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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

8103 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, Maryland 20707-2502

**TWENTY-EIGHTH REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025
6:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES**

The meeting convened via Zoom at approximately 6:00 pm with Council President Kyla M. Clark presiding. Councilwoman Christine M. Johnson, Councilman Jeffrey W. Mills, Councilman Adrian G. Simmons, and Mayor Keith R. Sydnor were present. Councilman James Kole had an excused absence. There was one (1) member of the public in attendance.

The following staff members were also present: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator, Tim Miller, Acting Deputy City Administrator, Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, City Clerk, Bill Bailey, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, Monta L. Burrough, Director, Department of Economic and Community Development, Chrissy Cornwell, Director, Department of Community Resources and Emergency Management, Chief Russell E. Hamill, III, LPD, Tommy Helms, Acting Director, Department of Public Works, S. Michele Saylor, Director, Department of Budget and Personnel Services, James Cornwell-Shiel, Director, Department of Information Technology, Deputy Chief Mark Plazinski, Stephanie P. Anderson, City Solicitor and Marchelle LeBlanc, Director, Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center.

Agenda Item No. 3 was approval of the following minutes:

- February 24, 2025 Regular Meeting
- March 5, 2025 Work Session

Councilman Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment that the February 24, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes include the vote taken on Resolution No. 3-2025. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present.

Next, the Mayor and City Councilmembers provided their reports regarding events and happenings since the last meeting and made announcements regarding upcoming meetings and events.

Mayor Sydnor noted that the following Proclamations had been issued by his Office:

- Bleeding Disorders Month
- American Red Cross Month
- Good Sportsmanship Month
- Women's History Month

Agenda Item No. 5 was the following Mayoral Appointment:

- Eileen Stokes Board of Trustees 03/10/2025-03/10/2029

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the appointment. Councilman Simmons seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present.

Agenda Item No. 6 was the General Public Hearing. President Clark opened the General Public Hearing at approximately 6:27 pm. Mr. Joseph Pruden, Congressman Glenn F. Ivey's Office provided an update on the new Federal Administration and the work that Congressman Ivey was doing on his constituents' behalf. There was no one else signed up to speak. President Clark closed the General Public Hearing at approximately 6:39 pm.

Agenda Item No. 7 was the Fleet Acquisition for a 2025 Ford E-350 Service Body. Mr. Tommy Helms, Acting Director, Department of Public Works presented the bid recommending it be awarded to Apple Ford in Columbia, Maryland for \$62,500. Councilman Simmons made a motion to approve the Fleet Acquisition as presented. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present.

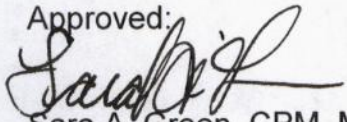
Agenda Item No. 8 was a Bid Recommendation for the Automated Speed Enforcement Camera Program Contract. Chief Russell E. Hamill, III, Laurel Police Department presented the bid recommending approval to ride the current Calvert County, Maryland contract for Speed Enforcement Services. The contract would be \$3,499.00 per month, per site, not including credit card payment processing fees. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the bid as presented. Councilman Simmons seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present.

Next, Agenda Item No. 9 was Introduction and First Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2039 An Ordinance Amending the General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and to Provide an Effective Date. President Clark read the title into the record for the first public hearing. S. Michele Saylor, Director, Department of Budget and Personnel Services presented the ordinance. President Clark opened the public hearing at 6:50 pm. There was no one signed up to speak. President Clark closed the public hearing at 6:50 pm and noted that the Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on the item would be at the March 24, 2025 meeting at 6:00 pm.

The last agenda item was Introduction and First Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2040 An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Amending Laurel City Code Chapter 16 "Taxation", Article I, Section 16-10 "Elderly and Veteran Tax Credit Program" and Providing an Effective Date. President Clark read the title into the record for the first public hearing. Councilman Adrian G. Simmons presented the proposed ordinance. President Clark opened the public hearing at approximately 6:53 pm. There was no one signed up to speak. President Clark closed the public hearing at approximately 6:53 pm and noted that the Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on the item would be at the March 24, 2025 meeting at 6:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:53 pm.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sara A. Green', written over the printed name.

Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC
City Clerk

Date: March 24, 2025

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TWENTY-EIGHTH REGULAR MEETING

Monday March 10, 2025

6:00 PM

Agenda

Virtual Meeting

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1. Call to Order – Kyla M. Clark, President
2. Roll Call- Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, City Clerk
3. Approval of Minutes
 - February 24, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - March 5, 2025 Work Session
4. Report of the Mayor and City Council
5. Mayoral Appointment

Eileen Stokes	Board of Trustees	03/10/2025-03/10/2029
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6. General Public Hearing
7. Fleet Acquisition- 2025 Ford E-350 Service Body- Department of Public Works
8. Bid Recommendation- Automated Speed Enforcement Camera Program Contract- Laurel Police Department
9. Introduction and First Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2039- An Ordinance Amending the General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program of the Mayor and City Council of

Laurel, Maryland, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and to Provide an Effective Date

10. Introduction and First Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2040- An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Amending Laurel City Code Chapter 16 "Taxation", Article I, Section 16-10 "Elderly and Veteran Tax Credit Program" and Providing An Effective Date

11. Adjournment

Mayor and City Council Voting Record

March 10, 2025 6:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Meeting Ended: 6:53 pm

Members of the Public: 1

Staff Attendance:

- Christian L Pulley Bill Bailey Chrissy Cornwell James Cornwell-Shiel Tim Miller
 Monta Burrough Chief Russell Hamill S. Michele Saylor Danny Selby Natalie Williams
 Stephanie Anderson Mark Plazinski

Roll Call

- Councilman Mills Councilman Kole Councilwoman Johnson
 Councilman Simmons President Clark Mayor Sydnor

Agenda Item No. 3- Approval of Minutes

- February 24, 2025 Regular Meeting
- March 5, 2025 Work Session

Amended to add vote on Resolution No. 3-2025

- yes Councilman Mills no seat Councilman Kole 202 Councilwoman Johnson
1st Councilman Simmons yes President Clark

Agenda Item No. 5- Mayoral Appointment

- Eileen Stokes Board of Trustees 03/10/2025-03/10/2029

yes Councilman Mills absent Councilman Kole 1st Councilwoman Johnson

2nd Councilman Simmons yes President Clark

Agenda Item No. 6- General Public Hearing

Open: 6:21pm Closed: 6:39pm.

Agenda Item No. 7-Fleet Acquisition- 2025 Ford E-350 Service Body- Department of Public Works

yes Councilman Mills absent Councilman Kole 2nd Councilwoman Johnson

1st Councilman Simmons yes President Clark

**Agenda Item No. 8- Bid Recommendation- Automated Speed Enforcement Camera Program
Contract- Laurel Police Department**

yes Councilman Mills absent Councilman Kole 1st Councilwoman Johnson

Jed Councilman Simmons Jed President Clark

Agenda Item No. 9- Introduction and First Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2039- An Ordinance Amending the General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 and to Provide an Effective Date

Open Public Hearing: 6:50pm

Closed Public Hearing: 6:50pm

Agenda Item No. 10- Introduction and First Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2040- An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Amending Laurel City Code Chapter 16 "Taxation", Article I, Section 16-10 "Elderly and Veteran Tax Credit Program" and Providing an Effective Date

Open Public Hearing: 6:53pm

Closed Public Hearing: 6:53pm



CITY OF LAUREL OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Item 5.

Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor

February 25, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kyla Clark, Council President
Laurel City Councilmembers
FROM: Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor *KRS*
SUBJ: Mayoral Appointment

I plan to make the following appointment at the March 10, 2025, Mayor and City Council meeting.

APPOINTMENT

Eileen Stokes

Board of Trustees

03/10/25 – 03/10/29

I look forward to your confirmation of this appointment.

ec: Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, City Clerk



**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

305-307 First Street • Laurel, Maryland 20707 (301) 725-0088

<http://www.cityoflaurel.org> • email – dpw@laurel.md.us Fax (301) 498-5266

February 18, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
President Kyla Clark
Laurel City Councilmembers

THRU: Joanne Barr, Deputy City Administrator *JHB*

FROM: Timothy Miller, Director, Public Works

SUBJ: Fleet Acquisition – 2025 Ford E-350 Service Body

The Department of Public Works is requesting approval for the purchase of a 2025 Ford E-350 Service Body for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Specifications:

This Department solicited several quotes including from vendors on state and county contracts. The accepted quote is from the Baltimore County contract #0004504 with Apple Ford of Columbia Maryland.

