

Committee: Directly to Council **Committee Review:** At a future date

Staff: Robert H. Drummer, Senior Legislative Attorney **Purpose:** To introduce agenda item – no vote expected **Keywords:** #Transportation&SchoolImprovements

AGENDA ITEM 13B January 12, 2021 Introduction

SUBJECT

Expedited Bill 2-21, Taxation – Development Impact Taxes for Transportation and Public School Improvements - Amendments – Effective Date

Lead Sponsor: County Council

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

• To introduce Bill – no vote expected

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

Bill 2-21 would change the effective date of Chapter 37, Laws of Montgomery County 2020 (Bill 38-20).

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

Should the effective date for Bill 38-20 be made consistent with the previously adopted impact tax and Utilization Premium Payment rates.

This report contains:

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Legislative Request Report	©3
Final Re-enacted Bill 38-20	©4

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MEMORANDUM

January 7, 2021

TO: County Council

FROM: Robert H. Drummer, Senior Legislative Attorney

SUBJECT: Expedited Bill 2-21, Taxation - Development Impact Taxes for Transportation

and Public School Improvements - Amendments - Effective Date

PURPOSE: Introduction – No Council vote required

Expedited Bill 2-21, Taxation - Development Impact Taxes for Transportation and Public School Improvements - Amendments - Effective Date, sponsored by Lead Sponsor, County Council, is scheduled to be introduced on January 12, 2021. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for January 19, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.¹

Bill 38-20, Taxation - Development Impact Taxes for Transportation and Public School Improvements – Amendment was enacted with an effective date of February 26, 2021. The revised impact tax rates and the rates for the new Utilization Premium Payment tax were all set to take effect on February 26 as well. However, the Executive vetoed the Bill. Therefore, the Bill did not take effect until the Council overrode the Executive's veto on December 8. Due to the Executive's veto and the Council enactment over the veto, the Bill is now set to take effect 91 days after December 8, or March 9. Under Charter Section 112, a non-expedited bill takes effect 91 days after it becomes law.

Bill 38-20 was enacted as part of the Council's approval of the Subdivision Staging Policy (Growth and Infrastructure Policy). Bill 3-21 would change the effective date of Chapter 37, Laws of Montgomery County 2020 (Bill 38-20) back to February 26, 2021, consistent with the Council's intent. If Bill 2-21 is enacted, the effective date for Bill 38-20 would then become consistent with the effective date for the Utilization Premium Payment tax rates and the revised impact tax rates adopted along with the Subdivision Staging Policy (Growth and Infrastructure Policy) in November.

This packet contains:	<u>Circle #</u>
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Expedited Bill No. 2-21
Concerning: <u>Taxation</u> – <u>Development</u>
Impact Taxes for Transportation and
Public School Improvements -
Amendments – Effective Date
Revised: <u>12-9-20</u> Draft No. <u>1</u>
Introduced: January 12, 2021
Expires: July 12, 2022
Enacted:
Executive:
Effective:
Sunset Date: None
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: County Council

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

Change the effective date of Chapter 37, Laws of Montgomery County 2020

By amending

Chapter 37, Laws of Montgomery County 2020

Boldface Heading or defined term. **Underlining** Added to existing law by original bill. [Single boldface brackets] Deleted from existing law by original bill. Double underlining Added by amendment. [[Double boldface brackets]] Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment. Existing law unaffected by bill.

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1	Sec. 1. Chapter 37, Laws of Mont. Co. 2020 is amended as follows:	
2	Sec. 2. Effective date -Transition.	
3	This Act takes effect on [March 9, 2021] February 26, 2021. The amendment	ıts
4	in Section 1 must apply to:	
5	(1) any application for a building permit filed on or after February 2	26,
6	2021; except for	
7	(2) any dwelling unit in a development for which a preliminary pla	an
8	application is filed prior to February 26, 2021 that includes 25	%
9	affordable units as defined in Sections 52-41(g)(1) through 52-41(g)(4)
10	or 52-54(d)(1) through 52-54(d)(4); or	
11	(3) any development in a former Enterprise Zone for which a prelimina	ry
12	plan application is filed and accepted before January 1, 2021.	
13	Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.	
14	The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immedia	ite
15	protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date on which it becom	es
16	law.	
17	Approved:	
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10	Tom Hucker, President, County Council Date	
19	Approved:	
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	Marc Elrich, County Executive Date	
21	This is a correct copy of Council action.	
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	Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq., Clerk of the Council Date	

