



City of Cambridge

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COUNCILLOR WOLF

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 18, 1987

WHEREAS:

The City tax rate and assessments will soon be issued, showing an increased property tax levy for many properties; and

WHEREAS:

The increased property tax hits hardest older people, many on fixed incomes who bought their houses many years ago for low cost and now find that their values have skyrocketed, leaving them with high taxes and level income; and

WHEREAS:

In part through the efforts of this City Council and the Cambridge Assessors, and through the good offices of the Cambridge delegation at the Legislature, property tax exemptions for older citizens, surviving spouses, and minors who meet certain age income and property requirements have been expanded; and

WHEREAS:

This Cambridge City Council wants to do everything it can to help those who meet these requirements to benefit from the property tax abatements; therefore be it

ORDERED:

That the City Manager be hereby requested to have the Human Services Department, in cooperation with the Assessors Office, set up an information and counseling service utilizing staff, and trained volunteers if needed, to give information and help to older citizens, surviving spouses, and minors about their potential eligibility for tax abatements under the law; and be it further

ORDERED:

That this service recognize the need to work with people and the counsel in a sensitive and confidential manner; and be it further

ORDERED:

That this service be well publicized and, if deemed advisable, a telephone hot line be set aside for this purpose.

In City Council May 18, 1987.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order # 5

F-208

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