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APPLICATION FOR TAX CREDIT FOR GEOTHEMAL DEVICES

HOWARD COUNTY CODE SECTION 20.128A (CB17-2025)

Pursuant to § 9-203 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and Howard County Code § 20.128A, property owners may qualify for a county property tax credit for residential structures that utilizes a **geothermal** energy device. The credit is applied against the county property tax and is limited to the lesser of: 50% of the eligible costs, or \$5,000 for a **geothermal** system used for heating or electricity generation, or \$1,500 for a **geothermal** system used solely for hot water supply.

The application shall be filed no later than June 30 prior to the first taxable year for which the credit is sought. All taxes are due and payable when issued. The credit amount applied in a tax year may not exceed the amount of County Property Tax. Any amount not taken in the year in which the application is granted may be carried over for an additional two years.

Date of Application _____ Property Account Number _____

Owner's Name _____

Property Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Email: _____

Note: Please attach completed Geothermal Heating or Electric Generation Certification Form

Signature of Owner _____

For inquiries regarding the tax credit application:

Howard County Dept of Finance
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043
Email: taxcredit@howardcountymd.gov
Phone: (410) 313-2062

Mail applications to:
Howard County Dept of Finance, PO Box 3370,
Ellicott City, MD 21041-3370

For inquiries regarding the permit certification process:

Dept of Inspections, Licenses and Permits
3430 Court House Dr
Ellicott City, MD 21043
Phone: (410) 313-2455



Energy Conservation Device Geothermal Heating or Electric Generation Certification Form

A. Owner Information

Name _____ Parcel _____
Installation Address _____
City: _____ State: MD Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sections B through D should be filled out by the **installer** of the system.

B. Geothermal Heating System Information

System Size (tons): _____ System type: _____ closed loop _____ open loop
Heat Pump Manufacturer: _____ Model #: _____
Total feet: _____ vertical system _____ horizontal system

C. Installation Contractor Information

Installation Contractor Name: _____ Company Name: _____
Contractor's Md. License #: _____ Type of License: _____
Company Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____
Installation Completion Date: _____

D. Hardware and Installation Compliance and Inspection

Please check all applicable statements.

_____ The system is in compliance with the National Standard contained in _____
_____ The system has been installed in compliance with applicable requirements of Howard County codes.
_____ The system operates as an independent unit and is not back up or redundancy for another system.

Permit #: _____ Inspection Date: _____

I solemnly affirm under penalties of perjury that I am a contractor licensed in Maryland and that all of the contents of the foregoing certification are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Signed (Contractor): _____ Date: _____

Name (Print): _____ Company: _____

E. Eligible Costs

The costs of the qualifying energy device and its installations were \$ _____ and were incurred within the 12 months preceding this application. *Please attach all receipts.*

F. Owner Acknowledgement

I solemnly affirm under penalties of perjury that I am the owner of the real property in Howard County identified in Paragraph A and that the contents of the foregoing certification are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Signed (Owner): _____ Date: _____

G. For DILP Office Use Only

- ☐ The device installed is designed to use geothermal energy to heat or cool a structure or to generate electricity.
- ☐ The device meets the national safety standards in Paragraph D of this Certification.
- ☐ The device has been installed in accordance with the Howard County Building Code.

DILP Signature: _____ Date: _____