

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2015-07**

BILL NO. 2015-05

Title of Bill: Discount - Property Tax Payment - July

Synopsis: A Bill amending Section 45-1 of the County Code to eliminate the 2% discount for payment of property taxes in July; and to provide authority for the County Council to establish an annual discount for payment of property tax by resolution.

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

Introduced and order posted on: April 7, 2015

Public hearing scheduled on: May 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Consideration scheduled on: June 2, 2015

By: _____
Council Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill having been posted by April 7, 2015 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, and having been published according to the Charter on April 29, 2015 and May 6, 2015, a public hearing was held on May 12, 2015 and concluded on May 12, 2015.

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Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.
{Brackets} indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.
Underlining indicates language added to ordinance by amendment.
~~Strike through~~ indicates language stricken out of an Ordinance by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, Part I, Chapter 45 (Finance and Taxation), § 45-1 (Collection of taxes), subsection (H), of
2 the Cecil County Code provides that, upon payment in full of a County property tax bill in the month of
3 July, and on the first semiannual installment payment of a County property tax bill in the month of July,
4 there shall be a discount of 2% of said bill, and upon payment in full of a County property tax bill in the
5 month of August, and on the first semiannual installment payment of a County property tax bill in the
6 month of August, there shall be a 0% discount in the amount of the property tax; and,

7 **WHEREAS**, modification of the discount provided for under § 45-1(H) of the Cecil County Code
8 must presently be accomplished by the passage of a Bill amending the Cecil County Code; and,

9 **WHEREAS**, the County desires to reduce the time and expense involved with enacting a Bill
10 amending the Code each time that it is deemed necessary and proper to modify the discount provided for
11 under § 45-1(H) by authorizing the discount to be established by resolution of the County Council.

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN**
13 **LEGISLATIVE SESSION**, that Part I, Chapter 45 (Finance and Taxation), § 45-1 (Collection of taxes),
14 subsection (H), of the Cecil County Code is amended as follows:

15 § 45-1 (Collection of taxes)

16 (H) Upon payment in full of a County property tax bill in the month of July, and on the
17 first semiannual installment payment of a County property tax bill in the month of July, there shall
18 be a discount of [2%] 0% of said bill, and upon payment in full of a County property tax bill in the
19 month of August, and on the first semiannual installment payment of a County property tax bill in
20 the month of August, there shall be a 0% discount in the amount of the property tax.

21 THE DISCOUNTS SET FORTH HEREIN MAY BE ESTABLISHED ANNUALLY BY RESOLUTION OF THE
22 COUNCIL.

23 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that
24 the amendments set forth herein shall be effective July 1, 2015 and shall continue in effect until changed
25 by the County Council.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

BY Council Manager