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New tax credit available for disabled or fallen first responders and spouses

SALISBURY, Md. – Applications are open for a new Wicomico County property tax credit for permanently disabled first responders and surviving spouses of the fallen.

This Heroes Act became effective Aug. 8 after the Wicomico County Council passed the bill and it was approved by Acting County Executive John Psota. Eligible workers are law enforcement officers; correctional officers; and fire, rescue or emergency medical services personnel who were working for an entity located in Wicomico County when they became permanently disabled due to their work.

Surviving spouses of workers who died as a result of their work as a law enforcement officer; correctional officer; or fire, rescue or emergency medical services personnel are also eligible.

Approved applicants will receive a total annual credit of 100% of the Wicomico County real property tax, up to \$1,500 each year. Once approved, this will continue annually until the property is no longer the applicant's residence or until the surviving spouse remarries.

The brief application can be downloaded at WicomicoCounty.org, under the tax information page or picked up at the Finance Office and must be received by the close of business Sept. 30. County officials will follow up to receive additional information. The complete legislative bill (Legislative Bill 2022-07) may be found at this link: <http://www.wicomicocounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/11428/Leg-Bill-2022-07-INTRODUCED>

If the applicant has already paid taxes for Fiscal Year 2023 and is approved for the tax credit, a refund will be provided for the appropriate amount.

The completed form should be submitted to the Wicomico County Executive's Office, Government Office Building, Room 303, emailed to accounting@wicomicocounty.org or PO Box 870, Salisbury, Md., 21803-0870.

For more information, call the Executive's Office at 410-548-4801.