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**CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND  
ORDINANCE 7-2013**

(Drafted by City Attorney)

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_

**An Ordinance to revise the local supplement to state homeowner's property tax credit percentage; to clarify that the historic preservation tax credit program is subject to funding limits set by the Council; to increase the rental occupancy license fees; and to increase parking meter rates.**

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget of the City of Mount Rainier, adopted by Ordinance 5-2013, the Council increased certain fees and charges and revised the terms of City certain tax credit programs; and

**WHEREAS**, by this Ordinance, the Council is amending provisions of the *Mount Rainier Code* in order to implement the fee, rate, and tax credit program changes set forth in the adopted Fiscal Year 2014 City budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND**, that:

**SECTION 1.** *Mount Rainier Code*, Chapter 2, Assessments and Taxation and Fees, Section 2-107, Local Supplement to State Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Program, is amended as follows:

**Section 2-107. Local Supplement to State Homeowner's<sup>2</sup> Property Tax Credit Program.**

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**B. Amount.**

1. A homeowner's property tax credit local supplement shall be allowed to eligible homeowners against the total City of Mount Rainier real property tax paid by the eligible homeowner for the tax year in which the local supplement is sought.
2. The amount of the homeowner's property tax credit local supplement shall be equal to ~~fifteen ten~~ percent (15% ~~10%~~) of the eligible homeowner's state homeowner's property tax credit for the tax year in which the local supplement is sought.
3. The amount of the homeowner's property tax credit local supplement shall not exceed the total City of Mount Rainier real property tax paid by the eligible homeowner for the tax year in which the local supplement is sought.

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**SECTION 2.** *Mount Rainier Code*, Chapter 2A, Historic Preservation Tax Credits, Section 2A-101, Historic/Architectural Preservation Tax Credit, is amended as follows:

**Section 2A-101. Historic/Architectural Preservation Tax Credit.**

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**C. Use of Historic Preservation Tax Credit.**

1. The amount of the City historic preservation tax credit is ten percent (10%) of the taxpayer's properly documented expenses for the approved project.

2. The tax credit applies to the next tax year after the year in which the project is completed and final approval of the tax credit is granted by the City Manager. The amount of the tax credit issued in any tax year must not exceed the amount of City property tax levied on the property in any tax year. Any approved unused tax credit amount not used in that tax year may be carried forward to as many as five subsequent tax years. If the taxpayer transfers or conveys the property, then any unused tax credit lapses.

3. Historic preservation tax credits will be granted in the order in which the City receives completed applications. The funding limit of the historic preservation tax credit program for each tax year will be set by the Council.<sup>1</sup> Any completed application received after the funding limit has been reached in the current tax year may be granted in the next tax year or years based on the order in which the City received the application.

4. 3. A taxpayer who receives final approval for the City historic preservation tax credit by May 1 will receive the tax credit directly on his or her tax bill. If a tax bill is paid before the City historic preservation tax credit is applied to the tax bill, then the City will issue the taxpayer a refund check for the amount of the City historic preservation tax credit for that tax year.

**SECTION 3.** *Mount Rainier Code*, Chapter 7, Licenses and Permits (Municipal Infractions), Section 7-108, Fees, is amended as follows:

**Section 7-108. Fees.**

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**B. Occupancy License Fees.**

1. The following fees shall be charged:

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<sup>1</sup> The funding level for the historic preservation tax credit program for FY 2014 is \$2,000.00.

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c. Effective July 1, 2013 ~~2006~~, for multi-family rental facilities, the fee shall be One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150) ~~100.00~~ per unit per year. The City collects fees biennially. The fee for a biennial license shall be twice the annual fee.

d. Effective July 1, 2013 ~~2006~~, for single-family rental dwellings, the fee shall be One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) ~~100.00~~ per unit per year. The City collects fees biennially. The fee for a biennial license shall be twice the annual fee.

e. ~~f.~~ For a hotel, motel, or tourist facility, \$175 per year.

**SECTION 4.** *Mount Rainier Code*, Chapter 9, Parking Meters, Section 9-105, Parking meter time limits, is amended as follows:

**Section 9-105. Parking Meter Time Limits and Rates.**

A. Parking or standing a vehicle in a designated space in a parking meter zone shall be lawful as indicated on those meters or signs. The City Manager is authorized to replace meters where necessary in order to implement the provisions of this Ordinance, and to provide adequate enforcement within the extended time limits.

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B. Parking meters shall require payment of \$0.50 for 30 minutes of parking time.

[Signature page of Ordinance 7-2013 follows.]

**SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance is effective on July 1, 2013.

**THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.**

**Attest:**

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**Jeannelle B. Wallace, City Manager**

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**Malinda Miles, Mayor**

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**Jimmy Tarlau, Councilmember Ward 1**

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**Jesse Christopherson, Councilmember Ward 1**

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**Ivy R. Thompson, Councilmember Ward 2**

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**Brent Bolin, Councilmember Ward 2**

**Explanatory Note**

\*\*\* Indicates matter unchanged in existing law, but not set forth in this Ordinance.

Underlining indicates language added to existing law.

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates language that is deleted from existing law.