

City of Hyattsville

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Public Hearing Meeting

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Monday, May 2, 2022

6:30 PM

Virtual

City Council Public Hearing

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WELCOME TO THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING!
Your participation at this public meeting is valued and appreciated.

AGENDA/PACKET: The Agenda/Packet is available for review at the Hyattsville Municipal Building and online at www.hyattsville.org prior to the scheduled meeting (generally available no later than the Friday prior to the scheduled Monday meeting). Please note, times given for agenda items are estimates only. Matters other than those indicated on the agenda may also be considered at Council discretion.

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Public Hearing Notice:

As we continue to take precautions due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, the Hyattsville City Council will hold its Public Hearing on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. (prior to the City Council Meeting) remotely via video conference. The Public Hearing will be conducted entirely remotely; there will be no in-person meeting attendance.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow for residents to comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Real Property Tax Rate of \$0.63 per \$100 of assessed value. It is anticipated that the Council will set the tax rate during this Public Hearing. Budget Documents can be found at www.hyattsville.org/budget. Paper copies of the budget can be requested by calling 301-985-5009 or via email at cityclerk@hyattsville.org.

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1. Call to Order**2. Public Comment - Limit 2 minutes per speaker****3. Action Item****3.a. Fiscal Year 2023 Real Property Tax Rate**[HCC-358-FY22](#)

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Finance

Attachments: [2022 Constant Yield Tax Rate Certification - City of Hyattsville 4-27-2022](#)
[2022 City of Hyattsville CYTR Tax Advertisement 4-6-2022](#)
[PGPost 4-14-4-20 2022 A3 FY23 Tax Rate Advertisement](#)

4. Motion to Adjourn



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Agenda Item Report

File #: HCC-358-FY22

5/2/2022

3.a.

Submitted by: Laura Reams
Submitting Department: City Clerk
Agenda Section: Action

Item Title:

Fiscal Year 2023 Real Property Tax Rate

Suggested Action:

I move the Mayor and Council set the City of Hyattsville's Real Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) at \$0.63 per \$100 of assessed value.

Summary Background:

The Mayor and Council are required under Maryland Property Tax Code 6-308 Constant Yield Tax Rate and Hyattsville Charter Code C5-15 to set the real property tax rate as part of the annual budget process.

Next Steps:

FY23 Budget Approval

Fiscal Impact:

FY23 Tax Rate will generate approximately \$15,774,438 in Real Property Tax Revenues.

City Administrator Comments:

See summary above.

Community Engagement:

The public hearing provides an opportunity for the community to get information, ask questions, and give public comments related to this issue. Per State Guidelines, legal notice of the FY23 proposed real property tax rate was published in the Prince George's Post. Notification of the Public Hearing was included in the Hyattsville Reporter mailed to all homes within City limits. Email and text alerts on the hearing were sent to all Hyattsville Notify Me subscribers.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 2 - Ensure the Long-Term Economic Viability of the City

Legal Review Required?

N/A

2022 Constant Yield Tax Rate Certification

Taxing authority: Hyattsville
in Prince George's County

1	1-Jul-2021	Gross assessable real property base	\$	2,456,039,714
2	1-Jul-2021	Homestead Tax Credit	-	31,525,982
3	1-Jul-2021	Net assessable real property base		2,424,513,732
4	1-Jul-2021	Actual local tax rate (per \$100)	x	0.6300
5	1-Jul-2021	Potential revenue	\$	15,274,437
6	1-Jul-2022	Estimated assessable base	\$	2,607,945,707
7	1-Jan-2022	Half year new construction	-	18,370,900
8	1-Jul-2022	Estimated full year new construction*	-	750,000
9	1-Jul-2022	Estimated abatements and deletions**	-	19,611,774
10	1-Jul-2022	Net assessable real property base	\$	2,569,213,033

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12	1-Jul-2022	Net assessable real property base	÷	2,569,213,033
13	1-Jul-2022	Constant yield tax rate	\$	0.5945

Certified by



Director

* Includes one-quarter year new construction where applicable.

**Actual + estimated as of July 1, 2022, including Homestead Tax Credit.

Form CYTR #1

**CITY OF HYATTSVILLE NOTICE OF A PROPOSED
REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2022, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 6.0%, from \$2,424,513,732 to \$2,569,213,033.
2. If the City of Hyattsville maintains the current tax rate of \$0.63 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 6.0% resulting in \$911,606 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.5945, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.63 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 6.0% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$911,606 in additional property tax revenues.

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- The event is for County residents only, proof of residency may be required.
- All attendees are encouraged to wear a face covering and follow social distancing guidelines.
- Self-loaders must bring their own shovels, pitch forks, bags, containers and/or tarps to secure/transport the material.
- Only non-commercial vehicles, 3/4-ton maximum weight are permitted. No business vehicle signage will be permitted, all commercial signs should be covered or removed prior to entering the site.

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Maryland Drivers Criticize Upcoming End To Gas Tax Holiday

By STEPHEN NEUKAM and E.A. BREEDEN
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS (April 8, 2022)—Maryland drivers will not get extended relief at the gas pump after Republican attempts to extend the state's one month gas tax holiday through Memorial Day failed Thursday (April 7) after House Democrats rejected the move.

The average price of gas in Maryland has fallen well below the national average with the 37-cent tax suspension in place, and GOP lawmakers tried to extend the tax break beyond the April 16 deadline with an amendment to a bill that would extend the state's energy storage tax credit.

