



Measure #: 2026-028

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 10/15/2025

Submitted By: Town Manager

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MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Acceptance to adopt Massachusetts General Law Chapter M.G.L. c. 59 §59A. AMENDED

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

To amend The Code and add a new bylaw titled Brownfields Tax Abatement Agreements.

North Attleborough has the opportunity to accelerate the redevelopment of contaminated or underutilized brownfield properties through acceptance and implementation of M.G.L. c. 59 §59A, which allow the Town to negotiate tax agreements with “innocent owner” purchasers of such sites. Adoption of this local option, executed by a bylaw, will allow the Town to waive or restructure tax obligations on qualifying commercial or industrial sites containing hazardous materials, making them more attractive for redevelopment or affordable housing initiatives.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS: DRAFT Brownfields Tax Abatement Agreements Code

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE: By-law Subcommittee

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Ch. 163 BROWNFIELDS TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS

§ 163-1. Purpose.

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§ 163-2. Eligible sites.

Such abatements may be negotiated with respect to any sites or portions of sites within the Town that are zoned for commercial or industrial uses from which, or at which, there has been a release of oil or hazardous materials.

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- B) Abatement Agreements shall provide only such tax relief as the Town Council deems appropriate to accomplish the purpose of continuing environmental cleanup and redevelopment of the site(s) or portion(s) thereof that are the subject of the agreement.
- C) Each Abatement Agreement shall clearly set forth, without limitation:
 - 1. The amount of outstanding taxes, interest and penalties owed;
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