



# HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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## 2025 PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER PROPERTY TAX CREDIT APPLICATION Deadline: June 30, 2025 FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS ONLY

### Please submit the following:

1. Original copy of the application:
2. Copy of your valid Maryland Driver's license or MVA-issued photo I.D.
3. 1st page of the current 6 months electric/utility bill. The bill must have the owner's name and the property address. A bill history or bill summary WILL NOT be accepted.
4. **Submit the 1<sup>st</sup> page only** of deed with applicant's name – Property must be the applicant's principal residence.
5. If you email the application, please submit your complete PDF application.

### 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

I am currently employed full-time with Howard County, and I have completed the probationary period with Howard County

Police Officer       Firefighter /EMT       911 Telecom Operator

Sheriff       Correctional Officer

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 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.

I understand I must follow the procedures promulgated by Finance regarding annual renewals.

I understand that it is my responsibility to notify Finance if I separate from the County. I understand that the tax credit shall terminate when no longer employed as a public safety officer with Howard County 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 permission to take whatever action is necessary to verify my eligibility for the tax credit.

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**Public Safety Officer Applicant’s Signature**

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**Date**