

WARRANT ARTICLE

To see if the Town would authorize the Board of Assessors to change the minimum and maximum amount qualifications for Chapter 41 C elderly senior citizens on both Single and Married couples.

Current:

Single

Maximum Income 41C - Single from \$13,000 proposed change to \$17,000

Maximum Assets 41C - Single from \$28,000 proposed change to \$40,000

Proposed:

Married couples

Maximum Income 41C - Married from \$15,000 proposed change to \$20,000

Maximum Assets 41C - Married from \$30,000 proposed change to \$55,000

The Board of Assessors recommends this article.

9-21-15
Date

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

[Signature]
Dr. M. E. Buan
[Signature]

Information:

These amounts have not changed since 1999 and would coincide with the States personal Exemptions. The age would not change and would still be 70 years old or older.

Income is calculated less social security and the assets do not include the value of the home. Each applicant is required to submit a bank statement indicating income to the Assessor's office.

In addition to owning and occupying the subject property, an individual must have been continuously domiciled in Massachusetts for the 10 years preceding the application and have owned and occupied the property or other property in Massachusetts for 5 years.

Must be filed with Assessors office on or before December 15 or 3 months after actual (not preliminary) tax bills are mailed for fiscal year if later.

Information:

These amounts have not changed since 1999 and would coincide with the States Personal Exemptions. The age would not change and would still be 70 years old or older, with a \$1,000 exemption.

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In addition to owning and occupying the subject property, an individual must have been continuously domiciled in Massachusetts for the 10 years preceding the application and have owned and occupied the property or other property in Massachusetts for 5 years.

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According to the Department of Revenue we receive 50% reimbursement on each applicant, which is indicated on the Cherry sheet every year, the Assessor's office did not know this because when submitting the MDM it does not indicate a reimbursement. Reimbursement is based on the prior year's 41C.

Also according to the Department of Revenue the average income in Millis for seniors over 65 is \$37,799.

History: In 1985 the Assessor's office submitted 27 applicants and that number would never change. We more than likely would not have a problem going over the 27 limit. What we also can do for the 41C is adopt the 41E clause which adds in the COLA for income requirements, this would increase yearly depending on the COLA adjustments. So if the DOR increases the Income and Asset numbers we would change as well.

FORM 7

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| TOWN OF MILLIS FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET | FORM #7 OPERATIONS REQUESTS |
| DEPARTMENT: ASSESSOR DIVISION: REQUEST PRIORITY #: | |
| PROJECT TITLE: LOW INCOME (SENIORS) 41 C INCREASE MIN/MAX INCOME <i>+ assets</i> LOCATION: JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT (please attach copies of reports, master plans, or supporting documentation) CURRENTLY APPLICANTS OVER 70 RECEIVE \$1,000 EACH OFF THEIR ASSESSMENTS WE HAD 5 APPLICANTS LAST YEAR AND RECEIVED \$500 REINBURSEMENT ON THE CHERRY SHEET ANTICIPATE A POSSIBLE 4-5 MORE FOR THE FY18 YEAR. | |
| PROJECTED START DATE: FY 18 | |
| ARE THERE ANY FORMS OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE PROJECT? CHERRY SHEET FROM PRIOR YEAR ALONG WITH SUBMITTED MDM-1 BY THE ASSESSOR | |
| IS THE PROJECT REVENUE PRODUCING, OR MAY OTHER FORMS OF REVENUE, OTHER THAN TAXATION, FUND THE PROJECT? NO | |
| EXPECTED ANNUAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE COSTS NO | |
| WILL THE PROJECT REMOVE PROPERTY FROM THE TAX LIST? NO | |

MDM-1 - Fiscal Year 2015

| Clause | Type | Number of Exemptions Granted | Tax Dollars Abated on Exemptions | State Reimbursement |
|--|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 17 | Surviving Spouses, minors or persons 70 years or over | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 17C | Surviving Spouses, minors or persons 70 years or over | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 17C 1/2 | Surviving Spouses, minors or persons 70 years or over | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 17D | Surviving Spouses, minors or persons 70 years or over | 18 | 3,150.00 | 1,050.00 |
| 18 | Hardship | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 18A | Deferred taxes | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 22(a-f) | Veterans | 27 | 10,800.00 | 6,075.00 |
| Para | Paraplegics & surviving spouses of paraplegics (G.L. 58 §8) | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 22A | Veterans & surviving spouses | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 22B | Veterans & surviving spouses | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 22C | Veterans & surviving spouses | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 22D | Surviving spouse | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 22E | Veterans & surviving spouses | 23 | 23,000.00 | 18,975.00 |
| 37 | Blind | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 37A | Blind | 5 | 2,500.00 | 437.50 |
| 41 | Certain elderly persons 70 years of age or over | 0 | 0.00 | |
| 41B | Certain elderly persons 70 years of age or over | 0 | 0.00 | |
| 41C | Certain elderly persons 70 years of age or over | 6 | 6,000.00 | |
| 41C 1/2 | Certain elderly persons 70 years of age or over | 0 | 0.00 | |
| 41A | Deferred taxes -- persons 65 years or over | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 42 | Surv. spouses of police officers/firefighters killed in the line of duty | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 43 | Surv. minors of police officers/firefighters killed in the line of duty | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 50 | Elderly housing (G.L. 59 §5) | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 52 | Elderly persons water/sewer debt shift (G.L. 59 §5) | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 53 | Septic system/cesspool (G.L. 59 §5) | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 56 | Guardsman and Reservists Deployed | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 57 | Optional Senior Exemption | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total | | 79 | 45,450.00 | 26,537.50 |
| Chapter 73, §4, Acts of 1986, percentage adopted | | | 0.00 | |

