

Introduced by: Councilmember Searcy

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2019-3  
ADDING NEW REAL PROPERTY TAX CLASSIFICATIONS**

WHEREAS, as a result of eliminating the Inventory portion of the Personal Property Tax, research has been done on the possibility of adding a real property tax classification for commercial property; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Maryland, municipalities may identify multiple real property categories, which may receive different tax rates, providing those categories meet certain standards; and

WHEREAS, Takoma Park currently has two real property taxing categories, one for Railroads and Utilities and one for all other real property; and

WHEREAS, it is desired by the Council to add the categories of Commercial, Apartments, and Vacant; and

WHEREAS, dividing Takoma Park real property into these categories will help identify how real property tax rates affect each category, and will allow adjustment of rates to help meet Council goals; and

WHEREAS, real property tax classifications must be submitted to Montgomery County soon to allow sufficient time to add the classifications to the tax billing system used by Takoma Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the real property tax classifications of Commercial, Apartments and Vacant are to be added to the real property classifications currently used for taxing purposes in the City of Takoma Park and the City Manager is directed to provide the information on the classifications to Montgomery County to effectuate that change.

Adopted this 30th day of January, 2019

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk