

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN, MARYLAND**  
**Ordinance No. 12-O-01**

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| <b>Introduced By:</b>   | <b>Mayor Michael E. Bennett</b> |
| <b>Date Introduced:</b> | <b>January 9, 2012</b>          |
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| <b>Date Adopted:</b>    | <b>February 13, 2012</b>        |
| <b>Date Effective:</b>  | <b>March 5, 2012</b>            |

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**AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN**  
**CHAPTER 482, TAXATION**  
**FOR A TAX CREDIT FOR REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY**  
**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

1 **WHEREAS**, House Bill 558 was enacted by the General Assembly in 2011; that bill authorized  
2 municipal corporations to grant a tax credit for certain real properties owned by Habitat for  
3 Humanity; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Habitat for Humanity has provided a valuable service to the City of Aberdeen and  
5 its citizens by improving the housing stock within the City.

6 **SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**, that new  
7 Section 482-11 is added to Chapter 482, Code of the City of Aberdeen, under new Article VI, to  
8 read as follows:

9 **Chapter 482. Taxation.**

10 **Article VI. Real Property Tax Credits.**

11 **§482-11. Tax credit for real property owned by Habitat for Humanity.**

12 A. In accordance with the provisions of the tax-property Article § 9-252 of the Annotated  
13 Code of Maryland, there is hereby established a 100% City property tax credit for real  
14 property provided that:

15 (1) The property is owned by Habitat for Humanity with the intention of relinquishing  
16 ownership in the near future;

17 (2) The property is used for the purposes of development, rehabilitation and transfer to a  
18 private owner; and

19 (3) The property is not occupied by administrative or warehouse buildings owned by  
20 Habitat for Humanity.

21 B. Habitat for Humanity shall submit an annual written report on or before April 15 each  
22 year to the Mayor and City Council documenting:


23 (1) All of Habitat for Humanity's real property holdings in the City; and

24 (2) All transactions involving Habitat for Humanity's real property holdings in the City.

25 C. The tax credit for each property shall continue until such time as the real property is  
26 transferred from Habitat for Humanity to another entity, but in no event for more  
27 than 3 years.

28 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY**  
29 **COUNCIL**, that this Ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of twenty (20) calendar  
30 days following adoption.

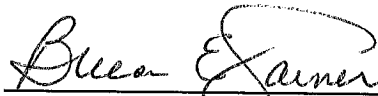
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**Michael E. Bennett, Mayor**



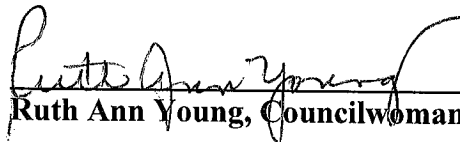
**Ruth E. Elliott, Councilwoman**



**Bruce E. Garner, Councilman**



**Sandra J. Landbeck, Councilwoman**



**Ruth Ann Young, Councilwoman**

**ATTEST:**

**SEAL:**



**Monica A. Correll, City Clerk**

Date February 13, 2012