Signatures

Assessor Clerk

Paula Dumont, Assessment Director, Millis, 508-376-7049 | 5/8/2015 11:50 AM

Comment: Signed and submitted for the Board of Assessors

Millis is 6% poverty level people over 65

According to 2013 US Census

| | 2015 | Amount | | | 2014 | Amount | | | | 2013 | Amount | | | 2012 | Amount |
|--------------|------|--------|--|--|------|--------|--|--|--|------|--------|--|--|------|--------|
| 41 C over 70 | 6 | 6000 | | | 3 | 3000 | | | | 5 | 5000 | | | 2 | 2000 |

41 C Over 70 - \$1,000.00

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|------------------------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Single Person: | Current | | Proposed | | Current | | Proposed | |
| | Income limits | | Income limits | | Asset limit | | Asset limit | |
| | 13,000 | 17,000 | 28,000 | 40,000 | | | | |
| Married Couple: | Current | | Proposed | | Current | | Proposed | |
| | Income limits | | Income limits | | Asset limit | | Asset limit | |
| | 15,000 | 20,000 | 30,000 | 55,000 | | | | |

ONLY CHANGE WOULD BE THE INCOME LEVEL NOT THE AMOUNT

PERSONAL REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS

| | | BASIC | MAXIMUM | MAXIMUM | EXEMPTION |
|--------|-------------|----------------|---------|------------------------|-----------|
| CLAUSE | DESCRIPTION | QUALIFICATIONS | INCOME | ASSETS | AMOUNT |
| | | | | not including domicile | |

ELDERLY:

| | | | | | |
|------|-----------------------------|---|----------|----------|---------|
| 17 D | seniors, widow and widowers | Age 70 or older | n/a | \$40,000 | \$175 |
| 41 C | low income | Age 70 or older-single | \$13,000 | \$28,000 | \$1,000 |
| 41 C | low income | Age 70 or older-married and SS adjustments | \$15,000 | \$30,000 | \$1,000 |

VETERANS:

| | | | | | |
|-----|--|--|-----|-----|---------|
| 22 | | 10% Wartime Service Disability or a Purple Heart | n/a | n/a | \$400 |
| 22A | | Loss of foot, hand or eye | n/a | n/a | \$750 |
| 22B | | Loss of two limbs or eyes | n/a | n/a | \$1,250 |
| 22E | | 100% Disability/10% service | n/a | n/a | \$1,000 |
| 22F | | Paraplegic due to war injury | n/a | n/a | 100% |

OTHERS:

| | | | | | |
|---------|--------|---|-----|----------|-------------------------|
| 37 | | Legally Blind (need a certificate) | n/a | n/a | \$500 (local option) |
| 17 D | widows | Surviving spouse or orphaned minor child | n/a | \$40,000 | \$175 |
| 42 & 43 | | Surviving spouse or orphaned minor of Police Officer or Fire Fighter killed in the line of duty | n/a | n/a | 100% |
| 18 | | Extreme Hardship - There are several qualifications. Seek further information at the Board of Assessors office. | n/a | | varies |

Deferred Tax Payment:

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|-----|--|-----------------|----------|-----|--------|
| 41A | | Age 65 or older | \$20,000 | n/a | varies |
|-----|--|-----------------|----------|-----|--------|

Deferred taxes accumulate with simple interest at 8%, as a lien on the property until it is sold or the owner(s) is deceased.

Currently

TOWN OF MILLIS CURRENT PERSONAL REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS

