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[History: Adopted by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Perryville 10/1/19 as Ord. No. 2019-15, adding new Chapter 68, sections 68-1 thru 68-9 to the Code of the Town of Perryville.]

§ 68-1. Purpose. The purpose of this Chapter is to establish a Public Safety Home Ownership Incentive Program as an incentive for public safety employees to own a principal residence in the Town.

§ 68-2. Definitions. As used in this Chapter the following terms have the meanings indicated:

A. “Active member” means an individual who is classified by The Community Fire Company of Perryville, Md, Inc. as an active member of that organization.

B. “Applicant” means an individual who seeks to apply for incentives under this chapter.

C. “Lifetime member” means an individual who is classified by The Community Fire Company of Perryville, Md, Inc. as a lifetime member of that organization.

D. “Principal Residence” means a residential property located in the Town and identified as an applicant’s residence for voter registration purposes or, if the applicant is not a registered voter, the residential property listed on the applicant’s Federal and State income tax returns.

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E. “Program” means the public safety home ownership incentive program provided for by this chapter.

F. “Public Safety Employee” means:

(1) A sworn officer of the Perryville Police Department;

(2) An active member of the Community Fire Company of Perryville, Md, Inc.;

or

(3) A lifetime member of the Community Fire Company of Perryville, Md, Inc.

G. “Town” means the Town of Perryville.

§ 68-3. Program Established.

A. A public safety home ownership incentive program is established in and for the Town. The program shall be implemented and administered in accordance with this chapter.

B. The program consists of several parts:

(1) Criteria for eligibility for participation;

(2) Application and approval process; and

(3) Available home ownership incentives.

C. The incentives provided under the program may be used with other incentives that may be available to encourage home ownership.

§ 68-4. Implementation and Administration of Program.

The Town Administrator and the Town Finance Director shall implement and administer the program.

§ 68-5. Eligibility for Participation in the Program.

A. An individual must file an application annually between July 1 and September 30 to participate in the program that year.

B. Eligibility to participate in the program is limited to those applicants who timely file an application and satisfy the criteria in this section.

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C. An applicant must be a public safety employee as defined in §68-2(d) or the surviving spouse of a public safety employee.

(1) In order for the surviving spouse of a public safety employee to be an applicant for an incentive under the program, the public safety employee must have been receiving benefits under the program at the time of death.

D. The applicant must:

(1) Own and occupy a principal residence in the Town; and

(2) Have owned and occupied the principal residence during the preceding tax year;
and

(3) Be current in the payment of Town real property taxes and utility charges for the principal residence.

E. The applicant must be the only individual who resides at the principal residence claiming or applying for the incentive provided by the program.

§ 68-6. Program Participation Application Process.

A. The Town Administrator and Finance Director shall prescribe the form of an application for an individual to participate in the program. The application shall require the submittal of documents necessary to demonstrate that an applicant is eligible to receive an incentive under the program and will satisfy the requirements of the program.

(1) If an applicant is seeking to participate in the program as an active member or a lifetime member, the applicant must submit a certification of the applicant's status as an active member or a lifetime member by The Community Fire Company of Perryville, Md, Inc., on a form prescribed by the Town Administrator and Finance Director.

B. The Town Administrator and Finance Director shall determine when an application is complete. Completeness of an application includes the submittal of all required documents.

§ 68-7. Applicant Evaluation Process.

A. The Finance Director and the Town Administrator are the application evaluation team.

B. The evaluation team shall evaluate each complete application. The evaluation team shall consider:

(1) Whether the applicant is eligible for participation in the program; and

(2) Whether the application complies with the requirements of this chapter and the program.

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C. The evaluation team may request the applicant to furnish additional materials as the team needs to complete its review.

D. After the evaluation team completes its review of an application, the evaluation team shall approve an application that satisfies the requirements of § 68-5(c), (d) and (e).

§ 68-8. Home Ownership Program Incentives.

The Town may provide the following program incentives each year to an individual whose application is approved for that year:

(1) A financial grant in amount of \$100 annually to a public safety employee; or

(2) A financial grant in the amount of \$50 annually to a surviving spouse of a public safety employee.

§ 68-9. Incentives Subject to Appropriation.

The Mayor and Commissioners shall provide incentives under the program in any fiscal year only to the extent that funds are appropriated in the town's annual budget to pay incentives under the program for that fiscal year.