According to AAA, the average price of regular gas Friday in Maryland was \$3.75 per gallon and the national average was \$4.14.

"This expires next week," House Minority Leader Jason C. Buckel, R-Allegany, said on the floor before the vote Thursday. "Does anyone in this room think that the economic conditions that existed 30 days ago are not the same as what they are today?"

"Do we think they are going to dramatically change—gas prices, inflation, fuel costs—in the next 45 days?"

The amendment to extend the suspension for another 45 days was defeated 47 to 82.

There is no plan for an extension to be considered in the Senate, according to the Senate president's Director of Communications David Schulein.

Drivers at a Royal Farms in Cecilton said Thursday they believe the gas tax cut should be extended in the state because they saw savings at the pump that helped them at a time when prices are soaring.

Kimberly Jamar, 32, a homemaker from Chestertown, said she drives an hour and a half regularly to Baltimore for medical treatment for two of her three children. She said she saved between \$200 and \$300 over the last month with the tax suspension and would support it being extended.

"I don't think it's right," Jamar said. "I think they ought to renew it, or I'm not going to be able to afford getting my children the medical care they need."

Sue Bertino, 64, from Earlville, said she has family in New Jersey that she has to take care of, and she makes the trip from her home to theirs about once a week.

"It's fantastic, because you can't afford it (the gas)," Bertino said. "I gotta watch every dime I spend."

Linda Dyekman, 73, from Chesapeake City, said because of the low prices, she knows people

who come from Delaware to get gas in Maryland, if they live close enough. Gas in Middletown, Delaware, just over 10 miles away from Cecilton, was around \$4, as opposed to \$3.70 at the Royal Farms where Dyekman had stopped.

"I'm very grateful for Gov. (Larry) Hogan, the good Republican that he is," said Dyekman, a major gift officer for the Franciscan Friars of Atonement in Garrison, N.Y. "I wish they could (extend the tax break), but I understand it was a gift at a time when they could do it."

Maryland gubernatorial hopefuls held different viewpoints of the decision not to extend the moratorium.

Comptroller Peter Franchot, the first to call for the move, has repeatedly angled for a 90-day moratorium.

"The gas tax holiday provided immediate relief to many hard-working families across the

See **GAS TAX** Page A7



PHOTO BY E.A. BREEDEN/CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Kimberly Jamar of Chestertown, who said she drives regularly to Baltimore for health care for two of her three children, said the gas tax holiday has saved her \$200 to \$300.

Maryland Poised to Become the Second State to Outlaw Declawing Cats

By LOGAN HILL
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS (April 5, 2022)—Feline advocates are celebrating their legislative victory on a bill to outlaw declawing cats and urging Republican Gov. Larry Hogan to sign it.

The bill (SB67) to outlaw declawing except for specific medical reasons, won final approval in the Senate on Monday, and is now on Hogan's desk.

Alley Cat Allies founder and president, Becky Robinson, is one of the many supporters of the legislation.

"On behalf of Alley Cat Allies and our over 34,000 supporters in Maryland, we urge Governor Hogan to sign this bill and eliminate the inhumane act in Maryland once and for all," Robinson said in a statement.

With Hogan's signature, Maryland would become the second state in the country to ban the practice, following New York, which outlawed declawing in 2019. Thirteen cities, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver and Pittsburgh, also have outlawed the procedure, according to information collected by Alley Cat Allies, a Bethesda-based organization that advocates for cats worldwide.

Animal rights activists celebrated the passage.

Jennifer Bevan-Dangel, Maryland state director for the Humane Society of the United States, tweeted "Victory" to her followers.

"MD will become 2nd state to ban cruel practice of cat #declaw this #MDGA22. Getting it



JOE RYAN/CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Ginny Boveington, outside her house in Crofton with cat "Cleo," is the administrator for the 200-member Facebook group Maryland Tortie Cat Club and a strong proponent of the bill to outlaw declawing cats.

done for the #HumaneAgenda Thank you @CherylKagan and @LCharkoudian for your leadership!"

Sen. Cheryl Kagan, D-Montgomery, and Del. Lorig Charkoudian, D-Montgomery, were the lead sponsors for the bill in their respective houses.

Show Your Soft Side, a public service campaign that advocates against animal abuse across the nation, expressed similar sentiments.

"VICTORY! Thank you, bill sponsors Senator @CherylKagan and Delegate @LCharkoudian, and EVERYONE who helped MD pass a historic and humane ban on declawing cats. Just one step left: @GovLarryHogan's desk. Soft Side spokesperson Bugs knows he can count on our pet-loving Governor," the campaign tweeted on Monday.

Many cat owners declaw their cats for a variety of reasons, in-

cluding fear of injury or protection of furniture. Kagan argued during Senate floor debates that declawing cats was cruel and inhumane. Veterinarians and others testified during hearings that the process was the equivalent of removing a person's finger to the first knuckle.

"A lot of people don't realize it can be harmful to the cat," Kagan said. "It's almost like cutting off their knuckles."

The legislation did not pass without opposition. Sen. J. B. Jennings, R-Baltimore and Harford, proposed amendments to the bill that would keep some declawing practices in place.

"I mean, cats are cats, man," Jennings said during a floor debate in February. "They're not a dog. They're tough. They have their own mind. They'll do their own thing."

Jennings' amendments failed.

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May 11, 2022 by 3 PM



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