

CITY COUNCIL

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Subject: **Ordinance 1221 concerning Establishing the City's Tax Rate for
FY 2027**

Date: **5/5/2026**

(Public Hearing)

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- Purpose:
- FYI
 - Read and Comment as Needed**
 - Action Required by May 11, 2026**
 - In Confidential File Drawer

Approve:

Johnny Boker Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Casi Boyer Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Matthew Ellis Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Vicki Jones Yes No No Comment
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Jim Ringsaker Yes No No Comment
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Tammy Lynn Schneegas Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Note: N/A

CITY COUNCIL
OF
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 1221

Introduced by Council Member Ellis

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY PROVIDED BY THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE TITLE 6 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027 ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSABLE REAL PROPERTY, PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL TAX LEVIED WITHIN THE CRITICAL AREA SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT AND SETTING THE SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE SEMI-ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT OPTION

On: May 4, 2026

at: 7:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing is scheduled for May 11, 2026 at 6:00 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.

33 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace are authorized by the Local
34 Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Tax-Property Article Title 6 of
35 the Annotated Code of Maryland to fix tax rates on all taxable property within City limits, and
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37 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council have determined to set the real property tax rate
38 at Fifty-Six and One-Half Cents (\$0.565) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessable
39 real property on the assessment books of the City of Havre de Grace, Maryland, and
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41 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council have determined to set the personal property tax
42 rate at One Dollar Seventy and One-Half Cents (\$1.705) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
43 of assessable personal property on the assessment books of the City of Havre de Grace, Maryland,
44 and to grant a one year tax credit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for personal property tax
45 payers, and
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47 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council have determined to set the real property tax rate
48 at an additional Four and Four-Tenths Cents (\$0.044) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of
49 assessable real property (but not personal property) on the assessment books of the City of Havre
50 de Grace, located within the Critical Area Taxing District, and
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52 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council have determined to set the service charge
53 applicable to the semi-annual property tax payment option at One and Three Hundredth Percent
54 (1.03%) of the amount of tax due at the second installment.
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56 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, in accordance with the authority vested in the
57 Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace, by law and the Charter of the City of Havre de Grace,
58 that the terms and conditions of this Ordinance be and the same is hereby adopted for the purpose
59 of establishing the following tax rates for the City of Havre de Grace for the fiscal year July 1,
60 2026 through June 30, 2027.
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62 Section 1. **BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY**
63 **COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE** that the tax rate generally applicable throughout the City of
64 Havre de Grace for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 be and is
65 hereby fixed at Fifty-Six and One-Half Cents (\$0.565) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of
66 assessable real property on the assessment books of the City of Havre de Grace, Maryland.
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68 Section 2. **BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY**
69 **COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE**, that the tax rate generally applicable throughout the City of
70 Havre de Grace for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 be and is
71 hereby fixed at One Dollar Seventy and One-Half Cents (\$1.705) on each One Hundred Dollars
72 (\$100.00) of assessable personal property on the assessment books of the City of Havre de Grace,
73 Maryland and to grant a one-time tax credit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for personal
74 property tax payers for this tax year.
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76 Section 3. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND**
77 **CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE**, that the tax rate generally applicable throughout the
78 City of Havre de Grace for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 be and

79 is hereby fixed to be an additional Four and Four-Tenths Cents (\$0.044) on each One Hundred
80 Dollars (\$100.00) of assessable real property (but not personal property) on the assessment books
81 of the City of Havre de Grace, located within the Critical Area Taxing District.

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83 Section 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND
84 CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, that the service charge applicable to the semi-annual
85 property tax payment option shall be One and Forty Seven Hundredth Percent (1.03%) of the
86 amount of tax due at the second installment.

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88 Section 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall
89 take effect as of July 1, 2026 and the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to enforce
90 payment of the aforesaid taxes in accordance with applicable law.

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92 **NOW THEREFORE**, it is determined, decided, and ordained by the City Council that the
93 foregoing amendments to the City Code are hereby approved.

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95 ADOPTED by the City Council of Havre de Grace, Maryland this ___ day of _____, 2026.

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97 SIGNED by the Mayor and attested by the Director of Administration this _____ day of _____,
98 2026.

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101 ATTEST: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
102 OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND
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106 _____
107 Christopher Ricci
108 Director of Administration
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111 William T. Martin
112 Mayor

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115 Public Hearing:
116 Second Reading/Adopted:
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