security Income under 42 U.S.C. § 1381, et seq. or food stamps under 42 U.S.C. § 2011, et seq.; or

(iv) at least one of the property owners who resides at the property receives veterans or Social Security disability benefits under the Social Security Act, the Railroad Retirement Act, any federal act for members of the United States Armed Forces, or any federal retirement system.

(c) **Mobile home park tenants.** A person with a valid lease or contract to use a mobile home space in a licensed mobile home park qualifies for the substantial financial hardship exemption if at least one of the persons listed on the lease or contract is an occupant of a mobile home in the mobile home space and at least two of the four criteria set forth in subsection (b)(3) are met. If a substantial financial hardship exemption is granted under this subsection and the stormwater remediation fee is charged to an owner of a mobile home park, the stormwater remediation fee for the mobile home park shall be reduced by 40% of the base rate.

(d) **Rules and regulations.** The Office of Finance shall administer the Substantial Financial Hardship Exemption Program and the Controller shall adopt rules and regulations governing the Program. The rules and regulations shall provide:

(1) the application deadline;

(2) that the application shall be made on a form provided by the Office of Finance;

(3) a description of documentation that shall be provided by an applicant; and

(4) any other matters deemed necessary by the Controller to administer the Substantial Financial Hardship Exemption Program.

(e) **Validity of exemption.** Any exemption granted is only valid for the year that payment of the stormwater remediation fee is due.

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