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2025 PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER PROPERTY TAX CREDIT APPLICATION Deadline: June 30, 2025 FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS ONLY

Please submit the following:

1. Original copy of the application:
2. Copy of your valid Maryland Driver's license or MVA-issued photo I.D.
3. 1st page of the current 6 months electric/utility bill. The bill must have the owner's name and the property address. A bill history or bill summary **WILL NOT** be accepted.
4. **Submit the 1st page only** of deed with applicant's name – Property must be the applicant's principal residence.
5. If you email the application, please submit your complete PDF application.

Please complete the following information (Please Print Legibly):

Property Parcel Number (located on the Howard County Property Tax Bill): _____

Public Safety Officer's Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Property Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Please check the applicable Public Safety Officer

I am currently employed full-time with Howard County, and I have completed the probationary period with Howard County

Police Officer Firefighter /EMT 911 Telecom Operator

Sheriff Correctional Officer

I hereby certify that I have read County Code § 20.129F and that I am eligible for the tax credit for the residential property described above. I understand that this is a tax credit that can be received against the County property tax. The tax credit may be granted in an amount up to **\$2,500**, but not to exceed the amount of county tax due on the property.

I own the property to which the credit will be applied; it is used as my principal residence; and I will occupy the property for more than 6 months of a 12-month period.

I understand I must follow the procedures promulgated by Finance regarding annual renewals.

I understand that it is my responsibility to notify Finance if I separate from the County. I understand that the tax credit shall terminate when no longer employed as a public safety officer with Howard County no longer meeting the eligibility requirement for a volunteer member, or no longer residing in or owning the dwelling for which the tax credit was granted.

IF I AM SEPARATED FROM EMPLOYMENT “FOR CAUSE” AS SET FORTH IN COUNTY CODE § 1.115, I AM LIABLE FOR THE PROPERTY TAXES I WOULD HAVE BEEN LIABLE FOR IN THE TAXABLE YEAR OF THE SEPARATION OF EMPLOYMENT, AS IF THE TAX CREDIT HAD NOT BEEN GRANTED, INCLUDING INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON THOSE TAXES.

IF I AM SEPARATED FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR REASONS OTHER THAN “FOR CAUSE” AS SET FORTH IN COUNTY CODE § 1.115, THE TAX CREDIT SHALL BE APPLIED ONLY TO THE PORTION OF THE TAXABLE YEAR FOR WHICH I WAS ELIGIBLE FOR THE TAX CREDIT AND I AM LIABLE FOR ALL REMAINING PROPERTY TAXES WHICH MAY INCUR INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON THOSE TAXES.

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 Howard County Government permission to take whatever action is necessary to verify my eligibility for the tax credit.

Public Safety Officer Applicant’s Signature

Date