The quotes were as follows:

Apple Ford of Columbia - \$62,500
Upper Marlboro Ford - \$67,500
Bob Bell Ford of Glen Burnie - \$69,900

Funding:

Funding for this equipment is provided for in the FY2025 Adopted CIP Fleet Replacement Program. The cost for this vehicle is \$62,500 and this new addition will increase the fleet.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the purchase of this vehicle for a total cost of \$62,500 from Apple Ford of Columbia.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Timothy Miller at (301) 725-0088, extension 3206.

Reviewed for funding:

Michele Saylor

S. Michele Saylor, Director
Department of Budget and Personnel Services

2/18/2025

Date

cc: Christian Pulley, CPM, City Administrator



LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT

811 Fifth Street • Laurel, Maryland 20707

Item 8.

Russell E. Hamill, III
Chief of Police

February 10, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
Council President Kyla Clark
Laurel City Councilmembers

VIA: Joanne Barr, Deputy City Administrator

FROM: Russell E. Hamill, III, Chief of Police

SUBJ: Automated Speed Enforcement Camera Program Contract

The Laurel Police Department (LPD) is respectfully requesting permission to sign an agreement regarding Automated Enforcement Camera Program services (for speed enforcement) within the City of Laurel. We are requesting to "ride" on the agreement between our current vendor, Altumint, and Calvert County, Maryland, as is permissible under City policy. This agreement has been extensively reviewed by the City Solicitor, Department of Police personnel, as well as the Department of Budget and Personnel Services, and is believed to be the best option for our speed enforcement program at this time. The contract between the parties effectively addresses our program needs and allows for a seamless continuation of the current program, which we have been pleased with since the current vendor purchased our original vendor and assumed responsibility for the program/contract.

Specifications:

The Laurel Automated Enforcement Program, regarding speed enforcement, is respectfully requesting to "ride" the current Calvert County contract for speed enforcement services. The contract includes a flat fee per site for the maintenance of the equipment and issuing and mailing the citations.

Funding:

The costs associated with the program are paid from the proceeds of the paid citations issued prior to distribution of the remainder to the City.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve the continuation of the Automated Speed Enforcement Program with Altumint, via the Calvert County contract, per the provisions provided within that agreement.

Washington (301) 498-0092
Baltimore (410) 792-0137
Fax (301) 498-8003
TDD (301) 498-7735



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Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact me at (301) 498-0092, Extension 1130.

REVIEWED:

Michele Saylor

Michele Saylor, Director
Department of Budget and Personnel Services

2/26/2025

Date

Cc: Christian Pulley, City Administrator

Washington (301) 498-0092
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CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2039

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025 AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Sponsored by the City Council President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the FY2025 General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was adopted on May 28, 2024 through Ordinance No. 2026, and subsequently amended through Ordinance No. 2029, Ordinance No. 2031, Ordinance No. 2035, and Ordinance No. 2036, and

WHEREAS, Charter Resolution No. 180 was approved on January 27, 2025 with an effective date of March 18, 2025 dissolving the Department of Community Resources and Emergency Management; and creating the Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Human Services, and

WHEREAS, the adopted FY2025 General Operating Budget department references shall be revised to reflect the changes due to the approval of Charter Resolution No. 180, and

WHEREAS, a transfer shall be made of available CIP street project funds for the purpose of funding other street projects, and

WHEREAS, additional funding is needed for the Council Chambers broadcast equipment, and

WHEREAS, certain corrections are needed to the Employee Training and Tuition budgets, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland are required to amend the FY2025 General Operating Budget and CIP to reflect these changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the General Operating Budget and CIP for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 is hereby amended.

