



**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**  
**INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

**To** Robert W. Healy, City Manager

**Date** June 27, 1986

**From** Board of Assessors

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**Reference**

**Subject** Council Order No. 21 - March 24, 1986 - Elderly Abatements

The Massachusetts General Court enacted legislation to provide relief from the impact of Revaluation on June 5, 1986. The Act is similar to legislation filed in the fall of 1985 by Majority Leader Charles Flaherty on behalf of the City of Cambridge. The Act, known as Chapter 73 of the acts of 1986, affects the following clauses of M.G.L., Chapter 59, Section 5, as follows:

Clause 17D - The abatement granted to a surviving spouse or a minor whose parent is deceased or a person or persons over the age of seventy would, for the first time, exclude two-family homes from inclusion as part of the whole estate. The bill also provides a uniform increase not to exceed 100% of the stated exemption in a State certified revaluation year.

Clause 41C - The abatement granted to persons over the age of seventy whose income and expenses fall within the stated guidelines.

Increased - Single earnings from less than \$10,000.00 to less than \$13,000.00 in prior calendar year.  
Married earnings from less than \$12,000.00 to less than \$15,000.00 in prior calendar year.

Increased - The combined whole estate, real and personal, from \$20,000.00 to \$28,000.00 for individuals and \$23,000.00 to \$30,000.00 for couples.

Elimination - of two-family valuation  
from inclusion in whole  
estate.

The bill also allows a uniform increase not to exceed 100% of  
the stated exemption in a State certification revaluation year.

The preceeding amendments are for Home Rule enactment effective  
for fiscal years beginning after July 1, 1985.

Attachment

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# City of Cambridge

*Assessors*  
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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 24, 1986

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a status report on pending legislation, relative to elderly abatements for Cambridge property owners.

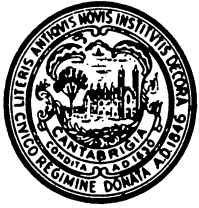
In City Council March 24, 1986.  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.  
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy;

*Joseph E. Connarton*

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.



## CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ROBERT W. HEALY  
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI  
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

August 4, 1986

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 7, I submit the attached report from the Board of Assessors regarding recently-enacted legislation which provides tax abatements for elderly property owners.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over the typed name.

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

Agenda Item No. 5 *S-444*

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No. 7  
on legislation providing tax abatements  
for elderly property owners.

In City Council,

August 4, 1986

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*MS*  
*RF*

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*Copy to all Councilors*