

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**1997 Legislative Session**

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ CB-20-1997

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ 6

Proposed and Presented by \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman (by request - County Executive)

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ Council Member Wilson

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction \_\_\_\_\_ March 18, 1997

**BILL**

AN ACT concerning

The Payment of Property Taxes by Credit Card

For the purpose of permitting the payment of property taxes by credit card.

BY adding:

SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

Section 10-204.02,

The Prince George's County Code

(1995 Edition).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 10-204.02 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby added:

**SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.**

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

**Subdivision 1A. Property Tax.**

**Sec. 10-204.02. Payment of property taxes by credit card.**

(a) The County may accept a credit card, issued by a company with which the County has an agreement, in payment of property taxes.

(b) The County may enter into an agreement with the issuer of a credit card, which permits the County to add a service charge to the amount owed to the County.

(1) If a person uses a credit card to pay an amount owed to the County for property

taxes, the County may add the service charge to the amount owed.

(2) A service charge assessed under this Subsection:

(i) May not exceed the amount charged to the County for use of the credit card;

and

(ii) Shall be determined at the time the amount is paid.

(c) A property tax bill shall specify:

(1) that a credit card may be used to pay the taxes owed;

(2) the types of cards that may be used; and

(3) that if a credit card is used to pay the taxes, a service charge may be added to the amount owed.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 8th day of April, 1997.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Dorothy F. Bailey  
Chair

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY:

Wayne K. Curry  
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.