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

Expedited Bill 2-21

Taxation – Development Impact Taxes for Transportation and Public School Improvements - Amendments – Effective Date

DESCRIPTION: Bill 2-21 would change the effective date of Chapter 37, Laws of

Montgomery County 2020.

PROBLEM: When the Council overrode the Executive's veto of Bill 38-20, the

effective date for the law was pushed back to March 9, 2021.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Change the effective date of Bill 38-20 back to February 26, 2021.

COORDINATION:

FISCAL IMPACT: To be provided

ECONOMIC

To be provided

IMPACT:

EVALUATION: To be provided

EXPERIENCE

To be researched

N/A

ELSEWHERE:

SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

Robert H. Drummer, Senior Legislative Attorney

APPLICATION

WITHIN

MUNICIPALITIES:

PENALTIES: N/A

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Bill No. Concerning: Taxation -Development Impact Taxes for Transportation and Public School Improvements Amendments Revised: <u>12/08/2020</u> Draft No. July 29, 2020 Introduced: Enacted: November 16, 2020 Executive: Vetoed: November 30, 2020 Re-enacted after Veto: December 8, 2020 March 9, 2021 Effective: Sunset Date: None Ch. 37 , Laws of Mont. Co.

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Planning Board

AN ACT to:

- (1) update transportation and school impact tax districts;
- (2) establish impact tax rates by school impact tax districts;
- (3) eliminate the school impact tax premium on certain types of dwelling units;
- (4) modify the applicability of development impact tax exemptions for certain uses and in certain locations; [[and]]
- (5) <u>establish a Utilization Premium Payment for certain developments to reduce school overcapacity; [[and]]</u>
- (6) define an agricultural facility;
- (7) provide a discount on certain impact tax rates for certain types of developments and for developments in certain areas; and
- (8) generally amend the law governing transportation and school development impact taxes.

By amending

Montgomery County Code

Chapter 52, Taxation

Sections <u>52-39</u>, 52-41, 52-49, <u>52-50</u>, <u>52-52</u>, <u>52-54</u>, <u>52-55</u>, [[and]] <u>52-58</u>, <u>and <u>52-59</u></u>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Sections <u>52-39</u>, 52-41, 52-49, <u>52-50</u>, <u>52-52</u>, 52-54, 52-55, [[and]] 52-

2 58, and 52-59 are amended as follows:

52-39. Definitions.

- In this Article the following terms have the following meanings:
- Additional capacity means a new road, [[widening an existing road,]] adding an additional lane or turn lane to an existing road, or another transportation improvement that:
 - (1) increases the maximum theoretical volume of traffic that a road or intersection can accommodate, or implements or improves transit, pedestrian and bike facilities or access to non-auto modes of travel; and
 - (2) is classified as a minor arterial, arterial, parkway, major highway, controlled major highway, or freeway in the County's Master Plan of Highways, or is similarly classified by a municipality. The Director of Transportation may find that a specified business district street or industrial street also provides additional capacity as defined in this provision.

Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance policy area transportation adequacy standards means standards by which the area-wide adequacy of transportation facilities serving a proposed development are judged. APFO policy area transportation adequacy standards do not include requirements for other onsite or off-site transportation improvements that may be separately required or standards relating to local area review which may be independently required.

