

**COUNCIL BILL SUMMARY - 130122**

**COUNCIL BILL Calendar Number:** 130122

**CCT TITLE:** Johnson's Deferral of Taxes Due to Substantial Tax Increase

**CCT Members Monitoring:** Applebaum, Braff, Carpineta

**CCT Point of Contact with Sponsoring Offices:** Steve Cobb

**Date Introduced:** 02/21/2013

**Introduced By:** Johnson

**Known Proponents:**

**Status as of** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ :

**Description of Proposal:** Means tested deferral of all R.E. taxes above 2.5 times the 2013 tax bill until transfer of property, but deferral cannot be used to reduce tax payment in any year to less than \$1,000. Deferred payments carry simple interest at rate on 1-year U.S. Treasury bills. Annual re-applications.

**Other Key Terms:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligible Persons:**

- Owner of record who is current on R.E taxes on the property or subject to a payment agreement that is not in default, i.e. an "Eligible Taxpayer,"
- Uses the property as their principal residence.
- Eligible Taxpayer is a taxpayer whose household income does not exceed 160% of Area Median Income for Phila. metro area (\$130,000 ).
- Principal residence may contain no more than one commercial establishment, which shall not occupy more than 80% of gross floor area of the property, and no more than 2 residential units.

**Observations:** Curiously, despite means test, requires yearly certification that taxpayer would "suffer substantial hardship" in absence of the requested deferral.:

Councilman Johnson's office estimates that the Bill would cost approximately \$11 million in 2014 deferred tax revenue, which would raise the millage rate from 1.3204% to 1.331%.

**Follow ups:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL BILL SUMMARY – 130163**

**COUNCIL BILL Calendar Number:** 130163

**CCT TITLE:** Johnson and Oh's Alternative Terms for Deferral of Substantial Increases

**CCT Members Monitoring:** Applebaum, Braff, Carpineta

**CCT Point of Contact with Sponsoring Offices:** Steve Cobb

**Date Introduced:** 03/07/2013

**Introduced By:** Oh and Johnson

**Known Proponents:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Status as of** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Description of Proposal:** Non-means tested deferral of that portion of all R.E. taxes attributable to increase in assessed value of R.E. greater than 250% in any given year until date of sale or transfer of title of property or 5 years, whichever comes first. Interest at rate of 6% per year, with interest accumulated and compounded.

**Other Key Terms:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligible Persons:** Owner-occupied props that are the owner's primary residence. No mean testing.

**Observations:** As compared to Johnson's other deferral bill (No. 130122), this one has **no means test; focuses on the increase in assessed R.E. values** rather than resulting taxes; and has a **maximum 5-year duration**, even if the property is not sold or transferred. In addition, **the base year for comparison purposes keeps moving** into the future, instead of being frozen at 2013.

**Follow ups:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL BILL SUMMARY - 130081**

**COUNCIL BILL Calendar Number :** 130081

**CCT TITLE:** Green's No-Homestead Bill

**CCT Members Monitoring:** Applebaum, Braff, Carpineta

**CCT Point of Contact with Sponsoring Offices:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Introduced:** Feb. 7, 2013

**Introduced By:** Councilmember Green

**Known Proponents:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Status as of 4/1/13 :** *referred to finance committee.*

**Description of Proposal:** For the tax year 2014 and thereafter, taxes will be calculated based on OPA assessed value with no homestead exclusions.

**Key Terms:** Eliminate homestead rebate

**Eligible Persons:** All property owners

**Observations:** This bill would mean that all property owners would owe some tax – no longer would a property become untaxable due to amount of homestead ie...OPA value \$30,000 less homestead \$30,000 therefore taxable amount would have been 0

**Follow ups:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL BILL SUMMARY - 130142**

**COUNCIL BILL Calendar Number :** 130142

**CCT TITLE:** Squilla's Tax Relief/Phasing Bill

**CCT Members Monitoring:** Applebaum, Braff and Carpineta

**CCT Point of Contact with Sponsoring Offices:** Judy Applebaum

**Date Introduced:** Feb. 28, 2013

**Introduced By:** Councilmember Squilla

**Known Proponents:** Squilla

**Status as of** 4/1/13 : referred committee of the whole

**Description of Proposal:** Phasing over a period of four years to mitigate the effect of AVI

2014 – tax calculated by adding 2013 tax plus 25% of the difference between the amount of tax due for 2014 than in 2013

2015 – tax calculated by adding together amount of tax due in 2014 plus 33% of the difference

2016 – tax calculated by adding together tax due in 2015 plus 50% of the difference

2017 – full tax based on assessment

Example: 2013 tax bill is \$1000

2014 tax bill is \$4000 (increase of \$3000)

2014 you would pay \$1000 plus 25% of the difference (\$3000) which equals \$750

Tax due \$\$1750

2015 you would pay \$1750 plus 33% of difference (\$2250) which equals \$742.50

Tax due \$2492.50

2016 you would pay \$2492.50 plus 50% of difference (\$1508) which equals \$750

Tax due \$3246

2017 – tax on full assessed amount or in this case \$4000

**Other Key Terms:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligible Persons:** All property owners – No distinction, residence, leased, investment, comm/res.

**Observations:** This bill would mean that all property owners would have ability to phase in the new larger payments. Would not apply to people who tax bills are same or less.

**Follow ups:** Asked Councilman Squilla cost of this bill. He replied that there would be no cost – it is the same revenue as the increases and ?? decreases will be phased in at the same time?????

