



CITY OF REVERE

SENIOR CITIZEN WORK-OFF ABATEMENT PROGRAM

FY 2018

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this program includes providing qualified, efficient resources to the City to meet identified needs, assisting Senior residents in crediting their property tax bills and water bills by drawing on their expertise and skills, and increasing their involvement in public service.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION:

Guidelines for the Senior Citizen's Tax Work-off Abatement Program are in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, § 5K, as amended.

The program will offer Seniors the opportunity to contribute **68** hours throughout various city departments for **Property Tax** abatements or **45.5** hours for **Water** bill credits.

In the event more than 100 applicants apply for the Senior Abatement Program, a public lottery shall be conducted and overseen by the Treasurer, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, and City Clerk. The City will conduct a public lottery on **August 23, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.** (*tentative date*)

The City shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate the work requests of participating Seniors; however, final decision on work assignments are based on their qualifications and suitability for the position.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must meet all program eligibility specified below as of July 1st of the fiscal year that includes the first day of the fiscal year for which abatement is sought. The number of citizens participating in this program shall be limited to **50** Seniors eligible for the **Water** program and **50** Seniors eligible for the **Property Tax** abatement program.

The tax abatement received under this program shall be in addition to any other property tax exemptions for which the Senior is eligible. If approved for participation, applicants are responsible for immediately notifying the Mayor's office in writing of any changes affecting their eligibility.

APPLICATION PACKAGE:

Applications will be available at the Assessor's or Mayor's office on July 1, 2017. **The deadline for submission of your completed application is AUGUST 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** City of Revere Employees will not be eligible for this program. Members of Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Committees cannot participate by doing work related to their appointed or elected position.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be **60 years of age** as of July 1st (Fiscal Year 18).
 - Please provide a copy of **ONE** of the following:
 1. Birth Certificate,
 2. Driver's License; or
 3. Passport
- Must be a resident of the city of Revere **AND** must own (as the assessed owner of record) **AND** occupy (as their domicile) the property for which the abatement is sought.

***Ownership interest may include a **Joint Tenancy, Tenancy in Common, Tenancy by the Entirety, or a Life Estate.**

***If the property for which abatement is sought is owned by a **Trust**, the applicant **must have legal title. i.e., be one of the trustees or co-trustees).**

- Income shall not exceed **\$45,000** for individual applicants or exceed **\$55,000** for married applicants. (*Income will be verified.*)

HOURLY RATE AND HOURS TO BE WORKED:

In accordance with the applicable provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, the hourly rate will be set at the state's minimum wage rate. All hours worked for credits/abatements must be completed in the Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1st -June 30th) and may not be carried over to the next Fiscal year. Program participation will be offered as follows:

- 45.5 hours (\$11.00 per hour) for a maximum credit of **\$500.00** on FY 2018 actual **Water** bills
Work will begin on Monday, February 12, 2018, and Seniors will be required to complete their hours by Friday, April 13, 2018.
- 68 hours (\$11.00 per hour) for a maximum abatement of **\$750.00** on FY 2018 actual **Tax** bills.
Work will begin on Monday, September 18, 2017, and Seniors will be required to complete their hours by Friday, November 17, 2017.

Property tax abatements/credits *shall not* be considered income or wages for the purpose of State Income Tax Withholdings, Unemployment Compensation or Worker's Compensation.



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CHECK LIST

- Copy of Driver's License **or**
- Copy of Birth Certificate **or**
- Copy of Passport
- Signed Hold Harmless and Indemnity Clause
- Proof of Residency and/or Ownership
- Proof of Income

(Current income tax returns, social security statement, or other proof of income the City deems appropriate are required showing income for eligibility.)