Agricultural facility means a building or structure, or portion of a building or structure that is used exclusively for the storage or processing of an

27	<u>agricultural</u>	product to prepare the product for market and is located in the
28	<u>Agricultural</u>	Reserve, Rural Residential, RE-1 or RE-2 Zones.
29	Applicant m	eans the property owner, or duly designated agent of the property
30	owner, of	land on which a building permit has been requested for
31	developmen	i.
32		* * *
33	52-41. Imposition	and applicability of development impact taxes.
34		* * *
35	(c) The fo	ollowing impact tax districts are established:
36	(1)	White Flint: The part of the White Flint Metro Station Policy
37		Area included in the White Flint Special Taxing District in
38		Section 68C-2;
39	(2)	Red Policy Areas: Bethesda CBD, Chevy Chase Lake, [[Dale
40		<u>Drive/Manchester Place,]] Forest Glen, Friendship Heights</u>
41		Grosvenor, Glenmont, [[Long Branch, Lyttonsville/Woodside]]
42		Lyttonsville, Medical Center, Purple Line East, Rockville Town
43		Center, Shady Grove [[Metro Station]], Silver Spring CBD
44		[[Takoma/Langley]] Takoma, Twinbrook, [[and]] Wheator
45		CBD and Woodside;
46	(3)	Orange Policy Areas: Bethesda/Chevy Chase, Burtonsville
47		Crossroads, [Chevy Chase Lake,] Clarksburg Town Center
48		Derwood, Gaithersburg City, Germantown Town Center
49		Kensington/Wheaton, [Long Branch,] North Bethesda, R&D
50		Village, Rockville City, Silver Spring/Takoma Park
51		[Takoma/Langley,] White Flint, except the portion that is
52		included in the White Flint Special Taxing District in Section
53		68C-2, and White Oak Policy Areas;

54		(4)	Yellow Policy Areas: Aspen Hill, Clarksburg, Cloverly,
55			Fairland/Colesville, Germantown East, Germantown West,
56			Montgomery Village/Airpark, North Potomac, Olney, and
57			Potomac Policy Areas; and
58		(5)	Green Policy Areas: Damascus, Rural East, and Rural West
59			Policy Areas.
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61	(g)	A de	velopment impact tax must not be imposed on:
62		(1)	any Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit built under Chapter 25A
63			or any similar program enacted by either Gaithersburg or
64			Rockville[,];
65		(2)	any other dwelling unit built under a government regulation or
66			binding agreement that limits for at least 15 years the price or
67			rent charged for the unit in order to make the unit affordable to
68			households earning less than 60% of the area median income
69			adjusted for family size;
70		(3)	any Personal Living Quarters unit built under [Sec. 59-A-6.15]
71			Section 59-3.3.2.D, which meets the price or rent eligibility
72			standards for a moderately priced dwelling unit under Chapter
73			25A;
74		(4)	any dwelling unit in an Opportunity Housing Project built under
75			Sections 56-28 through 56-32, which meets the price or rent
76			eligibility standards for a moderately priced dwelling unit under
77			Chapter 25A;
78		(5)	[any non-exempt dwelling unit in a development in which at least
79			25% of the dwelling units are exempt under paragraph (1), (2)
80			(3), or (4), or any combination of them;

81		6]	any d	evelopment located in an enterprise zone designated by the
82			State	[or in an area previously designated as an enterprise zone];
83		<u>(6)</u>	excep	ot for a development located in the City of Rockville, any
84			devel	opment located in a Qualified Opportunity Zone certified
85			by the	<u>United States Treasury Department;</u>
86		(7)	a hou	se built by high school students under a program operated
87			by the	e Montgomery County Board of Education; [and] or
88		(8)	a farn	n tenant dwelling.
89	(h)	The	develop	oment impact tax does not apply to:
90		(1)	any re	econstruction or alteration of an existing building or part of
91			a bui	lding that does not increase the gross floor area of the
92			build	ing;
93		(2)	any a	ncillary building in a residential development that:
94			(A)	does not increase the number of dwelling units in that
95				development; and
96			(B)	is used only by residents of that development and their
97				guests, and is not open to the public; and
98		(3)	any b	building that replaces an existing building on the same site
99			or in	the same project (as approved by the Planning Board or the
100			equiv	alent body in Rockville or Gaithersburg) to the extent of the
101			gross	floor area of the previous building, if:
102			(A)	[[construction begins]] an application for a building permit
103				is filed within four years [[one year]] after demolition or
104				destruction of the previous building was substantially
105				completed; [[or]]
106			(B)	the Director of the Department of Permitting Services or
107				the Director's designee finds that the applicant was unable

