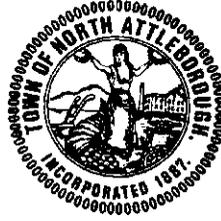


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Town Manager

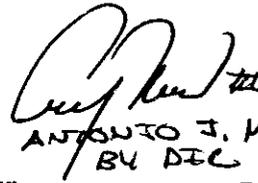


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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025  
**TO:** Town Clerk Pat McNielly  
**FROM:** Michael Borg  
**CC:** Cheryl Smith, Assistant Assessor  
Linda Catanzariti, Town Accountant  
Chris Sweet, Tax Collector & Treasurer  
Karen Testa, Senior Center Director

  
ANTONIO J. MORABITO III  
BY DEC  
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**RE:** **Measure 2025-028- 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.**

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**Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré**

**Measure 2025-028- 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**

**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.

The Town Council met on December 9, 2024, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Councilor Donovan to refer Measure 2025-028- 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 \$1,500.00 to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review and discussion.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Costello.

**Motion carried. 6-0 UNANIMOUS**

The Finance Sub-Committee met on January 8, 2025, and on behalf of the Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Donovan to refer Measure 2025-028- 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 as AMENDED back to the Full Town Council with a favorable recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Councilor St. Pierre.

**Motion carried. 6-0 UNANIMOUS**

The Town Council met on January 13, 2025, where a Public Hearing was held on this measure, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Councilor Gould to approve Measure 2025-028- Approval to adopt a section of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5K to allow taxpayers(s) over the age of 60 to earn a property tax credit for a maximum tax exemption of \$2,000.00, as proposed and also to ensure equitable access to the Tax work off program, all disabled seniors shall be able to designate a person to perform work on their behalf.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Donavan.

**Motion carried. 7-0 UNANIMOUS**