

Town of Franklin

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

October 15, 2021

To: Town Council

From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Alecia Alleyne, Assistant to the Town Administrator

RE: Resolution 21-60: Further Amending the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program
Resolution 21-61: Further Amending the Veterans' Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program
Resolution 21-62: Acceptance of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5C ½ and Increase in Certain Property Tax Exemptions Pursuant Thereto

We are requesting approval of the three resolutions to implement the following changes to tax abatements and exemptions for eligible property owners.

Veteran and Senior Tax Work off programs

The first two resolutions increase the pay for the popular senior and veteran tax workoff programs.

- 1) Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program:** We request the Town Council to approve an increase in the annual individual benefit to \$1,425 (or, \$14.25 per hour for 100 hours of service) effective January 1, 2022, which is commensurate with the the state's anticipated increase in minimum wage to \$14.25 per hour effective January 1, 2022.
- 2) Veterans' Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program:** We request the Town Council to affirm and ratify its prior acceptance of the statute and increase the number of eligible veterans to 100, and to approve an increase in the annual individual benefit to \$1,425 (or, \$14.25 per hour for 100 hours of service) effective January 1, 2022, which is commensurate with the the state's anticipated increase in minimum wage to \$14.25 per hour effective January 1, 2022.

Veterans property tax exemptions

The third resolution increases property tax abatements for disabled veterans. Sections 22 (a-f) and section 22E.


- 3) Veterans' Property Tax Exemptions:** We request the Town Council to approve increases in the amounts of the property tax exemption available to veterans who are partially disabled from the current amount of \$400 to \$800, and to veterans who are fully disabled from the current amount of \$1,000 to \$2,000.

These property tax exemption increases will be effective for the current fiscal year (2022) which began on July 1, 2021. Prior to these proposed increases they were updated for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2010 and July 1, 2016. See attached memos and resolutions.

It also fully accepts chapter 59, section 5C ½ which also allows the Town to provide other property tax exemptions for other certain individuals in need in the community. I have provided a recent approved report by the Department of Revenue (DOR) and the Franklin Board of Assessors. Thank you to Principal Assessor, Kevin Doyle for the report from August of this year.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to let us know.

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Jeffrey Nutting, Town Administrator 
Cc: Board of Assessors
Date: December 28, 2015
Re: Property Tax Exemption for Elderly persons over 70 years of age

Please see attached resolution requesting the Town Council to approve an increase in the elderly exemption from \$750 to \$1,000 effective July 1, 2016. This will help approximately 30 taxpayers that meet the income levels to receive the exemption. This was last adjusted in 2010. Please feel free to call with questions.



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

RESOLUTION 16-01

G.L. CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSE 41C
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, The Town of Franklin desires to increase the amount of the property tax exemption available to eligible property owners who have reached their seventieth birthday from the current amount of \$750.00 to \$1,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby increases the property tax exemption under G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C to \$1,000.00, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016.

This Resolution shall become effective according to the rules and regulations of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: January _____, 2016

VOTED:
UNANIMOUS _____

A True Record Attest:

YES _____ NO _____

Teresa M. Burr
Town Clerk

ABSTAIN _____

ABSENT _____

Judith Pond Pfeffer, Clerk
Franklin Town Council



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MEMO

To: Town Council

Cc: Jeffrey Nutting, Town Administrator

From: Board of Assessors

Date: December 3, 2015

Re: Property Tax Exemption

At the Board of Assessors meeting of this date, the Assessors voted to recommend to the Town Council in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C that the exemption amount be increased from the current \$750.00 annually to \$1,000 annually beginning on July 1, 2016 with Fiscal Year 2017. This was last updated for FY 2011 for which the Town Council voted to increase the amount from \$500.00 to \$750.00 annually (see copy attached Resolution 10-08).

Note that for FY 2015, the number of qualifying Clause 41C Exemptions was thirty (30). Using a \$250.00 proposed benefit increase times 30 exemptions results in \$7,500 additional annual Overlay (Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions) costs or only about 1% of the total Overlay raised annually.



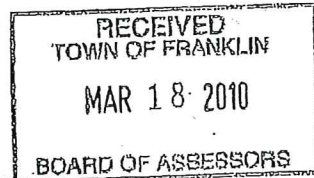
Sponsor: Administration



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

RESOLUTION 10-08

G.L. CHAPTER 59,
SECTION 5, CLAUSE 41C – PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION



WHEREAS, The Town of Franklin Wishes to broaden the amount of the property tax exemption available to eligible property owners who have reached their seventieth birthday from the current amount of \$500.00 to \$750.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby increases the property tax exemption under Clause 41C to \$750. to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2010.

This Resolution shall become effective according to the rules and regulations of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: March 3, 2010

VOTED: Passed
UNANIMOUS —
YES 8 NO 0
ABSTAIN 0
ABSENT 1

A True Record Attest:

Deborah L. Pellegri
Deborah L. Pellegri
Town Clerk

Judith Pond Pfeffer
Judith Pond Pfeffer, Clerk
Franklin Town Council



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 21-60**

**FURTHER AMENDING THE SENIOR CITIZEN
PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Town Council has accepted Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5K, enacted by the General Court of the Commonwealth on July 11, 2001 which allows senior citizens of the Town of Franklin to volunteer their services to the Town in exchange for a reduction in their property tax bills for their domiciles.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN THAT:

The Senior Citizen Tax Work-off Abatement Program annual individual benefit is increased to \$1,425. Qualified Senior Citizen taxpayers over 60 years of age may volunteer their services to the town in exchange for a reduction in their property tax bills for their domicile. Qualified senior citizen taxpayers will receive an amount at an hourly rate for their services not exceeding the minimum hourly wage rate in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This resolution shall become effective for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2022 and thereafter.

DATED: _____, 2021

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

**Nancy Danello, CMC
Temporary Town Clerk**

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**