

Town of Franklin

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

October 10, 2019

To: Town Council

From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator

Re: Resolution 19-71: Further Amending the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program

I recommend we increase the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program annual benefit from \$1,100 per year to \$1,200 per year effective January 1, 2020. This will increase the hourly rate from \$11 to \$12 per hour.

In addition, I recommend that the total number of workers in the Senior Citizen Tax Workoff program be increased from 95 people to 100 people effective January 1, 2020.

I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

RESOLUTION 19-71

**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 November 16, 1999 that 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 benefit is increased to \$1,200. 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, 2020 and thereafter.

DATED: _____, 2019

VOTED:
UNANIMOUS: _____

A True Record Attest:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

**Teresa M. Burr
Town Clerk,CMC**

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**

TAX WORK OFF PROJECTIONS; 2019/2020

	2019	2020	change	%change
# of workers*	95	100	5.00	5%
Hourly rate	\$11	\$12	1.00	8%
Hours worked/year	100	100	0.00	
Total	\$104,500	\$120,000	\$15,500	13%

*Requesting an increase of 5 slots 2020.