

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

May 16, 2017
Legislative Session Day

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CODE HOME RULE
BILL NO. 2-2017

INTRODUCED BY: William W. Pickrum, President of the Board of County Commissioners for Kent County, Maryland.

AN ACT to amend Chapter 152 Taxation to add Article VIII Property Tax Credit – Commerce Zones §152-33, §152-34, and §152-35, to the Code of Public Local Laws of Kent County, Maryland for the purpose of authorizing a certain property tax credit for certain business entities that obtain certain new, improved, or expanded premises in a certain commerce zones in Kent County; providing for the amount and duration of the property tax credit; authorizing the County Commissioners of Kent County to provide, by law, for certain matters relating to the tax credit; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit in Kent County for real property located in certain commerce zones.

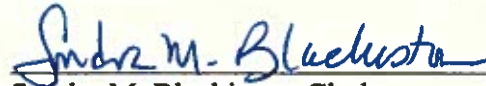
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William W. Pickrum, President

INTRODUCED, read first time, May 16, 2017, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled on May 30, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners Hearing Room, R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., Kent County Government Center, 400 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland.

By Order of:



Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING

HAVING been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and copies having been made available to the public and the press, a public hearing was held on May 30, 2017. Reported favorably ~~with~~ [without] amendments; read second time and ordered to be considered on June 6, 2017, a legislative session day.

A BILL ENTITLED CHR 2-2017 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – COMMERCE ZONES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND that Chapter 152, Taxation is hereby amended to add Article VIII, §152-33, §152-34, and §152-35, as follows:

**ARTICLE VIII
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – COMMERCE ZONES**

§152-33 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – COMMERCE ZONES

(A) DEFINITIONS. IN THIS ARTICLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

(1) “COMMERCE ZONE” MEANS A PRIORITY FUNDING AREA IN KENT COUNTY DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY AS A COMMERCE ZONE AND ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION.

(2) “NEW, IMPROVED, OR EXPANDED PREMISES” MEANS COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING A BUILDING OR PART OF A BUILDING THAT HAS NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED, WHERE A BUSINESS ENTITY LOCATES TO CONDUCT BUSINESS.

(B) PROGRAM. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY MAY GRANT, BY LAW, A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION AGAINST THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2015 ON REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

§152-34 QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – COMMERCE ZONES.

(A) TO QUALIFY FOR A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION, A BUSINESS ENTITY SHALL OBTAIN NEW, IMPROVED, OR EXPANDED PREMISES IN A COMMERCE ZONE BY:

- (1) PURCHASING NEWLY CONSTRUCTED PREMISES;**
- (2) CONSTRUCTING NEW PREMISES;**
- (3) CAUSING NEW PREMISES TO BE CONSTRUCTED; OR**

(4) IMPROVING EXISTING PREMISES FOR OCCUPATION BY THE BUSINESS ENTITY.

§152-35 COMPUTATION OF PROPERTY TAX CREDIT COMMERCE ZONES

(A) IF A BUSINESS ENTITY MEETS THE DEFINITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTIONS 153-33 AND 153-34 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT GRANTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL EQUAL A PERCENTAGE OF THE AMOUNT OF COUNTY PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON THE ASSESSMENT OF THE NEW, IMPROVED, OR EXPANDED PREMISES, AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) 50% FOR EACH OF THE FIRST 5 TAXABLE YEARS;**
- (2) 25% IN TAXABLE YEARS 6 AND 7;**
- (3) 15% IN TAXABLE YEARS 8 THROUGH 10; AND**
- (4) 0% FOR EACH TAXABLE YEAR THEREAFTER.**

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the County Commissioners of Kent County that this Act shall take effect on the 20th day of July, 2017.

Read Third Time June 6, 2017

PASSED this 6th day of June, 2017.

Failed of Passage _____



By Order of:

Sondra M. Blackiston
Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY

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William W. Pickrum, President

Ronald H. Fithian
Ronald H. Fithian, Member

William A. Short
William A. Short, Member

ORDERED a fair summary thereof of the entire bill shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County, not less than three times at weekly intervals within a four week period.