



HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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Division of Property Tax Accounting

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2021 PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER PROPERTY TAX CREDIT APPLICATION Deadline: September 1, 2021

Please submit the following with the original copy of the application:

- Copy of your valid Maryland Driver's license or MVA-issued photo I.D.
- First page of deed for dwelling showing ownership interest of applicant – Property must be the applicant's principal residence.
- The **previous 6 Months** (from the date of application) of your choice of electric, natural gas, cable, or landline phone bills – *Choose one type of bill and submit each monthly bill from the previous 6 months. Each monthly bill must have the owner's name and the property address. A bill history or bill summary **WILL NOT** be accepted.*
- If emailing the application, please submit as a PDF attachment.

Please complete the following information (Please Print Legibly):

Property Parcel Number (located on the Howard County Property Tax Bill): _____

Public Safety Officer's Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Property Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Please check the applicable Public Safety Officer designation and answer the questions at the bottom:

- I am currently employed as a full-time **Correctional Officer** with Howard County and I have completed the probationary period with Howard County.
- I am currently employed as a full-time **Firefighter/EMT** with Howard County and have completed the probationary period with Howard County.
- I am currently a full-time **911 Telecom Operator** with Howard County and have completed the probationary period with Howard County.
- I am currently a full-time **Police Officer** with Howard County and I have completed the probationary period with Howard County.
- I am currently a full-time deputy **Sheriff** with Howard County and I have completed the probationary period with Howard County.
- I am a Howard County **Volunteer Firefighter**, have maintained active service for the preceding year, and I have served as a volunteer firefighter for at least 5 continuous years.
- I am a Howard County **Volunteer EMT**, have maintained active service for the preceding year, and I have served as a volunteer firefighter for at least 5 continuous years.

1. I own the property to which the credit will be applied, it is used as my principal residence and I will occupy the property for more than 6 months of a 12-month period: **Yes** **No**

2. Did you receive a tax credit for the property pursuant to County Code §20.129 (Senior Tax Credit) or §20.129E (Aging in Place Tax Credit) for this property. **Yes** **No**



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I hereby certify that I have read County Code § 20.129F and that I am eligible for the tax credit for the residential property described above. I understand that this is a tax credit that can be received against the County property tax. The tax credit may be granted in an amount up to **\$2,500**, but not to exceed the amount of county tax due on the property.

I understand that this tax credit is available for a period of one taxable year and must be renewed. I understand I must re-apply each year for the tax credit to be applicable.

I understand that the tax credit shall terminate for no longer being employed as a public safety officer with Howard County or no longer meeting the eligibility requirement for a volunteer member, or no longer residing in or owning the dwelling for which the tax credit was granted.

IF I AM SEPARATED FROM EMPLOYMENT “FOR CAUSE” AS SET FORTH IN COUNTY CODE § 1.115, I AM LIABLE FOR THE PROPERTY TAXES I WOULD HAVE BEEN LIABLE FOR IN THE TAXABLE YEAR OF THE SEPARATION OF EMPLOYMENT, AS IF THE TAX CREDIT HAD NOT BEEN GRANTED; INCLUDING INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON THOSE TAXES.

IF I AM SEPARATED FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR REASONS OTHER THAN “FOR CAUSE” AS SET FORTH IN COUNTY CODE § 1.115, THE TAX CREDIT SHALL BE APPLIED ONLY TO THE PORTION OF THE TAXABLE YEAR FOR WHICH I WAS ELIGIBLE FOR THE TAX CREDIT AND I AM LIABLE FOR ALL REMAINING PROPERTY TAXES WHICH MAY INCUR INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON THOSE TAXES.

I declare under penalties of perjury provided for by the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, § 1-201, that all information above is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I give Howard County Government and the State Department of Assessments and Taxation permission to take whatever action is necessary to verify my eligibility for the tax credit.

Public Safety Officer Applicant’s Signature

Date

This application and all supporting documents must be received on or before September 1, 2021

<p>Address for Application Submission: Howard County Department of Finance Public Safety Officer Tax Credit 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043</p>	<p>Contact Information: Phone: (410) 313-4076 Hours: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Email: taxcredit@howardcountymd.gov Website: www.taxcredits.howardcountymd.gov</p>
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