

## Montgomery

##  County Council

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**Montgomery Council expands the property tax credit for surviving spouses of retired military services members**

ROCKVILLE, Md., July 31, 2019—On Tuesday, July 30, the Council unanimously voted to enact Expedited Bill 21-19, Property Tax Credit - Elderly Individuals and Retired Military Services Member - Surviving Spouse, which would expand the property tax credit for surviving spouses of retired military services members. Councilmember Craig Rice and Council Vice President Sidney Katz were the lead sponsors. Council President Nancy Navarro and Councilmembers Gabe Albornoz, Evan Glass and Andrew Friedson were cosponsors. Under Bill 21-19, a surviving spouse would be eligible for the credit if:

* the individual is a surviving spouse of a retired member of the uniformed services, the military reserves, or the national guard;
* the surviving spouse is at least 65 years old; and
* the surviving spouse has not remarried.

Once the expedited bill is signed into law, it will be effective from July 1, 2019 and eligible individuals can apply at the Department of Finance’s website. The deadline to apply for the property tax credit is October 1, 2019.

To access the application and for more information visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/SurvivingSpousesTaxCredit>.

The Council staff report for Expedited Bill 21-19 can be viewed [here](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190730/20190730_5C.pdf).

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