



Bill No. 23-13  
Concerning: Updating the Arts and Entertainment  
Property Tax Credit expiration date  
Introduced: May 2, 2023  
Revised: \_\_\_\_\_ Draft No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Enacted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expires: July 31, 2023  
Frederick County Code, Chapter 1-8  
Section(s) 411

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: Vice President Kavonté Duckett

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**AN ACT** to: Update the Arts and Entertainment Property Tax Credit expiration date

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Date Council Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Transmitted to Executive: \_\_\_\_\_

Executive: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date returned to Council by County Executive with no action: \_\_\_\_\_

By amending:

Frederick County Code, 1-8 Section(s) 411

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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2 The County Council of Frederick County, Maryland, finds it necessary and appropriate to  
3 amend the Frederick County Code to update the expiration date of the Arts and Entertainment  
4 Property Tax Credit.

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6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF  
7 FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Frederick County Code be, and it is hereby,  
8 amended as shown on the attached Exhibit 1.

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Brad W. Young, President  
County Council of Frederick County,  
Maryland

2 **ARTICLE X: ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROPERTY TAX CREDIT (§ 1-8-411)**

3 **§ 1-8-411. ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROPERTY TAX CREDIT.**

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5 (A) Establishment. The Downtown Frederick Arts and Entertainment Property Tax Credit is  
6 hereby established.

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8 (B) Boundaries. This Downtown Frederick Arts and Entertainment Property Tax Credit shall  
9 apply only within the Downtown Frederick Arts and Entertainment District. The  
10 boundaries of the Downtown Frederick Arts and Entertainment District are shown on a  
11 map that is on file in the Office of the County Director of Treasury and a copy of the map  
12 is attached to and made a part of Ordinance 04-14-358 as Exhibit A.

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14 (C) Qualifications. To qualify for the Downtown Frederick Arts and Entertainment Property  
15 Tax Credit, a property must:

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17 (1) Be located within the Frederick Arts and Entertainment District;

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19 (2) Have been used, before renovation, as a manufacturing, commercial or industrial  
20 building; and

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22 (3) Be wholly or partially renovated for use by a qualifying residing artist or an arts and  
23 entertainment enterprise.

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25 (D) Amount. The amount of the county property tax credit shall be equal to the amount of any  
26 county property tax increase that is attributable to the renovation, subject to the phasing  
27 schedule in subsection (F).

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29 (E) Duration. This county property tax credit shall run for a period not to exceed 7  
30 consecutive tax years. The first tax year the tax credit shall become available for an  
31 eligible building shall be the first tax year in which a building's property taxes would  
32 otherwise have increased due to the qualifying renovation (the "first tax year"). The last  
33 tax year the county property tax credit shall be available for a building shall be the earlier  
34 to occur of:

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36 (1) The sixth tax year that follows the first tax year; or

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38 (2) The tax year in which a building is no longer used by a qualifying residing artist or an  
39 arts and entertainment enterprise.

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41 (F) Phasing schedule. County property tax credits shall be phased out in accordance with the  
42 following schedule:

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<i><b>Tax Year</b></i>	<i><b>Percent of County Property Tax Credit Granted in a Tax Year</b></i>
1	100%
2	100%
3	100%
4	100%
5	75%
6	50%
7	25%
8 and thereafter	0%

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2 (G) Expiration. The Arts and Entertainment District County Property Tax Credit Program

3 shall expire on June 30, 2033 [2023], and applicants may not apply for a county property

4 tax credit for any qualifying renovation that commences after June 30, 2033 [2023]. Any

5 qualifying renovation project already accepted into the program by this date shall

6 continue to receive the county property tax credit as provided in this section.

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8 (H) Fire tax. This property tax credit shall be a credit only from the county real property tax

9 imposed pursuant to Md. Code Ann. Tax-Property Article § 6-202 and shall not be a

10 credit from any special taxing district tax for fire and rescue services imposed pursuant to

11 Frederick County Public Local Law § 2-8-6 or similar legislation.

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13 (I) Applications. A property owner may apply for a county property tax credit under this

14 article by submitting an application to the County Director of Treasury.

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16 (J) Definitions. The terms used herein shall have the same meanings as provided in the

17 applicable sections of the Annotated Code of Maryland, unless expressly provided

18 otherwise.

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