

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 16-0627
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Scott, Costello, Stokes, Branch,
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Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Housing and Community
Development, Department of Finance, Board of Estimates

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Property Tax Credits – City Supplement to Homeowners’ Tax Credit Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a City supplement to the State Homeowners’ Property Tax
4 Credit Program; defining certain terms; imposing certain limitations, conditions, and
5 qualifications for credit eligibility; and providing for the amount and administration of the
6 credit.

7 BY adding

8 Article 28 - Taxes
9 Section 10-20
10 Baltimore City Code
11 (Edition 2000)

12 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
13 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

14 **Baltimore City Code**

15 **Article 28. Taxes**

16 **Subtitle 10. Credits**

17 **§ 10-20. CITY SUPPLEMENT TO HOMEOWNERS’ TAX CREDIT PROGRAM.**

18 (A) *DEFINITIONS.*

19 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

20 IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (2) *COMBINED INCOME.*

2 “COMBINED INCOME” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN STATE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE
3 § 9-104(A)(3).

4 (3) *DWELLING.*

5 “DWELLING” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN STATE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE
6 § 9-104(A)(6).

7 (4) *HOMEOWNER.*

8 “HOMEOWNER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN STATE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE
9 § 9-104(A)(9).

10 (5) *STATE HOMEOWNERS’ TAX CREDIT PROGRAM.*

11 “STATE HOMEOWNERS’ TAX CREDIT PROGRAM” MEANS THE HOMEOWNERS’
12 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY STATE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE
13 § 9-104.

14 (6) *TOTAL REAL PROPERTY TAX.*

15 “TOTAL REAL PROPERTY TAX” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN STATE TAX-PROPERTY
16 ARTICLE § 9-104(A)(13).

17 (B) *SUPPLEMENT GRANTED.*

18 IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE § 9-215, A CITY SUPPLEMENT TO
19 THE STATE HOMEOWNERS’ TAX CREDIT PROGRAM IS GRANTED FOR ELIGIBLE DWELLINGS.

20 (C) *ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.*

21 A DWELLING IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CITY SUPPLEMENTAL TAX CREDIT IF:

22 (1) THE DWELLING IS ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE HOMEOWNERS’ TAX
23 CREDIT PROGRAM; AND

24 (2) AS OF THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE TAXABLE
25 TEAR FOR WHICH THE SUPPLEMENTAL CREDIT IS SOUGHT, THE DWELLING’S
26 HOMEOWNER:

27 (I) IS AT LEAST 62 YEARS OLD;

28 (II) HAS RESIDED IN THE DWELLING FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS; AND

29 (III) HAS A COMBINED INCOME OF LESS THAN \$40,000.

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1 (D) *AMOUNT OF SUPPLEMENTAL CREDIT.*

2 THE CITY SUPPLEMENTAL TAX CREDIT FOR AN ELIGIBLE DWELLING IS THE TOTAL REAL
3 PROPERTY TAX ON THE DWELLING, LESS:

4 (1) THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT GRANTED FOR THE DWELLING UNDER STATE TAX-
5 PROPERTY ARTICLE § 9-104; AND

6 (2) THE AGGREGATE OF THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGES OF THE HOMEOWNER’S
7 COMBINED INCOME:

8 (I) 0% OF THE 1ST \$12,000 OF COMBINED INCOME;

9 (II) 3% OF THE NEXT \$4,000 OF COMBINED INCOME;

10 (III) 7% OF THE NEXT \$4,000 OF COMBINED INCOME; AND

11 (IV) 9% OF COMBINED INCOME OVER \$20,000.

12 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
13 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
14 Ordinance.

15 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
16 after the date it is enacted.