

homes that have been substantially improved since the last assessment; providing for the computation of the tax credit; providing for continuing compliance with the local housing code as a condition of eligibility for the tax credit; providing that the tax credit is transferable; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a property tax credit for homes in Baltimore City that have been substantially improved.

BY adding to

Article - Tax - Property

Section 9-304(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1986 Volume and 1993 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Tax - Property

9-304.

(D) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(II) "DWELLING" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-105(A)(2) OF THIS TITLE.

(III) "HOMEOWNER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-105(A)(3) OF THIS TITLE.

(2) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY MAY GRANT, BY LAW, A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AGAINST THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON A DWELLING THAT:

(I) IS OWNED BY A HOMEOWNER;

(II) HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED SINCE THE LAST REASSESSMENT; AND

(III) IS REASSESSED AT A HIGHER VALUE.

(3) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL EQUAL THE AMOUNT OF COUNTY PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON THE INCREASED VALUE OF THE DWELLING THAT IS DUE TO THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE PROPERTY, MULTIPLIED BY:

(I) 100% FOR THE FIRST TAXABLE YEAR FOLLOWING THE FIRST REASSESSMENT AFTER THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE;

(II) 80% FOR THE SECOND TAXABLE YEAR FOLLOWING THE FIRST REASSESSMENT AFTER THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE;

(III) 60% FOR THE THIRD TAXABLE YEAR FOLLOWING THE FIRST REASSESSMENT AFTER THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE;