

# **Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures**

## **Public Hearing Procedures**

The Task Force will hold a public hearing on September 14, 2026 at 12:30 pm. Any member of the public is invited to give oral or written testimony. The purpose of the Task Force is to study the revenue structure of local governments and make recommendations regarding the authority of local governments to increase sources of revenue. Accordingly, any testimony must relate to local government taxing authority or local government finances.

The public hearing will be held virtually via Zoom and streamed live on the General Assembly's website at this link [Meetings - Day\(s\)](#). In addition, a video recording of the hearing and all written testimony submitted will be available on the Task Force's webpage. [tf-to-modernize-county-and-municipal-revenue-structures - General Assembly of Maryland Department of Legislative Services](#)

**To register to provide oral testimony or to submit written testimony individuals must send an email to [April.Noren@mga.maryland.gov](mailto:April.Noren@mga.maryland.gov) by September 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

The email must include:

- Name
- Organization and title (if applicable)
- Any written testimony for public distribution

### Oral Testimony

Witnesses who register by the deadline will receive the Zoom link for the hearing via email on Friday, September 11. During the hearing, witnesses must wait in the Zoom waiting room until they are called to testify. Once admitted to the hearing, if witnesses are watching the livestream of the hearing, they should exit the livestream to prevent feedback. Witnesses should remain muted until recognized by the chair.

**Oral testimony is limited to 2 minutes.** Witnesses must have their cameras on for their testimony. Witnesses cannot designate someone else to testify in their place. Witnesses must log into Zoom with an identifiable screen name that matches the name they used to sign up. If staff do not recognize the witness's screen name, the witness will not be admitted to the Zoom.

### Written Testimony

Written testimony must be in PDF format. The file name for written testimony should include the name of the person or organization testifying. Written testimony that is submitted by the deadline will be shared with Task Force members before the hearing. Late testimony will not be shared until the next business day.