**COUNCIL BILL SUMMARY - 130150**

**COUNCIL BILL Calendar Number :** 130150

**CCT TITLE:** Kenney's 1% Tax Proposal

**CCT Members Monitoring:** Applebaum, Braff, Carpineta

**CCT Point of Contact with Sponsoring Offices:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Introduced:** Feb. 28, 2013

**Introduced By:** Councilmember Kenney

**Known Proponents:** Kenney, \_\_\_\_\_

**Status as of:** 4/1/13 - referred committee of the whole

**Description of Proposal:** Authorizes real estate taxes for city and schools to be based on a rate of 1% - City - .3245% and school district .6755%

**Other Key Terms:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligible Persons:** All property owners

**Observations:** If 1% of total properties is insufficient to fund budget, where would city attempt to make up the needed revenue? Nothing has been described to public as companion piece.

**Follow ups:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL BILL SUMMARY - 130161**

**COUNCIL BILL Calendar Number :** 130161

**CCT TITLE:** Quinones-Sanchez's U+O Tax Proposals

**CCT Members Monitoring:** Applebaum, Braff, Carpineta

**CCT Point of Contact with Sponsoring Offices:** Carpineta  
**Date Introduced:**

**Introduced By:** Quinones-Sanchez

**Known Proponents:** Quinones-Sanchez, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Status as of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Proposal:** Revise Business Use & Occupancy Tax. 2 Components of the Tax:

*School Tax* is revised to 1.32%

*City Tax* is revised to 0.44%

\*\*\* Exemption: First \$125,000 of Value to be exempt from above Taxes. \*\*\*

**Eligible Persons:**

**Observations:**

**Follow ups:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL BILL SUMMARY - 130123**

**COUNCIL BILL Calendar Number:** 130123

**CCT TITLE:** Scrutinizing Tax Exempt Properties

**CCT Members Monitoring:** Jeff Braff, Applebaum, Carpineta

**CCT Point of Contact with Sponsoring Offices:**

**Date Introduced:** 02/21/2013

**Introduced By:** Green, Goode, Reynolds Brown

**Known Proponents:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Status as of** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ :

**Description of Proposal:** R.E. tax exemptions for public charities or otherwise under Section 204 of the PA General County Assessment Law shall be limited to real property: (1) in which the exempt entity has legal or equitable title; (2) from which the exempt entity derives no income other than from the recipients of the bounty of the exempt entity; and (3) that is occupied, and actually and regularly used, for the purpose which entitled the entity to the exemption, and only with respect to such portion of the property that is used for such purposes.

**Key Terms:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligible Persons:** Exempt entities must certify annually that are in compliance, and provide supporting documentations as may be necessary

**Observations:** Bill does not set forth penalties for improper certifications. (Presumably there would be penalties beyond simply losing tax exempt status.) Unclear exactly how these provisions differ from existing law.

**Follow ups:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL BILL SUMMARY - 130141**

**COUNCIL BILL Calendar Number:** 130141

**CCT TITLE:** Protecting Low Income Senior Citizen Tax Freeze

**CCT Members Monitoring:** Jeff Braff, Applebaum, Carpineta

**CCT Point of Contact with Sponsoring Offices:**

**Date Introduced:** 02/28/2013

**Introduced By:** O'Neill, Clarke, Johnson, Blackwell, Oh, Kenney, Greenlee, Squilla, Henon, O'Brien, Quinones Sanchez, and Green

**Known Proponents:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Status as of** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ :

**Description of Proposal:** Enables taxpayers enrolled in the low income senior citizen tax freeze program to automatically get the benefit of any AVI-based reduction in their tax bill without having to refile. Also grants such taxpayers the Homestead Exemption even if that did not timely file for it.

**Key Terms:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligible Persons:** Taxpayers enrolled in existing low income senior citizen tax freeze program.

**Observations:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Follow ups:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL BILL SUMMARY - 130181**

**COUNCIL BILL Calendar Number:** 130181

**CCT TITLE:** Mayor's Initial AVI Tax Rate Proposal

**CCT Members Monitoring:** Jeff Braff, Applebaum, Carpineta

**CCT Point of Contact with Sponsoring Offices:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Introduced:** 03/14/2013

**Introduced By:** *Jones for Clarke* (by request of Nutter)

**Known Proponents:** Mayor Nutter

**Status as of** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ :

**Description of Proposal:** Embodies Mayor's initial AVI tax rate proposal: 0.6029% tax rate for City R.E. tax and 0.7175% for School Tax (for a total rate of 1.3204%) and a Homestead Exemption of \$15,000.

**Key Terms:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligible Persons:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Observations:** Says nothing about \$30 million in "tax relief" that Nutter has mentioned.

**Follow ups:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL BILL SUMMARY – 130182**

**COUNCIL BILL Calendar Number:** 130182

**CCT TITLE:** Mayor's Initial Use and Occupancy Tax Proposal

**CCT Members Monitoring:** Jeff Braff, Applebaum, Carpineta

**CCT Point of Contact with Sponsoring Offices:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Introduced:** 03/14/2013

**Introduced By:** Jones for Clarke (at request of Mayor Nutter)

**Known Proponents:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Status as of** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ :

**Description of Proposal:** Encompasses Mayor's initial proposal for new rate of U&O tax in light of AVI reassessments: \$0.92 per \$100 of assessed value of R.E.

**Other Key Terms:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligible Persons:**

**Observations:**

**Follow ups:**