within four years after demolition or destruction of the previous building was substantially completed due to circumstances beyond the control of the applicant or the applicant's agents; or (C) the previous building is demolished or destroyed, after the replacement building is built, by a date specified in phasing plan approved by the Planning Board of equivalent body. However, if in [[either]] any case the development impact that that would be due on the new, reconstructed, or altered building is greater than the tax that would have been due on the previous building if it were taxed at the same time, the applicant must page the difference between those amounts. 52-49. Tax rates. (g) Any non-exempt dwelling unit in a development in which at least 259 of the dwelling units are exempt under Section 52-41(g)(1) must page the tax discounted by an amount equal to the [[lowest standard]] impact tax rate applicable in the [[County]] Red Policy Area for that unit type development located in the City of Rockville, and development located in a Desired Growth and Investment Area, a			
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130 <u>defined in the 2020-2024 Growth and infrastructure Polic</u>	130		defined in the 2020-2024 Growth and Infrastructure Policy
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	133		Orange Policy Area; or

134	(2) [[32%]] 68% of the otherwise applicable rate if located in a
135	Yellow Policy Area.
136	52-50. Use of impact tax funds.
137	Impact tax funds may be used for any:
138	(a) new road[[, widening of an existing road,]] or total reconstruction of all
139	or part of an existing road [[required as part of widening of an existing
140	road,]] that adds an additional lane or turn lane [[highway or
141	intersection capacity]] or improves transit service or bicycle
142	commuting, such as bus lanes or bike lanes;
143	* * *
144	52-52. Definitions.
145	In this Article all terms defined in Section 52-39 have the same
146	meanings, and the following terms have the following meanings:
147	* * *
148	Public school improvement means any capital project of the Montgomery
149	County Public Schools that adds to the number of teaching stations in a public
150	school.
151	School service area means the geographically defined attendance area for an
152	individual school.
153	52-54. Imposition and applicability of tax.
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155	(c) The following public school impact tax districts are established, as
156	identified in the County Growth Policy:
157	(1) <u>Infill Impact Areas; and</u>
158	(2) <u>Turnover Impact Areas [[; and</u>
159	(3) Greenfield Impact Areas]].
160	(d) The tax under this Article must not be imposed on:

161	(1)	any Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit built under Chapter 25A
162		or any similar program enacted by either Gaithersburg or
163		Rockville[,];
164	(2)	any other dwelling unit built under a government regulation or
165		binding agreement that limits for at least 15 years the price or
166		rent charged for the unit in order to make the unit affordable to
167		households earning equal to or less than 60% of the area median
168		income, adjusted for family size;
169	(3)	any Personal Living Quarters unit built under Section 59-
170		3.3.2.D, which meets the price or rent eligibility standards for a
171		moderately priced dwelling unit under Chapter 25A;
172	(4)	any dwelling unit in an Opportunity Housing Project built under
173		Sections 56-28 through 56-32, which meets the price or rent
174		eligibility standards for a moderately priced dwelling unit under
175		Chapter 25A;
176	(5)	[any non-exempt dwelling unit in a development in which at least
177		25% of the dwelling units are exempt under paragraph (1), (2),
178		(3), or (4), or any combination of them;
179	(6)]	any development located in an enterprise zone designated by the
180		State; [or in an area previously designated as an enterprise zone;
181		or]
182	<u>(6)</u>	except for a development located in the City of Rockville, any
183		development located in a Qualified Opportunity Zone certified
184		by the United States Treasury Department; or
185	(7)	a house built by high school students under a program operated
186		by the Montgomery County Board of Education.
187	[[(d)]] <u>(e)</u>	The tax under this Article does not apply to:

