

the tax year commencing on the first day of July, a tax not to exceed fifty (50¢) cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed value based upon the State and county assessments on all real and personal property as the needs of the town may require. Provided, however, that the Mayor and Common Council shall have the power by ordinance to exempt not exceeding \$500.00 of household goods of each person from taxation. Such tax shall be in default after the first day of October of each year and shall thereafter bear interest at one per centum (1%) per month until paid. The Treasurer of said town shall calculate the amount of taxes due by each person and shall render a bill to the address given on such lists of assessments either by depositing the same in the mail or otherwise, or if the address of any such person is unknown, to the best address ascertainable. All taxes on real estate not paid by the first day of January next succeeding their levy shall be collected as provided by Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall not become effective until it has been submitted to the qualified voters of the town of Fairmount Heights, in Prince George's County, at the next regular municipal election on the first Monday in May, 1949. There shall be printed on the ballots to be used at said election the title of this Act and underneath said title on separate lines a square or box to the right of and opposite the words "For Increased Property Tax Rate", and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words "Against Increased Property Tax Rate", so that the voters shall be able to designate in the proper square or box their decision for or against the proposed increased property tax rate. If a majority of the votes cast on said question shall be "For Increased Property Tax Rate", then this Act shall thereupon become immediately effective. If a majority of the votes cast thereon shall be "Against Increased Property Tax Rate", then this Act shall be inoperative.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 22, 1949.