

State of Maryland - Charter Amendment Petition

We, the undersigned voters of Baltimore City, hereby petition to have this amendment of the Baltimore City Charter submitted to a vote of the registered voters of Baltimore City, for approval or rejection at the next general election. *The full text of the proposed amendment appears on the back of this signature page and its subject and purpose are as follows:*

To place upper limits on the real property tax rate in Baltimore City, lowering the current \$2.248 rate by capping it at \$2.20 per \$100 of assessed value on July 1, 2025, \$2.10 per \$100 of assessed value on July 1, 2026, then gradually reducing the cap by 18 cents each year thereafter until the rate is permanently capped at \$1.20 per \$100 of assessed value beginning July 1, 2031. The Mayor and City Council will continue to set the property tax rate annually, subject to the limits established by the amendment. The amendment adds Section 6A to Article I – General Provisions of the Baltimore City Charter. Capping the property tax rate aligns Baltimore City with surrounding counties, brings equity to City taxpayers and widens the path to home ownership. It encourages investment and growth in the City's population, tax base, employment and economy. Upon ratification of the amendment by City voters, the first annual limit shall become effective July 1, 2025.

NOTICE TO SIGNERS: Sign and print your name (1) as it appears on the voter registration list, OR (2) your surname of registration AND at least one full given name AND the initial of any other names. Please print or type all information other than your signature. Post Office Box addresses are not generally accepted as valid. By signing this petition, you agree that the aforementioned charter amendment proposal should be placed on the ballot as a question at the next general election and that, to the best of your knowledge, you are registered to vote in Baltimore City and are eligible to have your signature counted for this petition.

Please Note: The information you provide on this petition is public information and may be used to change your voter registration address.

1	Print Name:	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birth Date:	Month	Date	Year	
	Signature:					Date of Signature:	Month	Date	Year
	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip			
2	Print Name:	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birth Date:	Month	Date	Year	
	Signature:					Date of Signature:	Month	Date	Year
	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip			
3	Print Name:	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birth Date:	Month	Date	Year	
	Signature:					Date of Signature:	Month	Date	Year
	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip			
4	Print Name:	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birth Date:	Month	Date	Year	
	Signature:					Date of Signature:	Month	Date	Year
	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip			

Individual Circulator's printed or typed name

Residence Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (including area code)

Circulator's Affidavit Under penalties of perjury, I swear (or affirm) that:

(a) I was at least 18 years old when each signature was obtained;

(b) the information given to the left identifying me is true and correct;

(c) I personally observed each signer as he or she signed this page; and

(d) to the best of my knowledge and belief: (i) all signatures on this page are genuine; and (ii) all signers are registered voters of Maryland. *(Sign and Date when signature collection is completed)*

Circulator's Signature

Date (mm/dd/yy)

Article I – General Provisions

[Sections 1 through 6 and 7 through 18 remain unchanged and are not reprinted here; Section 6A, below, is new language.]

§ 6A. Limits on taxation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, and except for property exempt by law, the uniform rate of taxation which shall be levied and imposed on every \$100 of assessed or assessable value of real property in Baltimore City, as determined by the Mayor and City Council pursuant to Article II, Section 39 of this Charter, shall be:

- (a) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, no higher than \$2.200;
- (b) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, no higher than \$2.100;
- (c) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027, no higher than \$1.920;
- (d) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2028, no higher than \$1.740;
- (e) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2029, no higher than \$1.560;
- (f) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2030, no higher than \$1.380; and
- (g) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2031, and for each and every fiscal year thereafter, no higher than \$1.200.