



CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THOMAS M. MENINO

November 17, 2010

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to increase the amount of the 41C Elderly Property Tax Exemption from \$500.00 to \$750.00, effective for Fiscal Year 2011. This increase will provide much needed relief to seniors, who face increasing real estate taxes with limited sources of income.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may begin to offer this important tax exemption program to members of the National Guard and reservists for the current fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE 41C ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR FY 2011.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5 Clause Forty-first C, eligible seniors (65+) may receive a personal exemption on their property tax bill of \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the City Council voted to adopt a local option amendment to lower the qualifying age for the Elderly Exemption from 70 years old to 65 years old, as well as to increase the qualifying income and asset limit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Boston recognizes that elderly taxpayers are particularly burdened by increasing real estate taxes while typically elderly income remains stagnant; and

WHEREAS, the City has shown a continued commitment to providing vital assistance to its elderly residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 59, Section 5 Clause Forty-first C, the City of Boston elects to increase the minimum exemption amount from \$500.00 to \$750.00.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**



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