

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 is as follows:*

To incorporate percentage caps on real property tax rates in Article II, Sec. 39 of the Baltimore City Charter. The proposed amendment would go into effect if at the election the majority of the votes cast for and against the amendment shall be in favor thereof, the amendment shall be adopted and become a part of the Charter of Baltimore City from and after the thirtieth day after the election. The property tax cap would start at 2.00% in the 2023-2024 fiscal year and decrease to 1.25% over a period of five fiscal years.

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 support the purpose of the petition process of placing this charter amendment on the ballot as a question at the next general election and that, to the best of your information and belief, 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	
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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 II – General Powers

§ 39. Property taxes.

(a) In general.

To assess for tax purposes, levy annually and collect taxes upon every description of property found within the corporate limits of the City which the City is authorized by law to levy tax upon for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the municipal government, whether the owners thereof reside within or without the limits of the City.

(b) Administration.

To create such department, bureau or other agency as it may deem appropriate to make all such assessments, and to confer upon the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, or other similar body, appellate jurisdiction from and over such assessing agency to the same extent that the State Tax Commission now has over the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, reserving, however, to the State Tax Commission appellate jurisdiction over the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, or other similar body, as now or hereafter provided by law; to have power to provide by ordinance or otherwise for the prompt collection of taxes due the City, and to have power to sell real estate, as well as personal property, for the payments of taxes; provided, that no authority is given by this subsection (39) to impose taxes on any property which is now or may hereafter be exempted from taxation by any general or special act of the General Assembly of Maryland, nor upon any property which may be stored or deposited in the City for temporary purposes.

(c) Exemptions.

To provide by general ordinance, whenever it shall seem expedient for the encouragement of the growth and

development of manufacturing industry in the said City, for the exemption, from any or all taxes levied by authority of the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, of any or all tools (including mechanical tools), implements, whether worked by hand, steam or other motive power, machinery, manufacturing apparatus or engines used in manufacturing, whether temporarily idle or not, raw materials on hand and manufactured products in the hands of the manufacturer, and any or all other personal property actually employed or used in the business of manufacturing in the said City.

Any such exemption from taxes shall apply to all persons, firms and corporations engaged in the branches of manufacturing industry proposed to be benefited by any ordinance passed under the provisions of this paragraph.

(d) Real property tax rates.

The real property tax rate for all classes of Baltimore City property will be the following:

2.00% for Baltimore City’s fiscal year starting on 7/1/23;

1.85% for Baltimore City’s fiscal year starting on 7/1/24

1.70% for Baltimore City’s fiscal year starting on 7/1/25

1.55% for Baltimore City’s fiscal year starting on 7/1/26

1.40% for Baltimore City’s fiscal year starting on 7/1/27

1.25% for Baltimore City’s fiscal year starting on 7/1/28; and

For Baltimore City’s fiscal years starting on 7/1/29 and each fiscal year thereafter, Baltimore City’s real property tax rate for all classes of Baltimore City property shall not exceed 1.25%