Title 3 REVENUE AND FINANCE

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3.08.010 Definitions.

- 1. Volunteer Fire Company shall be defined in accordance with the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §3-1101 (h), and as amended.
- 2. Member shall be defined as a person who is active and in good standing with the Singerly Fire Company, or its successor volunteer fire company.
- 3. VLOSAP shall mean the Volunteer Length of Service Award Program, as set forth under Article 25, § 32.5, Annotated Code of Maryland, and as approved by the Cecil County Board of Commissioners. (Ord. 7-2002, eff: 9/10/02)

3.08.020 Purpose.

Recognizing the importance of the Singerly Fire Company in its mission to protect and serve the Elkton community and to provide an incentive to a member who actively serves with the Singerly Fire Company, the Board of Commissioners shall provide for a real property tax credit, in the form of a rebate, to an eligible member as set forth under this chapter. (Ord. 7-2002, eff. 9/10/02)

3.08.030 Volunteer Fire Company Real Property Tax Credit.

- 1. The Town shall provide no more than one (1) annual real property tax credit to any qualified residential property owned and occupied by a member of the Singerly Fire Company who meets the eligibility requirements under §3.08.040 of this chapter; and
- 2. The amount of the real property tax credit, in the form of a rebate, shall be established by a resolution of the Mayor and Commissioners. (Ord. 7-2002, eff: 9/10/02)

3.08.040 Eligibility Requirements.

- 1. A member must own and declare principal occupancy of a residential property in the town for which a real property tax credit shall apply and
- 2. A member must own and occupy the residential property applicable under this chapter during the period in which the minimum VLOSAP points are earned to qualify under this section; and
- 3. The Singerly Fire Company must certify that the member was in good standing during the period applicable to the real property tax credit; and
- 4. The Singerly Fire Company must certify that the member completed a minimum of fifty (50) points under the VLOSAP program for the reporting period; and
- 5. The member has paid all current and due real property taxes applicable to the member's residential property. (Ord. 7-2002, eff. 9/10/02)

3.08.050 Real Property Tax Rebate.

The Town shall provide a rebate in the amount established by a resolution of the Mayor and

| Commissioners to the eligible member within sixty (60) days following receipt of the certifications set forth under §3.08.040 from the Singerly Fire Company. (Ord. 7-2002, eff: 9/10/02) |
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