

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2016 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-67-2016

Proposed by Council Member Glaros

Introduced by Council Members Glaros, Davis, Toles, Lehman, Harrison,
Turner, Taveras Franklin, Patterson

Date of Introduction September 20, 2016

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Senior Homeowners and Tax Sale

3 For the purpose of establishing a policy to require the County to keep a list of all real property
4 scheduled for tax sale for property owned by individuals for at least 25 years and to provide the
5 list to the Department of Family Services for outreach services.

6 WHEREAS, County residents 65 years and older may have missed tax payments on real
7 estate they own and such payments remain unpaid which brings them in default and their real
8 estate is scheduled for tax sale; and

9 WHEREAS, the senior homeowner who misses a tax payment may be in need of assistance
10 if they do not have the capacity to pay the real property taxes; and

11 WHEREAS, Chapter 668, Laws of Maryland 2008 required local governments, prior to
12 beginning the tax sale process, to provide a list to the local area agency on aging of any persons
13 who have delinquent taxes on a property if the property owner on record has owned the property
14 for at least 25 years; and

15 WHEREAS, the County's Office of Finance, Treasury Division maintains a list of
16 properties for tax sale where the property owner has lived in the property for at least 25 years
17 with the understanding that the property owner is a senior citizen and provides the list to the
18 Department of Family Services, Aging and Disabilities Division; and

19 WHEREAS, the Department of Family Services, Aging and Disabilities Division reviews
20 the list of names received in April and again in June to see if any names on the list have paid
21 their real property taxes; and

22 WHEREAS, the Aging and Disabilities Division follows up as appropriate with the

1 individuals who remain on the list to discuss possible programs that may be able to assist
2 financially; and

3 WHEREAS, in the cases where the senior homeowner may not have the capacity to pay the
4 taxes, the individual is referred to the Department of Social Services Adult Protective Services
5 Program.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
7 County, Maryland, that the County hereby establishes a policy that the Director of Finance shall
8 maintain a list of all taxes assessed upon real estate owned by individuals for at least 25 years,
9 which then remain unpaid and in default and are scheduled for tax sale.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the list contain the name or names of the person
11 appearing upon the assessment books as the owner of each piece of real estate and, prior to tax
12 sale, the list shall be sent to the Department of Family Services in February to provide the
13 property owner assistance with outreach services, including but not limited to, referrals and
14 counseling.

Adopted this 18th day of October , 2016.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council