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2009 Legislative Session,
Legislative Day No. 16

Date: October 20, 2009

Introduced By: County Council

BILL NO. 2009- 13

AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY MARYLAND PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY SECTION 9-311(D) OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND TO GRANT A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AGAINST THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON PROPERTY OWNED BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF TALBOT & DORCHESTER COUNTIES, INC. BY ADDING ARTICLE XVII TO CHAPTER 144 OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE.

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted on official bulletin board of County, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613.

Ordered publication for once a week for two (2) successive weeks, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009 in Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland at 6:25 p.m.

By order:



Jane Baynard, County Manager

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SECTION ONE: BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND that Chapter 144 entitled Taxation shall be amended by adding new Article XVII, Section 144-53 and Section 144-54 to the Dorchester County Code to read as follows:

Article XVI

Tax Credit to Habitat for Humanity of
Talbot and Dorchester Counties, Inc.

§144-53 Statutory Authorization

“Pursuant to the authorization contained in §9-311(d) of the Tax-Property Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, Dorchester County may grant, by law, a tax credit against the County property tax imposed on real property that is owned by Habitat for Humanity of Talbot & Dorchester Counties, Inc.”

§144-53 Tax credit granted;

A. Dorchester County grants tax credit each year against the general County real property tax imposed on any real property that is:

(i) owned by Habitat for Humanity Of Talbot & Dorchester Counties, Inc. with the intention of relinquishing ownership in the immediate future;

(ii) used exclusively for the purpose of rehabilitation and transfer to a private owner; and

(iii) not occupied by administrative or warehouse buildings owned by Habitat for Humanity.

B. The Habitat for Humanity Of Talbot & Dorchester Counties, Inc. shall submit an annual written report to the governing body of Dorchester County documenting:

(i) all of Habitat For Humanity Of Talbot & Dorchester Counties, Inc.’s real property holdings in Dorchester County; and

(ii) all transactions involving Habitat for Humanity of Talbot & Dorchester Counties, Inc.'s real property holdings in Dorchester County.

(iii) that the property or properties qualify for the tax credit under Section 144-53(A).

C. The property tax credits herein granted shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2009.

SECTION TWO: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that General Code Publishers is directed to codify Article XVII, §144-53 and §144-54 of Chapter 144 in the Dorchester County Code accordingly.

SECTION THREE: AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that this Bill shall be known as Bill No. 2009-13, Dorchester County, Maryland and that this act shall be applicable to all tax years beginning after June 30, 2009.

PASSED this 17TH day of NOVEMBER, 2009.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: Jane Baynard Jay L. Newcomb
Jane Baynard, County Manager Jay L. Newcomb, President

APPROVED this 17TH day of NOVEMBER, 2009.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND:

BY: Jane Baynard Jay L. Newcomb
Jane Baynard, County Manager Jay L. Newcomb, President

Elzey - aye
Price - aye
Newcomb - aye
Travers - aye
Nichols - aye