| | MILLIS | STATE | MILFORD | NORFOLK | BELLINGHAM | FRANKLIN | MEDWAY | SHERBORN |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------|--------------|-----------------|------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| AGE | 70 | 70 | 68 | 65 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 |
| 17 D | 175 | 175 | 175 | 175 | 175 | | 210 | 500 |
| 41 C SINGLE | 1000 | 500 | 500 | 750 | 500 | 500 | 1000 (65 YRS OLD) | <2001 |
| 41 C MARRIED | 1000 | 500 | 500 | 750 | 500 | 500 | 1000 (65 YRS OLD) | <2001 |
| MAXIMUM INCOME 17 D | N/A | N/A | | N/A | | | | N/A |
| MAXIMUM ASSESTS 17 D | 40000 | 40000 | | 40000 | | | | 57160 |
| MAXIMUM INCOME 41 C S | 13000 | 17000 | 20000 | 20000 | 17000 | 17-40 | | 25486 |
| MAXIMUM ASSESTS 41 C S | 28000 | 40000 | 40000 | 28000 | 55000 | 20-55 | | 50972 |
| MAXIMUM INCOME 41 C M | 15000 | 20000 | 30000 | 30000 | 20000 | 20000 | | 38229 |
| MAXIMUM ASSESTS 41 C M | 30000 | 55000 | 55000 | 30000 | 55000 | 55000 | | 70087 |
| VETERANS | | | | | | | | |
| 22 - 10% DISABILITY | 400 | 400 | VARIES | 400-1000 | | | | > \$800 |
| 22 A - LOSS FOOT, HAND OR E | 750 | 750 | VARIES | | | | 400 | |
| 22B - LOSS OF 2 LIMBS | 1250 | 1250 | VARIES | | | | 1250 | |
| 22 E - 100% DISABILITY | 1000 | 1000 | VARIES | | | | 1000 | |
| 22F - PARAPLEGIC | 100% | 100% | VARIES | | | | 100% | |
| OTHERS | | | | | | | | |
| 37 BLIND | 500 | 437.5 | 500 | 500 | | | 437.5 | > \$1,000 |
| 17 D WIDOWS/WIDOWER | 175 | | 175 | 175 | | | | |
| 42 & 43 SURVIVING SP | 100% | | 175 | | | | | |
| 18 EXTREME HARDSHIP | | | BY VOTE | VARIES | | | | BY VOTE |
| | | | ASSESSORS | AGE, DISABILITY | | | | ASSESSORS |
| | | | | FINANCIAL | | | | |
| DEFERRED TAX PAYMENT | | | | | | | | |
| 41A | N/A | | | | | | YES | AGE 65 |
| NEEDS A (TOM) VOTE | | | 50% OF VALUE | 65 YRS OLD | | | | 50% OF VALUE |
| INCOME | | | | <40000 | | | | <55000 |
| SENIOR WORK OFF | 900 | | 750 | | | | | |
| VETERANS WORK OFF | 900 | | | | | | | |

Exemptions: Elderly

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Law Creating/Modifying Program: | Ch. 59, §5, Clause 41, 41B, 41C & 41C ½ |
| State Budget Account Number: | 1233-2000 |
| Agency: | Division of Local Services, Dept. of Revenue |

PURPOSE: To reimburse municipalities for property tax exemptions granted to qualifying people at least 70 years of age who meet certain "whole estate or total assets," annual income, and residency requirements.

REIMBURSEMENT FORMULA: The number of exemptions granted is multiplied by the statutory reimbursement of \$500, subject to appropriation. However, if a municipality has adopted Clause 41B or 41C, the number of exemptions for which it is reimbursed cannot exceed the number reimbursed in the most recent year under Clause 41. In addition, municipalities that have adopted Clause 41B or 41C will be reimbursed for additional costs incurred in determining eligibility of applicants under these clauses in an amount not to exceed two dollars per exemption granted.

Beginning in FY2003, communities that have accepted G.L. Chapter 59, §5 (Clause 41C), have the option of adopting a new local option. Communities that adopt local option Chapter 184, §51 of the Acts of 2002 (Clause 41C Exemption Options), can adjust the age, income and asset requirements seniors must meet to qualify for an exemption and the amount of the exemption the community may grant to eligible seniors. The allowable adjustments that can be made (any or all) are as follows:

- Eligibility age may be reduced from 70 to 65
- Amount of exemption granted may be increased by any percentage up to 100%
- Gross receipts limit may be increased to any amount up to \$20,000 if single and \$30,000 if married
- Whole estate limit may be increased to any amount up to \$40,000 if single and \$55,000 if married

The state's reimbursement remains at \$500 per individual, subject to appropriation.

ADMINISTRATION: Local Assessors submit Form MDM-1 on DLSGateway to the Division of Local Services. This form lists the number of exemptions granted in the prior fiscal year. The DLS certifies to the Comptroller the amounts to be reimbursed to municipalities.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: ^{current monthly} Annually, December.

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spoke w/ Angelina (DOR)

Paula Dumont

From: Benvenuto, Donnette <benvenutod@dor.state.ma.us> on behalf of DOR DLS Data Bank <databank@dor.state.ma.us>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 10:35 AM
To: 'Paula Dumont'
Subject: RE: Cherry Sheet reimbursements

Hi Paula,

~~Your phone keeps ringing busy,~~ I'm seeing 6 applicants for \$6000 in abatements by the town...we only reimburse \$502 per applicant up to your cap. We have reimbursed monthly either \$125 or 126 with one final payment in June for \$1632. The total of all these payments equals \$3012, which is \$502 x 6. If you have any other questions, let us know.

Donnette Benvenuto

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