

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION EXCISE TAX

| | FY24 | FY25 | % Chg. |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|
| Single Family Detached | \$20,330 | \$21,351 | 5.02% |
| Townhouses | \$20,375 | \$21,398 | 5.02% |
| Multi-Family | \$17,966 | \$18,868 | 5.02% |

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COSTS

| | (\$/sq. ft.) | | |
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| | July 2023 | July 2024 | % Chg. |
| New Construction with site Development | \$458.00 | \$481.00 | 5.02% |

Source: Interagency Committee on School Construction

Article 20, Section 804 of the Maryland Annotated Code authorizes the County Commissioners of Charles County to levy and collect a fair share school construction excise tax against the owner of real property that is improved by new residential development. The county commissioners may alter the base tax rates for each dwelling type for fiscal year 2016 and for every fourth fiscal year thereafter to reflect the number of students generated by each dwelling type and the cost of school construction in the county.

For each fiscal year after fiscal year 2016 in which the base tax rates are not adjusted under this Code, the tax rates may not exceed the rates imposed in the preceding fiscal year altered by the same percentage as the change in the average statewide per-square-foot school building cost as calculated by the Interagency Committee on School Construction in the calendar year preceding the year for which the amount is being calculated. Before setting the rate of the tax for each fiscal year, the County Commissioners of Charles County shall conduct a study.

- The FY2025 fee calculation is increasing the rate by the same percentage as the change in the average statewide per-square-foot school building cost as calculated by the Interagency Committee on School Construction for calendar year 2024.