



Legislation Text

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**Introductory\***

**City of Baltimore  
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Costello, President Mosby

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning  
**Residential Retention Tax Credit - Amendment**

For the purpose of amending application requirements for the portable homestead tax credit; terminating the sunset of the credit; and generally relating to the portable homestead property tax credit.

By repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

Article 28 - Taxes  
Sections 10-1.1(c), 10-1.1(k)  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

By repealing

Article 28 - Taxes  
Section 10-1.1(l)  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

**Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,** That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

**Baltimore City Code**

**Article 28. Taxes**

**Subtitle 10. Credits**

**§ 10-1.1 Portable homestead.**

(c) *Qualifications.*

*To qualify for the credit authorized by this section, the homeowner must:*

(1)for the 5 tax years preceding the purchase of the new dwelling in Baltimore City:

(i) have owned and occupied, as his or her principal residence, a dwelling in the City; and

(ii) received a credit under State Tax-Property Article, § 9-105 {"Homestead tax credit"} for that dwelling;

(2)occupy the newly purchased dwelling as his or her principal residence;

(3)submit an application to the Finance Director in the form and containing the information that the Director requires[, for a credit under this section] either:

(i) within 90 days of settlement on the newly purchased dwelling or;

(ii) by September 30, 2022, if settlement on the newly purchased dwelling occurred between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2022;

(4)for each tax year for which the credit is sought:

(i) file a State income tax return as a resident of Baltimore City; and

(ii) submit a copy of that return to the Director, in the manner and within the time period required by the rules and regulations adopted under this section; and

(5)comply with all other procedures and conditions required by the rules and regulations adopted under this section.

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(k) *Reporting.*

The Department of Finance shall evaluate the efficacy of the credit established by this section and submit a report of its findings and recommendations on or before December 31, [2018] 2024, and [December 31, 2020] every 2 years thereafter, to:

- (1) the Mayor and the City Council; and
- (2) in accordance with State Government Article, § 2-1246:
  - (i) the Baltimore City House Delegation;
  - (ii) the Baltimore City [Senators] Senate Delegation;
  - (iii) the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee; and
  - (iv) the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[(l) *Termination of program.*]

- [(1) New credits may not be granted under this section for any tax year beginning on or after July 1, 2020.]
- [(2) This subsection does not apply to an owner's continued receipt of an annual credit, as provided in subsection (d) of this section, with respect to a property for which the tax credit was initially granted and received for a tax year ending on or before June 30, 2020.]

**Section 2. And be it further ordained,** That, except as provided in Section 3 of this Ordinance, a homeowner eligible for the credit authorized by Article 28, § 10-1.1 of the City Code, as provided for under § 10-1.1(c)(3)(ii) of the same Article, may receive this credit effective as of the date of settlement on their newly purchased dwelling, and depending on the original date of the settlement, up to 2 years of credit value in an amount up to \$1,900, representing (i) \$1,000 for the 1st tax year of this credit; and (ii) \$900 for the 2nd tax year of this credit, as determined by the Director of Finance.

**Section 3. And be it further ordained,** That a homeowner eligible for the credit authorized by Article 28, § 10-1.1 of the City Code, as provided for under § 10-1.1(c)(3)(ii) of the same Article, and who newly purchased a dwelling in Baltimore City within a low or moderate income census tract, as further described by § 10-1.1(d)(2), may receive this credit effective as of the date of settlement on their newly purchased dwelling, and depending on the original date of the settlement, up to 2 years of credit value in an amount up to \$2,300, representing (i) \$1,200 for the 1st tax year of this credit; and (ii) \$1,100 for the 2nd tax year of this credit, as determined by the Director of Finance.

**Section 4. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.