

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2025 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-009-2025

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Burroughs III

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 The Revised Elderly Property Tax Credit

3 For the purpose of revising the current elderly property tax credit to make its applicability
4 exclusive of and separate and distinct from the Homestead and Maryland Homeowner's Property
5 Tax Credit and changing the yearly thresholds for eligibility as well as addressing any hardships
6 resulting thereof.

7 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

8 SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

9 Section 10-235.28,

10 The Prince George's County Code

11 (2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
13 Maryland, that Section 10-235.28 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
14 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

15 **SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.**

16 **DIVISION 8. TAX ASSESSMENT, LEVY AND COLLECTION.**

17 **SUBDIVISION 50. PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS.**

18 **Sec.10-235.28. Property tax credit for elderly individuals.**

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20 (a) In accordance with the provisions of Section 9-258 of the Tax-Property Article of the
21 Annotated Code of Maryland, a property tax credit against the County property tax may be

1 imposed on the dwelling of an eligible individual. For purposes of this Section a "dwelling" has
 2 the meaning stated in Section 9-105 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of
 3 Maryland.

4 [(b) Eligibility. An individual is eligible to receive a property tax credit if the individual
 5 is at least 65 years old and has lived in the same dwelling for at least the preceding ten (10)
 6 years and the dwelling for which a property tax credit is sought has a maximum assessed value
 7 of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) at the time the individual first applied for the
 8 credit, a maximum value that shall increase annually on July 1 by the lesser of (i) the
 9 Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the preceding calendar year or (ii) three percent (3%).]

10 (b) Eligibility. An individual is eligible to receive a property tax credit if:

11 (1) the individual is at least 65 years old;

12 (2) has lived in the same dwelling for at least the preceding twenty-five (25) years;

13 and

14 (3) the dwelling for which a property tax credit is sought has a maximum assessed
 15 value of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) at the time the individual first applied for
 16 the credit, a maximum value that shall increase annually on July 1 by the lesser of (i) the
 17 Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the preceding calendar year or (ii) three percent (3%).

18 (c) Amount and duration of credit. The credit allowed under this Section is twenty percent
 19 (20%) of the County property tax imposed on the dwelling, [inclusive of] exclusive of and
 20 separate and distinct from any Homestead or Homeowners tax credit provided. The credit shall
 21 be granted each year for a period of up to five (5) years if the individual remains eligible for the
 22 credit.

23 (d) Application for the tax credit established herein shall be made under oath on an
 24 application provided by the Director of Finance no later than October 1 of the fiscal year in
 25 which the credit is being sought. The application shall provide a legal description of the property
 26 and such other information or documentation as the Director may require in order to determine
 27 whether the applicant can qualify for the tax credit.

28 (e) The credit is applicable for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2023 and thereafter.

29 (f) The Director of Finance shall provide an annual report to the County Council on the
 30 property tax credit for elderly individuals on or before December 31 [st] of each year for the
 31 previous fiscal year, to include, in total and by Councilmanic District:

- 1 (1) the number of applications received; [and]
- 2 (2) the number of applications denied; and
- 3 (3) the number of tax credits approved; and
- 4 (4) the dollar value of tax credits granted [the location by Councilmanic district of the
- 5 number of applications received, denied and the amount of tax credit approved].

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7 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Office of Finance shall, within 90 days
 8 of the effective date of this Act, notify all persons who applied and were eligible for the Property
 9 Tax Credit for Elderly Individuals for Tax Years beginning July 1, 2023, but who did not receive
 10 the Credit, or received a Credit in an amount less than twenty percent (20%) of the County
 11 property tax imposed on their dwelling, of their eligibility for full payment under this Act for the
 12 remainder of their eligibility period, without need for a new application, in the tax year
 13 beginning July 1, 2025.

14 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that those persons who did not get the full tax
 15 credit previously but were eligible, shall be eligible for the full tax credit for five (5) years
 16 starting with the tax credit beginning Year 2025.

17 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that those persons who are eligible and
 18 received the tax credit under the ten (10) year requirement shall remain eligible under this
 19 legislation for the remaining years of this tax credit under the ten (10) year requirement. If they
 20 enter into the twenty-five (25) year threshold during this time, they shall receive an additional
 21 five years of eligibility from the time they reach the twenty-five (25) year threshold. Otherwise,
 22 whenever those persons reach the twenty-five (25) years of eligibility, they are allowed to
 23 reapply for the tax credit.

24 SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that those persons who are eligible under the
 25 twenty-five (25) year requirement shall be eligible for the full tax credit for five (5) years starting
 26 with the tax credit beginning Year 2025.

27 SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
 28 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
 29 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
 30 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
 31 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this

1 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
2 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
3 or section.

4 SECTION 7. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
5 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Tara H. Jackson
Acting County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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