



Measure #: 2025-028

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 12/09/2024

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Approval to adopt a section of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5K to allow to allow taxpayer(s) over the age of 60 to earn a property tax credit for a maximum tax exemption of \$2,000.00. AMENDED

Signed:

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Purpose:

To amend the Town's Senior Work-Off Program by adopting a provision of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5K, which increases the maximum property tax credit that eligible senior taxpayers can earn from \$1,000 to \$1,500 annually. This measure seeks to provide greater financial relief to senior residents who contribute their time and skills to the Town through volunteer work, recognizing their valuable contributions while addressing rising costs of living. The Town currently caps the total program funding at \$50,000 annually paid from the Town's Overlay account.

Description:

The Senior Work-Off Program, authorized under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5K, allows taxpayers aged 60 or older to earn a property tax credit by volunteering for the Town in various capacities. Currently, the Town provides a maximum property tax exemption of \$1,000 annually, with the overall program capped at \$50,000 annually by the Town.

This measure proposes to increase the allowable maximum exemption to \$2,000.00 annually to better align the program with rising property taxes and living expenses faced by seniors. By adopting this adjustment, the Town will:

Expand financial support for senior homeowners, helping them to remain in their homes and maintain their quality of life.

Enhance the program's value, encouraging more participation and creating opportunities for seniors to contribute their skills and knowledge to Town operations.

Acknowledge the economic challenges faced by seniors in North Attleborough and demonstrate the Town's commitment to supporting its senior community.

Approval of this measure will ensure that the Senior Work-Off Program remains an effective and meaningful way to support our senior residents while benefiting the Town through their dedicated service.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS: MA General Law Chapter 59, Section 5K

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE:

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