

# PROPERTY EXEMPTIONS FOR FY 2018



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## **Clause 17D – Surviving Spouse/Aged Person**

(Tan Form)

If eligible, this allows \$315.00 off of your taxes for fiscal year 2018.

Eligibility requirements for a Surviving Spouse:

- Your assets in bank/stocks/CDs/IRAs/motor vehicles cannot exceed \$48,372.00.
- You must be a widow or widower before July 1, 2017.
- You must own and occupy the property as of July 1, 2017.

Eligibility requirements for an Aged Person:

- You or your spouse is over 70 years old before July 1, 2017.
- You and/or your spouse must occupy and co-own the property as of July 1, 2017.
- Your combined assets in bank/stocks/CDs/IRAs/motor vehicles cannot exceed \$48,372.00.

## **Clause 41C – Elderly Exemption**

(Blue Form)

If eligible, this allows \$900.00 off of your taxes for fiscal year 2018.

Eligibility requirements for an Elderly Exemption, if single:

- You must be 70 years or older before July 1, 2017.
- Your income must be less than \$20,000.00 (excluding up to \$4,537 in Social Security benefits or Fed. /MA/municipality government pensions)
- Your assets in bank/stocks/CDs/IRAs/motor vehicles (if stored at a different location) cannot exceed \$40,000.00.
- You must own and occupy the property as of July 1, 2017.

Eligibility requirements for an Elderly Exemption, if married:

- You or your spouse must be 70 years or older before July 1, 2017.
- Your combined income must be less than \$30,000.00 (excluding up to \$6,806 for both spouses in Social Security benefits or Fed. /MA/municipality government pensions)
- Your combined assets in bank/stocks/CDs/IRAs/motor vehicles (if stored at a different location) cannot exceed \$55,000.00.
- You must own and occupy the property as of July 1, 2017.

## **Clause 37A – Blind Person**

(Gray Form)

If eligible, this allows \$900.00 off of your taxes for fiscal year 2018.

Eligibility requirements for a Blind Person Exemption:

- You must submit an updated Commission of the Blind Certificate each year.
- You must own and occupy the property as of July 1, 2017.

**Clause 22, 22A, 22E – Veterans**

(Green Form)

The veteran or spouse must own and occupy the property as of July 1, 2017. For each clause below, surviving spouses of those veterans who qualified are also eligible.

If eligible, a **Clause 22** Exemption allows \$720.00 off of your taxes for fiscal year 2018.

Who can apply for a Clause 22 Exemption:

- A veteran with a 10% or more, war-connected disability
- A veteran with a Purple Heart
- Parents of soldiers/sailors who lost their lives
- Surviving spouses of World War I soldiers/sailors who remain unmarried.

If eligible, a **Clause 22A** Exemption allows \$1,350.00 off of your taxes for fiscal year 2018.

Who can apply for a Clause 22A Exemption:

- A veteran who lost or suffered permanent loss of the use of one foot, or hand, or eye
- A veteran that has been awarded the:
  - o Congressional Medal of Honor
  - o Distinguished Service Cross
  - o Navy or Air Force Cross

If eligible, a **Clause 22E** Exemption allows \$1,800.00 off of your taxes for fiscal year 2018.

Who can apply for a Clause 22E Exemption:

- Veterans with 100% war service connected disability. A new VA 100% disability notice must be supplied every year.

**Paralegic Veterans Exemption**

(Green Form)

Veterans who are certified by the Veteran’s Administration as Paralegics receive a 100% exemption.

**Clause 42 – Police/Firefighter**

(Green Form)

A widow/widower of a police officer or firefighter who have been killed in the line of duty receive a 100% exemption.

**The exemption forms for Fiscal Year 2018 may be filed between July 1, 2017 and April 1, 2018.** All forms should be filed before October 1<sup>st</sup> in order to show up on your Actual Tax Bill. Exemption forms are available in the Assessors Office as well as on the Town’s website, and [www.Mass.gov](http://www.Mass.gov). If you have any questions, please call the Assessors Office, at the number listed on this brochure.