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

<u>REVENUES</u>	AMENDED ORD2036	CHANGE	AMENDED ORD2039
<u>REVENUE SUB-CATEGORY</u>			
4010 - R/E TAX REVENUE	\$27,384,119		\$27,384,119
4030 - PERSONAL PROP TAX	1,385,868		1,385,868
4040 - PERSONAL PROP-INT/PENTALTY	40,000		40,000
4050 - LOCAL TAXES	4,650,000		4,650,000
4060 - OTHER LOCAL TAXES	2,047,576		2,047,576
4110 - LICENSES	734,850		734,850
4130 - PERMITS	505,445		505,445
4210 - FEDERAL GRANTS	162,980		162,980
4230 - STATE GRANTS	737,825		737,825
4250 - COUNTY GRANTS	386,642		386,642
4310 - GENERAL GOV'T SERVICE CH	169,797		169,797
4340 - SANITATION SERVICE CHGS	176,000		176,000
4350 - SERVICE CHARGE-HEALTH	10,000		10,000
4370 - FACILITY RENTALS	163,890		163,890
4411 - SWIMMING POOL FEES	124,510		124,510
4413 - RECREATION PROGRAM FEES	82,500		82,500
4415 - P&R ACTIVITY FEES	89,800		89,800
4417 - P&R CONCESSION FEES	22,000		22,000
4430 - SENIOR PROGRAM FEES	15,300		15,300
4620 - POLICE FINES	2,780,600		2,780,600
4630 - CODE ENFORCEMENT FINES	3,250		3,250
4710 - INVESTMENT INTEREST	117,000		117,000
4720 - RENTAL INCOME	18,963		18,963
4730 - CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	600		600
4740 - SALE OF PROPERTY	14,500		14,500
4750 - MISC REFUNDS AND REBATES	86,780		86,780
4761 - POLICE ACCT RECEIPTS	45,000		45,000
4790 - OTHER MISC REVENUES	453,203		453,203
4840 - FUND TRANSFER	1,188,247		1,188,247
TOTAL REVENUE	\$43,597,245	\$0	\$43,597,245

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	AMENDED ORD2036	CHANGE	AMENDED ORD2039
<u>DEPARTMENT</u>			
201 - CITY COUNCIL	\$122,513		\$122,513
205 - CLERK TO THE COUNCIL	243,333		243,333
210 - MAYOR	649,079		649,079
215 - CITY ADMINISTRATOR	679,268		679,268
220 - ELECTIONS	17,445		17,445
225 - BUDGET & PERSONNEL SVCS	1,230,403		1,230,403
235 - COMMUNICATIONS	701,304		701,304
240 - ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEV	1,032,943		1,032,943
244 - SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS	62,532		62,532
250 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	2,860,863		2,860,863

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270 - COMMUNITY PROMOTION	184,287		184,287
280 - GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	945,518		945,518
281 - JOSEPH R. ROBISON - LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER	177,616		177,616
284 - PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY	128,126		128,126
285 - ROBERT J. DIPIETRO COMMUNITY CENTER	168,869		168,869
286 - ARMORY COMMUNITY CENTER	104,561		104,561
287 - LAUREL MUSEUM	13,000		13,000
288 - GUDE LAKEHOUSE	31,000		31,000
289 - MAIN ST. POOL MAINTENANC	82,670		82,670
290 - LPD FACILITY	312,121		312,121
291 - GREENVIEW DR REC COMPLEX	47,180		47,180
292 - P&R MAINTENANCE FACILITY	47,750		47,750
293 - GUDE HOUSE	73,841		73,841
294 - CRAIG A. MOE LAUREL MULITSERVICE CENTER	262,371		262,371
301 - POLICE	13,069,424		13,069,424
320 - FIRE MARSHAL & PERMIT SV	861,358		861,358
<u>325 - DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MGT</u>	702,952		702,952
<u>326 - DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES - CRAIG A. MOE LMSC - PROGRAMS</u>	563,417		563,417
401 - PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN	691,207		691,207
410 - AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE	1,180,819		1,180,819
415 - WASTE COLLECTION	1,196,135		1,196,135
420 - RECYCLING	353,009		353,009
425 - HIGHWAYS & STREETS MAINT	1,272,735		1,272,735
430 - SNOW REMOVAL	198,155		198,155
435 - STREET LIGHTING	268,970		268,970
440 - ENGINEERING&TECH SERVICES	253,898		253,898
445 - TRAFFIC ENGINEERING	156,637		156,637
450 - TREE MANAGEMENT	99,781		99,781
501 - PARKS & RECREATION ADMIN	877,205		877,205
505 - RECREATION	525,256		525,256
510 - MAIN ST POOL PROGRAMS	287,053		287,053
515 - ROBERT J. DIPIETRO COMMUNITY CENTER	328,708		328,708
520 - GREENVIEW DR PROGRAMS	129,133		129,133
525 - ARMORY COMMUNITY CTR PROG	214,021		214,021
<u>530 - DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES - LAUREL HELPING HANDS</u>	256,996		256,996
535 - GUDE LAKEHOUSE PROGRAMS	25,598		25,598
550 - SENIOR SERVICES	275,021		275,021
650 - PRINCIPAL	1,595,527		1,595,527
651 - INTEREST	81,438		81,438
652 - RETIREMENT	2,369,530		2,369,530
654 - PROPERTY INSURANCE	526,251		526,251
655 - BONDING INSURANCE	27,000		27,000
656 - EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	4,018,467		4,018,467
657 - OTHER MISC FINANCING USES	511,789		511,789
658 - SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT	-0-		200,000
810 - EMPLOYEE TRAINING	194,591	(7,500)	187,091
820 - EMPLOYEE TUITION	6,571	7,500	14,071
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$43,597,245		\$43,597,245

