

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

October 18, 2018

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

18.178 An Order to Increase Veterans Tax Work-Off Program Maximum Abatement

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Legislature authorized the establishment of a program that provides for property tax liability reduction in exchange for volunteer services for veterans;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council accepted the provisions of Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5N on June 19, 2014 establishing a Veterans Work-Off Abatement Program to allow veterans to volunteer to provide services to the city and in exchange for such volunteer services, the city reduced, by no more than \$1000 per year, their real property tax obligations;

WHEREAS, whereas the legislature amended Mass Gen. Laws, Ch. 59, Sec. 5N effective November 7, 2018 raising the amount of the allowable reduction of the real property tax bill;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That City Council hereby accepts the provisions of Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5N, as amended, establishing a Veterans Work-Off Abatement Program to allow veterans to volunteer to provide services to the city, at an hourly rate consistent with the current minimum wage of the commonwealth, and in exchange for such volunteer services, the city shall reduce the real property tax obligations of such persons, not to exceed \$1,500 per year.