



CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MARTIN J. WALSH

June 1, 2020

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to increase the 41C Elderly Property Tax Exemption from \$750 to \$1,000, effective for Fiscal Year 2021.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, eligible seniors (65+) may receive a personal exemption on their property tax bill of \$500 if they meet certain criteria. A local option amendment allowed for an increase of this amount by not more than 100% and in 2010, the City voted to increase the exemption by 50% to \$750. In FY19, 593 taxpayers took advantage of this option. This order will allow the City to now exempt the maximum allowable amount under law.

This change in coordination with other statutes the City has adopted will result in the minimum exemption granted under this clause being \$1,000, and the maximum being \$2,000.

The City continues to show a continued commitment to provide vital assistance to its senior residents in these uncertain times.

I respectfully request your favorable action on this Order.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Walsh
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

Ordered: That pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, the City of Boston elects to increase the exemption sum, noted in the first sentence of said clause, to \$1,000.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

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