



CITY OF BALTIMORE
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TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
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CC	Nina Themelis, Director, Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	April 9, 2026
SUBJECT	Council Bill 26-0152 Installment Payment Plans – Property Taxes in Arrears – Residential Property

POSITION: FAVORABLE

BILL SYNOPSIS

The Baltimore City Office of Information and Technology has completed its review of Council Bill 26-0152 Installment Payment Plans – Property Taxes in Arrears – Residential Property. The purpose of this bill is to authorize certain property tax arrearages to be paid through an installment payment plan; require the Director of Finance to establish an installment payment program; set eligibility requirements for the program; and specify certain terms of the installment payment plan.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The Baltimore City Office of Information & Technology (BCIT) has partnered with the Department of Finance (DOF) to enable payment plans for Real Property tax bills through the PromisePay platform. BCIT participated in initial planning discussions with DOF and PromisePay to evaluate the technical integration required to support an installment payment plan program in the fall of last year. As BCIT had previously completed integration between PromisePay with the City's mainframe to support payment plans for the Department of Public Works, we were able to leverage certain existing components in our system while reducing development time and risk.

In early December, BCIT moved forward with an accelerated development schedule. The teams finalized the scope then completed the integration and testing phases. Production operations began in January of this year. While the official public launch is pending, the system is in production and daily file exchanges are occurring between BCIT and PromisePay to ensure readiness for launch.

If you have questions, please contact Fabienne Dorceus, Program Manager, at (410) 913-0556.