188	(1)	any r	reconstruction or alteration of an existing building or part of
189		a bui	lding that does not increase the number of dwelling units of
190		the b	uilding;
191	(2)	any a	ncillary building in a residential development that:
192		(A)	does not increase the number of dwelling units in that
193			development; and
194		(B)	is used only by residents of that development and their
195			guests, and is not open to the public; and
196	(3)	any t	building that replaces an existing building on the same site
197		or in	the same project (as approved by the Planning Board or the
198		equiv	valent body in Rockville or Gaithersburg) to the extent of the
199		numl	per of dwelling units of the previous building, if:
200		(A)	[[construction begins]] an application for a building permit
201			is filed within four years [[one year]] after demolition or
202			destruction of the previous building was substantially
203			completed; [[or]]
204		(B)	the Director of the Department of Permitting Services or
205			the Director's designee finds that the applicant was unable
206			to apply for a building permit or commence construction
207			within four years after demolition or destruction of the
208			previous building was substantially completed due to
209			circumstances beyond the control of the applicant or the
210			applicant's agents; or
211		<u>(C)</u>	the previous building is demolished or destroyed, after the
212			replacement building is built, by a date specified in a
213			phasing plan approved by the Planning Board or
214			equivalent body.

215		However, if in [[either]] <u>any</u> case the tax that would be due on the new,
216		reconstructed, or altered building is greater than the tax that would have
217		been due on the previous building if it were taxed at the same time, the
218		applicant must pay the difference between those amounts.
219	[[(e)]]	(f) If the type of proposed development cannot be categorized under
220		the residential definitions in Section 52-39 and 52-52, the Department
221		must use the rate assigned to the type of residential development which
222		generates the most similar school enrollment characteristics.
223	[[(f)]]	(g) A Clergy House must pay the impact tax rate that applies to a
224		place of worship under Section 52-41(d) if the house:
225		(1) is on the same lot or parcel, adjacent to, or confronting the
226		property on which the place of worship is located; and
227		(2) is incidental and subordinate to the principal building used by the
228		religious organization as its place of worship.
229		The place of worship tax rate does not apply to any portion of a Clergy
230		House that is nonresidential development.
231	52-55. Tax r	rates.
232	(a)	The Council must establish the [Countywide] rates for each school
233		impact tax district [the tax under this Article] by resolution after a
234		public hearing advertised at least 15 days in advance.
235	(b)	[The tax on any single-family detached or attached dwelling unit must
236		be increased by \$2 for each square foot of gross floor area that exceeds
237		3,500 square feet, to a maximum of 8,500 square feet.]
238		[[Any non-exempt single-family attached or multifamily unit located in
239		a Desired Growth and Investment Area, as defined in the County
240		Growth Policy, must pay the tax at 60% of the otherwise applicable
241		rate.

- 242 (c)]] Any Productivity Housing unit, as defined in Section 25B-17(j), must 243 pay the tax at 50% of the otherwise applicable rate.
 - [[(d)]] (c) The County Council by resolution, after a public hearing advertised at least 15 days in advance, may increase or decrease the rates established under this Section.
 - [[(e)]] (d) The Director of Finance, after advertising and holding a public hearing as required by Section 52-17(c), must adjust the tax rates set in or under this Section effective on July 1 of each odd-numbered year in accordance with the update to the Subdivision Staging Policy using the latest student generation rates and school construction cost data. The Director must calculate the adjustment to the nearest multiple of one dollar. The Director must publish the amount of this adjustment not later than May 1 of each odd-numbered year.
 - [[(f)]] (e) Any non-exempt dwelling unit in a development in which at least 25% of the dwelling units are exempt under Section [[52-41(g)(1)]] 52-54(d)(1) must pay the tax discounted by an amount equal to the [[lowest standard]] impact tax rate applicable in the [[County]] Infill School Impact Area for that unit type up to the amount of the impact tax otherwise applicable.
 - (f) A three-bedroom multi-family dwelling unit located in an Infill Impact

 Area must pay the tax at 40% of the otherwise applicable rate.