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROJECT	AMENDED ORD2035	CHANGES	AMENDED ORD2039
ALL OTHER PROJECTS	\$28,903,139		\$28,903,139
MORTON PLACE	28,010	55,000	83,010
STANLEY PLACE	33,305	115,000	148,305
EIGHTH STREET	214,930	100,000	314,930
LITTLE MONTGOMERY ST	51,100	6,454	57,554
CARROLL AVE	425,000	(178,289)	246,711
PARK AVE	247,100	(151,456)	95,644
CAMBRIDGE CIRCLE	285,500	(170,073)	115,427
SIDEWALKS	110,799	136,239	247,038
CURB AND GUTTER	65,727	87,125	152,852
COUNCIL CHAMBERS	330,000	15,000	345,000
TOTAL CIP	\$30,694,610	\$15,000	\$30,709,610

AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect on the date of its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC
City Clerk

KYLA M. CLARK
President of the City Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor

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CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2040

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND AMENDING LAUREL CITY CODE CHAPTER 16 "TAXATION", ARTICLE I, SECTION 16-10 "ELDERLY AND VETERAN TAX CREDIT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sponsored by Councilman Adrian G. Simmons.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 9-258 "Elderly Individuals and Veterans", of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland passed Ordinance No. 1927 on January 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland amended Laurel City Code Chapter 16 "Taxation", Article I, Section 16-10 "Elderly and Veteran Tax Credit Program", with the passage of Ordinance No. 2003, in accordance with amendments made by the State of Maryland effective June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the State of Maryland amended Section 9-258, "Elderly Individuals and Veterans" of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to remove the time limit for providing the tax credit of five (5) years, and authorizing municipalities in the State to set the duration of providing the tax credit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that Laurel City Code Chapter 16 "Taxation", Article I, Section 16-10 "Elderly and Veteran Tax Credit Program", shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

Sec. 16-10. - Elderly and veteran tax credit program.

(a) As authorized by the provisions of Ann. Code of Md., Tax-Property Article, § 9-258, the eCity shall allow a property tax credit against Ccity real property taxes imposed on a dwelling located within the corporate limits of the Ccity that is owned by an eligible individual, as that term is defined below. For purposes of this section a "dwelling" has the meaning stated in Ann. Code of Md., Tax-Property article, § 9-105, "Homestead Property Tax Credit.

(b) Eligibility. An individual is eligible to receive a real property tax credit if:

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(1)(i) The individual is at least sixty-five (65) years old;

(ii) The individual is at least sixty-five (65) years old and is a retired member of the uniformed services of the United States as defined in 10 U.S.C., Section 101, the military reserves, or the National Guard;

(iii) The individual is a surviving spouse, who is at least sixty-five (65) years old and has not remarried, of a retired member of the uniformed services of the United States as defined in 10 U.S.C., Section 101, the military reserves, or the National Guard;

(iv) The individual is an active duty, retired, or honorably discharged member of the uniformed services of the United States as defined in 10 U.S.C., Section 101, the military reserves, or the National Guard, and has a service-connected disability; or

(v) The individual is a surviving spouse of an individual described in subsection

(iv) of this section, and who has not remarried.

