

CITY COUNCIL

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Subject: **Ordinance 1140 concerning Amending Chapter 177 Article V
Tax Credit for Qualifying First Responders
(Public Hearing)**

Date: **2/21/2024**

Notice: Any comments made after 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the Council Meeting will not be seen in the agenda packet.

- Purpose:
- FYI
 - Read and Comment as Needed**
 - Action Required by March 4, 2024**
 - In Confidential File Drawer

Approve:

Johnny Boker Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Casi Boyer Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Vicki Jones Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Jim Ringsaker Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Jason Robertson Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Tammy Lynn Schneegas Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Note: N/A

CITY COUNCIL
OF
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 1140

Introduced by _____ Council Member Boyer

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND SECTIONS 33 AND 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 177, ARTICLE V: TAXATION

On: February 20, 2024
at: 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing is scheduled for March 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

EXPLANATION
Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.
[Bold Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Amendments proposed prior to final adoption will be noted on a separate page with line references or by handwritten changes on the draft legislation.

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32 BE IT ORDAINED, that Chapter 177, Article V, Sections 177-19 D. Amount of Credit and 177-
33 21 B. Enhanced Credit is hereby amended as follows:

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35 Article V. Tax Credit for Qualifying First Responders of the Police Department,
36 Susquehanna Hose Company, Inc. and Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps, Inc.

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38 § 177-19. **Amount of credit.**

39 D. Maximum Credit. The maximum basic or lifetime tax credit per household is \$1,000. The
40 maximum enhanced tax credit per household is \$1,000. The maximum tax credit for an
41 individual member or sworn officer in any combination (basic, lifetime, and/or enhanced
42 from either SHCO and/or HDGAC) shall not exceed \$1,000 per person annually, and
43 shall apply against the household maximum. Under no circumstance should the tax credit
44 exceed the current year's tax bill. If the tax credit for an individual member or household
45 exceeds the current year's tax bill for the respective property, then the maximum credit
46 allowable will be the total tax bill.

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48 § 177-21. **Eligibility.**

49 B. Enhanced Credit

- 50 1. For members of the SHCO or the HDAC, Enhanced Credit is available for any
- 51 member who has met the eligibility requirement for the Basic Credit or Lifetime
- 52 Credit for each respective organization, and who annually meets the following
- 53 additional service requirements:
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- 55 a. On an annual basis, such a member has at least ~~[75]~~ 72 apparatus runs or rides on
- 56 an actual piece of equipment responding to a dispatch call, whether or not such
- 57 call is in the home box.
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- 59 b. Up to approximately 30% of the rides or runs eligible for Enhanced Credit [~~(25~~
- 60 ~~rides)]~~ (24 rides) may be comprised of duty hours equal to three duty hours per
- 61 ride or run if the member was on-call and available to respond on any apparatus
- 62 at the station but no calls were dispatched for that piece of equipment during the
- 63 on-call time.
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65 **NOW THEREFORE**, it is determined, decided, and ordained by the City Council that the
66 foregoing amendments to the City Code as restated above are hereby approved.

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68 ADOPTED by the City Council of Havre de Grace, Maryland this ____ day of March, 2024.

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70 SIGNED by the Mayor and attested by the Director of Administration this ___ day of March, 2024.

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73 ATTEST:

THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND

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76 _____
77 Christopher Ricci
78 Director of Administration

William T. Martin
Mayor

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80 Introduced/First Reading: 2/20/2024
81 Public Hearing:
82 Second Reading/Adopted:
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84 Effective Date:
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86 Legislative History
87 Ordinance No. 911, enacted 4/15/2010
88 Ordinance No. 1065, enacted 3/8/2022

Public Hearing