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Harford County Property Tax Credit Applications Due by April 1 for Eligible Seniors, Retired Veterans

BEL AIR, Md., (Feb. 12, 2020) - Harford County is accepting applications through Wednesday, April 1 for eligible seniors and retired veterans to receive a 20% credit on their county property taxes next year. To qualify, citizens must be at least 65 years old; own a home in Harford County with an assessed value of \$400,000 or less; and must meet one of the following three conditions: They must have lived in the same home for at least 40 years, or have retired from the uniformed services of the United States, or be the surviving spouse of a qualifying retired veteran. The tax relief is available through legislation initiated by County Executive Barry Glassman and approved by the county council. Qualified applicants may receive the credit for five years, but must reapply each year.

The time limit and eligibility requirements in Harford County's legislation complies with limits established in enabling legislation signed in 2016 by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. The Harford County tax credit took effect in Fiscal Year 2019.

Applicants for the property tax credit for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020 must document their eligibility with a copy of valid ID and a copy of the front page of their property deed or DD214 military forms, where applicable. Citizens may obtain a copy of their deed through the Clerk of the Court's Land Records Office by calling 410-638-3474 or going online at <https://mdlandrec.net/main/>.

Complete eligibility requirements, instructions and applications are available on the county website at <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/seniortaxcredit>. Applications may be printed from the county website or picked up from the Harford County Department of the Treasury window at 220 S. Main Street in Bel Air from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Information about the available tax credit is also available in Harford County's senior centers, on social media, and at all 11 branches of Harford County Public Library.

Anyone who needs assistance filling out an application is encouraged to call Harford County Department of the Treasury at 410-638-3450 where staff has been dedicated to answer questions related to the tax credit.

A signed copy of the completed application and related eligibility documents must be received by April 1, 2020. Applications may be mailed to Harford County Government, Department of the Treasury, Attn. Bill 17-021 Tax Credit; P.O. Box 609, Bel Air, Md. 21014. Applications may also be hand-delivered to the Treasury window at any time prior to the deadline.

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