(2) With regard to the dwelling for which a property tax credit is sought, an eligible individual, as described in subsection (b)(1) above:

(i) Has lived in the same dwelling for at least the preceding ten (10) years;

(ii) The dwelling is located within the corporate limits of the Ccity; and

(iii) ~~The dwelling has a maximum assessed value of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) at the time the individual first applies for the credit, a maximum value that shall increase annually on July 1 of each year by the lesser of:~~ **The first \$500,000.00 of assessed value of a dwelling shall be eligible for application of the credit. This amount shall increase annually on July 1 of each year by the lesser of:**

A. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the preceding calendar year; or

B. Three (3) percent.

(3) The property for which the tax credit is sought shall be inspected prior to approval to assure that the property complies with all city property maintenance codes.

(c) Amount and duration of credit. The credit allowed under this section shall be twenty (20) percent of the Ccity property tax imposed on the dwelling **eligible assessed value of the dwelling**. The credit shall be granted each year ~~for a period of up to five (5) years~~, as long as the individual remains eligible for the credit - to include remaining an owner and occupying the dwelling, and the dwelling remains in compliance with the Ccity's property maintenance code. Should the individual receiving the credit become

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ineligible for the credit (by sale of the property or otherwise), or the dwelling to which the tax credit applies fails to comply with the Ccity's property maintenance codes, the tax credit shall be revoked.

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AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect on the date of its passage.

PASSED this ___ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC
City Clerk

KYLA M. CLARK
President of the City Council

APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2025.

KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor

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City of Laurel



**PROCLAMATION
2025 - 05**

WHEREAS: The City of Laurel recognizes that sports are a major social force that influences American culture and City of Laurel families; and

WHEREAS: those involved in sports, including coaches, players, and fans at all levels, should promote good sportsmanship and foster the development of positive characteristics for physical fitness and positive personal growth; and

WHEREAS: elements of sportsmanship reflect crucial skills that will help players thrive throughout their education. A strong sense of character and collaboration can also prepare them for the workplace; and

WHEREAS: sportsmanship can combat bullying and promote inclusion by providing a safe and healthy environment where players value respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS: fostering these qualities on the playing field can prevent harassment and reduce incidence of concussions and other injuries; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEITH R. SYDNOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, March 2025 as

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP MONTH

in the City of Laurel and encourage all citizens to join us to recognize and celebrate good sportsmanship to ensure quality sport environments for all.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith R. Sydnor".

**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**

City of Laurel



**PROCLAMATION
2025 - 06**

WHEREAS: Throughout American history, women and girls have made vital contributions, often in the face of discrimination and undue hardship. Courageous women marched for and won the right to vote, campaigned against injustice, shattered countless barriers, and expanded the possibilities of American life. Women served our Nation during World War II, led organizing and litigation efforts during the Civil Rights movement, and represented the United States on the global stage in the fight for human rights, peace, and security; and

WHEREAS: In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8, 1980, as National Women's History Week which continued until March 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as "Women's History Month"; and

WHEREAS: During Women's History Month, let us honor the accomplished and visionary women who have helped build our country and our city, and pay tribute to the trailblazers from the recent and distant past for daring to envision a future for which no past precedent existed, and for building a Nation of endless possibilities for all its women and girls; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEITH R. SYDNOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MARCH AS

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Laurel and encourage all citizens to observe and commemorate this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities and to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, 2025.

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**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**

City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2025-07

WHEREAS: *This month, we honor the American Red Cross for its humanitarian commitment to serve communities across the United States and around the world. We celebrate each and every selfless employee and volunteer as an ambassador of American generosity, who upholds a sacred mandate to leave no person behind; and*

WHEREAS: *In the aftermath of the Civil War, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross and has led with compassion and care, assisting neighbors and fellow Americans when they find themselves in some of the most agonizing circumstances they have ever faced. Throughout the biggest cities and the smallest towns, American Red Cross workers perform heroic acts of service across the United States and abroad; and*

WHEREAS: *The American Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters across the country every year, trains more than 4.6 million people in first aid, water safety and other skills that help save lives, delivers more than 6.3 million blood products to meet the needs of patients at 2,500 hospitals and other facilities across the country, and provides more than 540,000 services to service members, veterans, and their families; and*

WHEREAS: *During the month of March this year, the Red Cross celebrates the people who make its lifesaving mission possible. These community heroes include volunteers — who represent more than 90% of the Red Cross workforce — blood and platelet donors, financial donors, people trained in lifesaving skills, and other supporters; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR KEITH R. SYDNOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 2025 as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

in the City of Laurel and encourage all to observe this month with relevant programs, ceremonies, and activities and to support the work of service and relief organizations.

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**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**