

ORDINANCE NO. 1162**FISCAL YEAR 2021 TAX RATES****AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY FOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Tax-Prop. § 6-303(a)(1) and § 3-25 of the Charter of the City of Cambridge, the Commissioners of Cambridge shall annually before the last day of June set the tax rate for the next taxable year on all assessments of property subject to real and personal property tax and levy such sums as they may deem sufficient to meet and pay the running expenses of the City of Cambridge (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2020, the Commissioners of Cambridge held a public hearing on the proposed tax levy for real and personal property for Fiscal Year 2021 ("FY 2021"), notice of which was published in the Star Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation in the City on May 10, 2020 and May 17, 2020, and in the Dorchester Banner, a newspaper of general publication in the City, on May 13, 2020, and posted on the City's website; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Cambridge, after due and careful consideration, including consideration of the public comments received during the May 26, 2020 public hearing and all written comments submitted, have determined that a tax levy of \$0.8473 for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of real property and a tax levy of \$1.69 for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of personal property in the City for FY 2021 commencing on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021, is fair, just, and fiscally responsible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE that the tax levy be, and the same hereby is, set at **\$0.8473** for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of real property in the City of Cambridge, and said tax rate is hereby imposed on all assessable real property for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE that the tax levy be, and the same hereby is, set at **\$1.69** for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of personal property in the City of Cambridge, and said tax rate is hereby imposed on all assessable personal property for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE that all fees, charges, and levies adopted by this Ordinance shall remain in effect unless changed at a future date by subsequent Ordinance by the Commissioners of Cambridge and the same shall be collected pursuant to all applicable provisions of the Charter of the City of Cambridge and State law.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE that should any section of this Ordinance be determined to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other sections.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE that this Ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2020.

ATTEST: THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE

Patrick C. Comiskey, City Manager

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Victoria Jackson-Stanley, Mayor

**Introduced the 11th day of May, 2020
Passed the 26th day of May, 2020
Effective the 1st day of July, 2020**