

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

**OF**

**DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2019 Legislative Session,  
Legislative Day No. 4

Introduced By: County Council

BILL NO. 2019-4

AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND PURSUANT TO SECTION 9-232 OF THE TAX PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 144-56(C) AND SECTION 144-57(F) OF ARTICLE XVIII OF CHAPTER 144 OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN JULY 1, 2019 AND JUNE 30, 2022, AND INCLUDE A COMPLETE AUTOMATIC FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEM, AND ARE USED AS THE PRINCIPAL RESIDENT OF THE HOMEOWNER, ARE QUALIFIED FOR THE RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER SYSTEM TAX CREDIT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ACT SHALL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2023, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ACT SHALL APPLY TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX BILLINGS AS OF JULY 1, 2019.

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted on the 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, June 4, 2019, Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland at 6:20 p.m.

By order:



William V. Nichols  
President of the County Council  
of Dorchester County, Maryland

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SECTION ONE: Acting under Section 9-232 of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Act"), be it ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, that Section 144-56(C) and Section 144-57(F) of Article XVIII of Chapter 144 of the Dorchester County Code be repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

**Chapter 144**

**TAXATION**

**ARTICLE XVIII**

**Residential Sprinkler System Tax Credit**

**§ 144-56. Definitions.**

In this article, the following words have the meanings indicated.

QUALIFIED PROPERTIES – Residential properties that:

- A. Include a complete automatic fire protection sprinkler system; and
- B. Used as the principal residence of the homeowner; and
- C. Constructed between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2022.

§ 144-57. Tax credit granted; expiration of provisions.

F. This article expires on June 30, 2023.

SECTION TWO: Be it further ENACTED and ORDAINED, by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that General Code Publishers is directed to codify the Amendments to Article XVIII of Chapter 144 in the Dorchester County Code accordingly.

SECTION THREE: Be it further ENACTED, pursuant to Section 308 of the Charter of Dorchester County, Maryland that promptly after enactment of this Act, the County Manager shall cause a fair summary of this Act to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in Dorchester County, Maryland.

SECOND FOUR: Be it further ENACTED and ORDAINED, by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that this Bill shall be known as Bill No. 2019-4 of Dorchester County, Maryland and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final passage, and shall expire on June 30, 2023. This Act shall apply to the real property tax billings as of July 1, 2019.

PASSED this 4th day of June, 2019.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:   
Keith Adkins  
County Manager

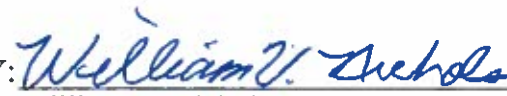
BY:   
William V. Nichols  
President

APPROVED this 4th day of June, 2019.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:   
Keith Adkins  
County Manager

BY:   
William V. Nichols  
President

Newcomb - aye  
Nagel - aye  
Nichols - absent  
Pfeffer - aye  
Travers - aye