

**NOTICE**  
**FY16**  
**Howard County**  
**Public School Facilities Surcharge Increase**

The Maryland legislature passed House bill 1445 in the 2004 session that created a per square foot surcharge on residential construction. On July 1, 2005, and each fiscal year thereafter, the fee shall be adjusted for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. The funds collected must be used to support school construction, alterations, and additions.

**Accordingly, the public school facilities surcharge on July 1, 2015, will remain \$1.25 per square foot. The fee is applicable for all eligible permits issued on or after July 1, 2015.**

The surcharge is applicable to all areas that are contained within any residential building, including attached garages and home occupation areas. It is assessed by the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits in exactly the same way as the Building Excise Tax, which is used to support the construction of roads in the County.