## **BOONSBORO**

Washington County

## Resolution of the Council of The Mayor and Council of Boonsboro to amend the Town Charter

Resolution of the Council of the Mayor and Council of Boonsboro, adopted pursuant to the authority of Article 11-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23-A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Corporations-Municipal," sub-title "Home Rule," subheading "Charter Amendments," as said section was enacted by Chapter 423 of the Laws of Maryland of 1955, to amend the Charter of the Mayor and Council of Boonsboro, as said Charter appears in the Code of Public Local Laws of Washington County (1957 Edition), by adding a new section to said Charter immediately following Section 94 thereof, to be known as Section 94A, such new section providing that, notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 93 and 94 of said charter, the Mayor and Council, by ordinance duly passed, is authorized and empowered to grant partial exemptions from real property taxes imposed by it, not to exceed a specified maximum, to certain qualified persons; said new section providing that the Mayor and Council is authorized to establish and change the qualifications necessary to entitle persons to such partial exemptions but not below those specified as property owners who are of age 65 or over, who have a total gross income or combined total gross income, of \$2,000.00 or less per year and who have resided in said property for the preceding 3 years; that the Mayor and Council is prohibited from granting an exemption or deduction from assessment greater than \$2,500.00 or 50% of the assessed valuation whichever is lesser, that the Mayor and Council is prohibited from altering any of the specified qualifications in such manner that a greater number of persons would become entitled to said exemption than would be entitled if said qualifications were strictly applied, but that the Mayor and Council may tighten said qualifications, impose other restrictions, reduce said exemption figure, not grant any exemption or repeal any exemption previously granted.

- Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Mayor and Council of Boonsboro that the Charter of the Mayor and Council of Boonsboro be amended by adding a new section thereto to be known as Section 94A to follow immediately after existing Section 94; said new section to read as follows:
- 94A. Partial exemption from Town taxes for certain persons authorized.
- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 93 and 94 of this Charter to the contrary, the Mayor and Council by ordinance duly passed, is authorized and empowered to grant partial exemptions from real property taxes imposed by it not to exceed the maximum exemption obtainable under the following qualifications: AGE—sixty-five (65) years or over for one owner or sixty-five (65) years or over for one joint owner; RESI-DENCY—bona fide residence as a permanent home in the property for which the exemption is sought in the Town of Boonsboro for the three (3) years next preceding the date of the application for the exemption; INCOME—total gross income from all sources or combined total gross income of joint owners from all sources, as the case may be, not exceeding