

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2024-02

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2024

**Title of Resolution:** Tax Credit - Historic Property – Schoolhouse known as Town Point School.

**Synopsis:** A Resolution to approve a property tax credit of 10% of the documented expenses spent by the owner-taxpayer for the restoration and preservation of the Schoolhouse known as Town Point School, a historic designated structure in Cecil County.

**Introduced by:** Council President at the request of the County Executive

**Introduced and ordered posted on:** January 16, 2024, postponed to January 23, 2024

**Scheduled for consideration on:** February 6, 2024

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

Notice of time and title of Resolution having been posted by January 16, 2024, postponed to January 23, 2024 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on February 6, 2024.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

**Explanation:** CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATE LANGUAGE ADDED TO EXISTING DOCUMENT  
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1           **WHEREAS**, Division I, Title 8, Subtitle 1, §8-104 et seq. of the Land Use Article, Annotated Code of  
2 Maryland authorizes the County to establish regulations and procedures to designate a property as a  
3 historic district; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Article XI, Part IV, Historic District of the Cecil County Zoning Ordinance provides the  
5 regulations and procedures to preserve historic districts, landmarks, sites, or structures of historical,  
6 archeological, or architectural significance, with their appurtenances and environmental settings, for the  
7 public welfare of the residents of Cecil County and

8           **WHEREAS**, the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland, approved the designation of Town  
9 Point School known as Schoolhouse, located at 19 Port Herman Road, Chesapeake City, MD, District 2,  
10 Tax Map 47, Parcel 007 on April 4, 2023; and

11           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 337-7, Credit granted, under Article III, Historic Property Tax Credit,  
12 Chapter 337 Taxation of the Code of Cecil County, a property tax of up to 10% of the properly documented  
13 expenses of a private owner-taxpayer for the restoration and preservation of a structure that Cecil County  
14 determines has historical value may be granted against the County property tax imposed; and

15           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 337-9, a property credit granted in one year under this article shall  
16 only be applied against the current year's property tax; and the amount of property tax credit to be granted  
17 shall not exceed the amount of property tax payable against said property in the year that the tax credit is  
18 granted; and credit; and

19           **WHEREAS**, Debra Lovejoy-Bland and Douglas L. Bland, are the owners of the property at 19 Port  
20 Herman Road, Chesapeake City, Maryland, also known as Town Point School or known as Schoolhouse; and

21           **WHEREAS**, Section 337-7 provides a property tax credit of up to 10% of the properly documented  
22 expense of the owner-taxpayer for the restoration and preservation of the said parcel; and

23           **WHEREAS**, Debra Lovejoy-Bland and Douglas L. Bland have presented properly documented  
24 receipts in the amount of \$8000.00 for restoration and preservation to Town Point School known as  
25 Schoolhouse, which has been reviewed and recommended by the Historic District Commission, as shown  
26 as Exhibit A; and

27           **WHEREAS**, the Real Property Tax bill for the property located at 19 Port Herman Road, Chesapeake  
28 City, Maryland, is an annual total of \$1,707.95, as shown in Exhibit B.

29           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**  
30   **MARYLAND**, that Debra Lovejoy-Bland and Douglas L. Bland owners and taxpayers at 19 Port Herman Road,  
31   Chesapeake City, Maryland, are entitled to a tax credit in the amount of \$800.00 on the real property tax.

32           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY** that this Resolution  
33   shall take effect on the date of its passage by the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland.

**INTRODUCED: January 23, 2024**

**ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_**

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President of the Council

ATTEST:

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Council Manager