52-58. Credits.

- (a) Section 52-47 does not apply to the tax under this Article.
- 265 (b) A property owner must receive a credit for constructing or contributing
 266 to an improvement of the type listed in Section 52-56(d), including
 267 costs of site preparation.

268	<u>(c)</u>	[A property owner may receive credit for constructing or contributing
269		to other physical school facility improvements not listed in Section 52-
270		56(d) if the Montgomery County School Board agrees to the
271		improvement.
272	<u>(d)</u>]]	A property owner may receive credit for land dedicated for a school
273		site, if:
274		(1) the density calculated for the dedication area is excluded from
275		the density calculation for the development site; and
276		(2) the Montgomery County School Board agrees to the site
277		dedication.
278	[(b)]	[[(e)]] (d) If the property owner elects to make a qualified
279		improvement or dedication, the owner must enter into an agreement
280		with the Director of Permitting Services, or receive a development
281		approval based on making the improvement, before any building permit
282		is issued. The agreement or development approval must contain:
283		(1) the estimated cost of the improvement or the fair market value of
284		the dedicated land, if known then[,];
285		(2) the dates or triggering actions to start and, if known then, finish
286		the improvement or land transfer;
287		(3) a requirement that the property owner complete the improvement
288		according to Montgomery County Public Schools standards; and
289		(4) such other terms and conditions as MCPS finds necessary.
290	[(c)]	[(f)] (e) MCPS must:
291		(1) review the improvement plan or dedication;
292		(2) verify costs or land value and time schedules;
293		(3) determine whether the improvement is a public school
294		improvement of the type listed in Section 52-56(d)[[, meets the

295		requirements of subsection (c),]] or meets the dedication
296		requirements in subsection [(a)] [[(d)]] (c);
297	(4)	determine the amount of the credit for the improvement or

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- (4) determine the amount of the credit for the improvement or dedication; and
- (5) certify the amount of the credit to the Department of Permitting Services before that Department or a municipality issues any building permit.
- An applicant for subdivision, site plan, or other [(d)][[(g)]](f)development approval from the County, Gaithersburg, or Rockville, or the owner of property subject to an approved subdivision plan, development plan, floating zone plan, or similar development approval, may seek a declaration of allowable credits from MCPS. MCPS must decide, within 30 days after receiving all necessary materials from the applicant, whether any public school improvement which the applicant has constructed, contributed to, or intends to construct or contribute to, will receive a credit under this subsection. If during the initial 30-day period after receiving all necessary materials, MCPS notifies the applicant that it needs more time to review the proposed improvement, MCPS may defer its decision an additional 15 days. If MCPS indicates under this paragraph that a specific improvement is eligible to receive a credit, the Director of Permitting Services must allow a credit for that improvement. If MCPS cannot or chooses not to perform any function under this subsection or subsection (c), the Department of Permitting Services must perform that function.
- [(e)] [[(h)]] (g) (1) A property owner must receive a credit for constructing or contributing to the cost of building a new single

321		family	y residence that meets Level I Accessibility Standards, as
322		define	ed in Section 52-107(a).
323	(2)	The c	redit allowed under this Section must be as follows:
324		(A)	If at least 5% of the single family residences built in the
325			project meet Level I Accessibility Standards, then the
326			owner must receive a credit of \$250 per residence.
327		(B)	If at least 10% of the single family residences built in the
328			project meet Level I Accessibility Standards, then the
329			owner must receive a credit of \$500 per residence.
330		(C)	If at least 25% of the single family residences built in the
331			project meet Level I Accessibility Standards, then the
332			owner must receive a credit of \$750 per residence.
333		(D)	If at least 30% of the single family residences built in the
334			project meet Level I Accessibility Standards, then the
335			owner must receive a credit of \$1,000 per residence.
336	(3)	Appli	cation for the credit and administration of the credit must
337		be in	accordance with Subsections 52-107(e) and (f).
338	(4)	A per	son must not receive a tax credit under this Section if the
339		person	n receives any public benefit points for constructing units
340		with a	accessibility features under Chapter 59.
341	[(f)] [[<u>(i)</u>]] <u>(</u>]	<u>1)</u>	The Director of Finance must not provide a refund for a
342	credit	which	is greater than the applicable tax.
343	[(g)] [[(j)]] <u>(</u>	<u>i)</u>	Any credit issued under this Section before December 31,
344	2015	expire	s 6 years after the Director certifies the credit. Any credit
345	issued	l unde	r this Section on or after January 1, 2016 expires 12 years
346	after t	he Dir	rector certifies the credit.

