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WAYLAND VETERAN SERVICES FY 2016 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

The Town of Wayland has adopted Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5N which establishes a program under which eligible veterans may acquire up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) annually in credit; to apply to the property tax bill by working in municipal department augmenting the existing work force. To be eligible for the program, an individual must be a veteran and must reside in the property for which the tax credit is sought. Each owner of the property who meets the eligibility criteria can apply for and participate in the program

Consistent with the General Laws, participants will be credited service time at the State's current minimum wage rate. That amount is \$9.00 per hour. The amount of the credit earned will be applied as an abatement to the participant's annual property tax bill.

The Veterans' Agent will certify initial eligibility. The Veterans Agent, the Assessing Office and the Selectmen's Office will jointly assign work assignments and oversee a smooth process. Participants assigned to specific positions must agree to a CORI check (criminal background) prior to placement. All applicable statutes, regulations and program criteria will be implemented; i.e. conflict of interest guidelines, privacy regulations, completed applications and verification documentation, etc.

Applications for participation in the FY 16 program will be accepted beginning on Monday, June 30, 2015. Applications may be submitted to the Assessing Office. A certificate of completion of work form must be submitted **NO LATER** than March 31, 2016 in order for the participant to receive credit for service hours in the fiscal year's tax bill. Any forms submitted after March 31, 2016 will be used to issue credit on the following fiscal year's tax bill. Under no circumstances will any participant receive more than the \$500 credit in any fiscal year under this program.

VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- Applicants must be a Veteran and reside in a Wayland owner occupied home.
- Applications will be accepted beginning June 30th. Should applications exceed available slots, a lottery will be held to determine the order in which applications are accepted. Application does not guarantee a slot.
- Department needs will be matched to applicants skills and ability. Final decisions on placement are made by Department Heads.
- Applicants must be a Veteran at time of application. The Wayland Veterans' Agent will verify eligibility.
- Applicants are subject to a satisfactory CORI (criminal background check) prior to an assignment.
- Minimum work assignments will be 2 hours/day unless otherwise approved by the Department Head.
- A progress report of hours worked is required by December 31st. The total work assignment must be completed by March 31st unless otherwise approved.
- The rate per hour of service shall not exceed the Commonwealth of Massachusetts minimum wage of \$ 9.00 per hr. This rate will be used to compute the tax reduction and shall not exceed \$500.00 per year.
- There is no income limitation for the program eligibility
- The maximum number of participants in the Veteran tax work-off program will be 30 in each fiscal year (July 1 – June 30)
- The tax reduction will be applied as an abatement.

