



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of an Ordinance to Establish a Local Jurisdiction Property Tax Relief Program and to Set the Amount of Property Tax Relief for Tax Roll Year 2025

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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Strategic Focus Area: 1. Efficient & Responsive Government

Recommendation:

Approve the Ordinance

Executive Summary:

As property values and living costs continue to rise across Tennessee, many of our most vulnerable residents—particularly elderly, disabled, and veteran homeowners are feeling increased financial pressure. While the State of Tennessee offers property tax relief to qualifying individuals, the assistance amount often falls short of fully offsetting their tax burden. By creating a local match, the City of Kingsport can help close that gap, ensuring these residents receive meaningful relief. This local support is not just a financial measure, it's a statement of our values, reinforcing our commitment to housing stability, fairness, and the wellbeing of those who have helped build and sustain our community.

This ordinance establishes a local property tax relief program beginning with tax roll year 2025 and sets the City's local match at \$40 for eligible homeowners as described in T.C.A. §67-5-702 through §67-5-704. There are currently 1,108 homeowners who are expected to qualify for this program, with an estimated cost of \$44,320. Funding has been identified with increased interest earnings.

While the City does not currently have a local property tax relief program, the City provides a discounted sanitation fee to those who qualify for property tax relief. This discounted fee results in roughly \$96 per year in savings to the homeowner. With the approval of the proposed local property tax relief program and the discounted sanitation fee, a qualifying homeowner would receive \$136 annually in assistance.

Attachments:

1. Ordinance
2. Supplemental Information

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Baker	—	—	—
Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
Mayes	—	—	—
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Montgomery	—	—	—