[(h)] [[(k)]] (j) After a credit has been certified under this Section, the property owner or contract purchaser to whom the credit was certified may transfer all or part of the credit to any successor in interest of the same property. However, any credit transferred under this subsection must only be applied to the tax due under this Article with respect to the property for which the credit was originally certified.

52-59. [[Reserved]] <u>Utilization Premium Payment</u>.

- (a) In addition to the tax due under this Article, an applicant for a building permit must pay to the Department of Finance a Utilization Premium Payment if such payment was required under the Annual School Test in effect at the time the building was approved.
 - (b) The Council by resolution, after a public hearing advertised at least 15 days in advance, must establish the rates for the Utilization Premium Payment.
 - (c) The Director of Finance, after advertising and holding a public hearing, must adjust the rates set in or under this Section effective on July 1 of each odd-numbered year in accordance with the update to the Subdivision Staging Policy using the latest student generation rates and school construction cost data. The Director must calculate the adjustment to the nearest multiple of one dollar. The Director must publish the amount of this adjustment not later than May 1 of each odd-numbered year.
 - (d) The Payment must be paid at the same time and in the same manner as the tax under this Article.
- 371 (e) The Department of Finance must retain funds collected under this
 372 Section in an account to be appropriated for any public school

373		<u>ımpr</u>	ovement that adds capacity designed to alleviate overutilization in
374		the so	chool service area from which the funds were collected.
375	<u>(f)</u>	The !	Utilization Premium Payment must not be imposed on any:
376		<u>(1)</u>	Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit built under Chapter 25A or any
377			similar program enacted by either Gaithersburg or Rockville;
378		<u>(2)</u>	other dwelling unit built under a government regulation or
379			binding agreement that limits for at least 15 years the price or
380			rent charged for the unit in order to make the unit affordable to
381			households earning equal to or less than 60% of the area median
382			income, adjusted for family size;
383		<u>(3)</u>	Personal Living Quarters unit built under Section 59-3.3.2.D,
384			which meets the price or rent eligibility standards for a
385			moderately priced dwelling unit under Chapter 25A; or
386		<u>(4)</u>	dwelling unit in an Opportunity Housing Project built under
387			Sections 56-28 through 56-32, which meets the price or rent
388			eligibility standards for a moderately priced dwelling unit under
389			Chapter 25A.
390	Sec. 2	2. <u>Eff</u> e	ective date - Transition.
391	<u>This</u>	Act	takes effect on [[February 26, 2021]] March 9, 2021. The
392	amendment	s in Se	ection 1 [[take effect on March 1, 2021 and]] must apply to:
393	<u>(1)</u>	any	application for a building permit filed on or after [[March 1]]
394		<u>Febru</u>	<u>uary 26, 2021;</u> except <u>for</u>
395	<u>(2)</u>	[[that	the amendments related to discounts or exemptions for projects
396		with	25% MPDUs must only apply to]] any dwelling unit in a
397		deve	lopment for which a preliminary plan application is filed [[and
398		accep	oted on or after]] prior to [[March 1]] February 26, 2021 that

399		includes 25% affordable units as defined in Sections 52-41(g)(1)
400		through 52-41(g)(4) or 52-54(d)(1) through 52-54(d)(4); or
401	<u>(3)</u>	any development in a former Enterprise Zone for which a preliminary
402		plan application is filed and accepted before January 1, 2021.

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