

LANCASTER SENIOR CITIZEN TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM

The town of Lancaster has a program where seniors who qualify can work off a portion of their tax bill by performing useful tasks for various town offices, departments, boards, etc. To qualify an applicant must be:

- To earn this abatement taxpayers must be over 60 years (MGL Ch. 59 section 5 K and having been amended by Chapter 184 section 52).

THE COA ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 ADOPTED AND ON NOVEMBER 5, 2009 THE SELECTBOARD APPROVED, THE FOLLOWING LOCAL OPTIONS.

- Homeowner (or spouse) must have owned and occupied the Lancaster home for at least two (2) years.
- Lancaster resident may own only one home in Lancaster and will be for the primary residence on which the taxes are paid.
- Only one abatement per household. Work sharing is allowed between spouses (even if one is under sixty) as long as the total abatement does not exceed the maximum amount.
- A current copy of the applicant's Town of Lancaster Real Estate Tax. This is for administration purposes.
- The program will start on November 1st of each year and stop on October 31st.
- Positions are on a first come first serve basis. Previous years participants may have to skip a year if there are an excessive amount of seniors applying.
- Applications are accepted at any time, but will only be considered as long as funds are available in any given year.
- No income requirement.

ABATEMENT UNDER THIS PROGRAM IS:

- Maximum abatement is state maximum approved by town meeting and select board. (Currently \$1,000.00 per year.)
- Maximum number of hours will not exceed what is based on Massachusetts minimum wage.

Please contact the Lancaster Council on Aging at 978-368-4355 if interested, for particulars and an application form.