



Legacy Homeowners Pilot Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Legacy Homeowners Pilot?

Mayor Scott has launched an anti-displacement initiative to help legacy homeowners remain in their homes as property taxes rise. To qualify, homeowners must be aged 65 and older, have lived in their homes for at least 10 years, be at risk for tax sale, and have a combined household income of \$73,000 or less for the 2025 tax year. The program will forgive qualifying tax debt through the Tax Sale Coordination and Prevention Services program.

How does the Legacy Homeowners Pilot work?

The city set aside a one-time total of \$2 million in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. Each applicant's tax lien amount is subtracted from this total. Once the \$2 million is used up, the program will close.

Am I eligible for the Legacy Homeowners Pilot?

Homeowners who received a Final Bill and Legal Notices (FBLN) in February are eligible to participate in this program if they meet the following criteria:

- ↳ The assessed value of their home is \$250,000 or less ([You can look up the value of the home by clicking HERE to visit the State of Maryland SDAT - Real Property Search website](#)), and
- ↳ The property is a Primary Residence, and the homeowner has lived there for at least 10 years, and
- ↳ The homeowner is at least 65 years old and has an annual earned income of \$73,000 or less, and
- ↳ Are:
 - ↳ Already enrolled in the Baltimore City Tax Sale Deferral Program
 - ↳ Or, meet the minimum eligibility requirements for the Legacy Homeowners Pilot and will enroll in the Baltimore City Tax Sale Deferral Program by April 15, 2026.

- ↳ Or, have been identified as eligible by the Department of Finance and Department of Housing and Community Development.
- ↳ And, the homeowner agrees to enter into a payment plan for future tax year bills.

How can I apply?

Enroll in the Tax Sale Deferral Program

The application period opened on February 15, 2026. [You can apply online HERE](#), or print out a hard copy application using the link at the bottom of this page. You may also pick up a paper application at the 1st floor of the Abel Wolman Building, and the 11th floor of 417 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore, 21202.

What if I do not qualify for Tax Sale Deferral but I meet the requirements for the Legacy Homeowners Pilot?

For homeowners aged 65 and older who do not qualify for the Tax Sale Deferral program but have owned their home for longer than 10 years and have a combined household income less than \$73,000, you can still complete the Tax Sale Deferral form online, but must indicate that you are applying for the Legacy Homeowners Pilot.

I want to attend the Legacy Homeowners Pilot Program sign-up event at Waxter Senior Center on Friday, April 10th, 2026. What information do I need to bring?

- ↳ Your official government-issued ID.
- ↳ 2 utility bills that are addressed to you at the property address.
- ↳ Proof of income for tax year 2025

City employees will be available to help you sign up for the program.

For a **HARD COPY** of the application go to: <https://bit.ly/TaxDeferralHardCopy>

To **APPLY ONLINE** go to: <https://bit.ly/DHCD-Neighborly>