



BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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The Budget and Appropriations Committee is responsible for ensuring taxpayer dollars are expended prudently and equitably. BA will exercise regular oversight of the funding and spending practices of City agencies, the City's budget, expenditures, loans, and other financial matters. The committee's areas of jurisdiction include all budgets & appropriations, taxation, financial services, consumer protection, audits, and the Comptroller's Office.

The Honorable Danielle McCray

CHAIR

PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

9:00 AM

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26-0189

Annual Property Tax - Fiscal Year 2027

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**BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE****The Honorable Danielle McCray**
CHAIR**Bill Hearing***26-0189 - Annual Property Tax – Fiscal Year 2027*

Purpose of providing a tax for the use of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and setting the semiannual payment service charge for that period.

REPORTING AGENCIES

- Bureau of The Budget and Management Research (BBMR)
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BACKGROUND

The Baltimore City property tax rates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) are set under authority granted by the State of Maryland.

- Real Property tax rate is \$2.248 per \$100 of assessed value.
 - Each year, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) estimates the value of all taxable real property and issues new assessments for approximately one-third of properties.
- Personal Property tax rate is \$5.62 per \$100 of assessed value.
 - Personal property is assessed annually, and valuations are established by SDAT based on income tax returns filed by individual businesses.

Additionally, the semiannual payment service charge to be imposed under State Tax-Property Article §10-204.3 is 1.21%. The calculation for the service charge is based on the anticipated interest rate for the fiscal year and is certified by the State of Maryland.

FISCAL NOTE

The Real and Personal Property rates will remain unchanged from FY2026 at \$2.248 and \$5.62 per \$100 of assessed value. As the city's largest local revenue source, property taxes are projected to bring in [\\$1.27 billion](#) in the recommended FY2027 budget, representing a 5.6% increase from FY2026.

Based on projected fiscal year interest rates, the service charge for semiannual payments is adjusted to 1.21% for FY 2027 from 0.9625% in FY2026.

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 26-0189
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: May 11, 2026
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: None

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Annual Property Tax – Fiscal Year 2027**

3 FOR the purpose of providing a tax for the use of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for
4 the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and setting the semiannual payment service
5 charge for that period.

6 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That for
7 the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, a tax is levied and imposed for the use of the
8 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore on all property in the City of Baltimore (except property
9 exempt by law), as follows:

10 (a) except as otherwise specified in item (b) of this section, a tax of \$2.248 is levied and
11 imposed on every \$100 of assessed or assessable value of real property; and

12 (b) a tax of \$5.62 is levied and imposed on every \$100 of assessed or assessable value of:

13 (1) personal property; and

14 (2) operating real property described in State Tax – Property Article § 8-109(c).

15 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this tax shall be paid and collected in the
16 manner prescribed by law including the provisions of Section 10-210 of the Tax – Property
17 Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland.

18 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That for the period July 1, 2026, through
19 June 30, 2027, the semiannual payment service charge to be imposed under State Tax – Property
20 Article § 10-204.3 is 1.21%.

21 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
22 enacted.

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