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STAFF REPORT



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REQUEST: Review and Response to City Council Bill: City Council Bill 16-0697: Property Tax Credit – Public Safety Officers

RECOMMENDATION: No Opposition

STAFF: Stacy Montgomery

PETITIONER(S): Introduced by the City Council President at the request of the Administration (Department of Finance)

SUMMARY: City Council Bill 16-0697 proposes the creation of a property tax credit for public safety officers living and working within Baltimore City. The tax credit will have no impact on historic properties and therefore staff recommends a finding of no opposition.

SITE/HISTORIC DISTRICT

The proposed property tax credit would be available for public safety officers' primary dwellings City-wide.

BACKGROUND

- This bill has been referred to CHAP for comment.

PROPOSAL

Bill 16-0697: Property Tax Credit – Public Safety Officers proposes to implement a City-wide tax credit for the primary dwelling of public safety officers, including those employed by the Baltimore City Fire Department or the Baltimore City Police Department. The credit would be renewable from year to year and would total the lesser of \$2,500 or the amount of property tax imposed on the property.

ANALYSIS

The tax credit does not have any impact on historic properties and would not compete with the Historic Tax Credit as they have very different requirements.

Staff recommends a finding of no opposition to the proposal as no historic properties will be impacted.

Eric Holcomb
Director