

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013

Present: Ald. Gentile (Chairman), Linsky, Rice, Blazar, Fuller and Lappin

Absent: Ald. Ciccone and Salvucci

Also present: Ald. Hess-Mahan and Yates

City staff present: Captain Marc Gromada (Police Department) Elizabeth Dromey (Director of Assessing Department), Chief Bruce Proia (Fire Department), Josh Morse (Commissioner of Public Buildings), David Wilkinson (Comptroller)

REFERRED TO PS&T, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#420-13 **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR** requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000) from the Operating Override Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding the design for Station 3 (Willow Street) and Fire Headquarters. [11/25/13 @ 3:26 PM]

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION APPROVED 6-0 on 12/09/13

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 7-0 on 12/09/13

ACTION: APPROVED 4-0 (Rice, Lappin not voting)

NOTE: Commissioner of Public Buildings Josh Morse reviewed the request for \$275,000 for funding to continue with the feasibility study and schematic design up to site plan approval for Fire Station #3 (Willow Street) and Fire Headquarters. The Board of Aldermen approved funding for the initial feasibility study for Station #10 (Dedham Street), Station #3, and headquarters in 2012. Portions of those funds were used to complete programming and staffing studies at headquarters and Station #3.

The logistics of the fire station and headquarters site are difficult. There is an aqueduct located on the headquarters site and both sites are bound by a hair salon. The city has met with the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority and learned that access to the aqueduct must be maintained for maintenance purposes. The Administration is currently in the early stages of discussion with the property owner of the salon site but nothing has been decided. The additional funds will narrow down the options for Station #3 and fire headquarters such as entering and exiting the fire station onto Centre Street to improve response time. The funds will also be used to look at the possibility of phased construction to eliminate the need for a temporary station and headquarters during construction. Chief Proia stated that there is not really an appropriate site in Newton Centre for a temporary station and it is very important to maintain fire response times in that area.

The feasibility study will also look at how to best utilize the land with the future of Newton Centre's development in mind. The headquarters building is listed on the National Register of historic buildings and the City itself has designated the building as historically

significant. A number of critical emergency functions are located in the headquarter building including the emergency operations center, the emergency communication center and the alarm transmitting equipment. Much of the equipment is required by building code to be housed in a seismically reinforced building. Therefore, the Administration is looking to preserve the headquarters building but remove those functions from the building.

Current Project Manager Adam Gilmore and Commissioner Morse will provide updates to the Board of Aldermen and will continue to involve the Ward Aldermen in the project plans. The feasibility study portion of the project is expected to take approximately six months and construction should begin at the end of Fiscal Year 2015. Ald. Fuller moved approval, which carried unanimously.

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUB FACIL. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#421-13 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the feasibility study and associated schematic design services for the renovation and/or replacement of the Cabot Elementary School. [11/25/13 @ 3:26 PM]

PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 8-0 on 12/09/13

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 7-0 on 12/09/13

ACTION: APPROVED 4-0 (Rice, Lappin not voting)

NOTE: Public Buildings Commissioner Josh Morse explained that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has voted to invite the Cabot School to participate in the eligibility period of its process for school construction. The Administration would like authorization to bond \$1 million for the feasibility study and schematic design for the Cabot Elementary School. The cost of the study and design is estimated to be the same as the cost for the Zervas School feasibility study and schematic design. The costs of the feasibility studies and schematic for the Zervas and Cabot Schools are in line with what other communities are spending. It is anticipated that the \$1 million will be bonded for five years but the Administration may revisit the funding source.

The Cabot School site has unique challenges such as an aqueduct that runs under the existing modular classrooms. In addition, there was an underground storage tank leak on the site that was reported in 1990. The site was cleaned up and the Department of Environmental Protection has declared the site clean. However, the City should anticipate the need for additional testing during feasibility to ensure that the site is clean and that there are no surprises. The feasibility study will look at all the options for the school including renovation and replacement. Ald. Linsky moved approval, which carried by a vote of four in favor and none opposed.

#418-13 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting acceptance and expenditure of a eighty-three thousand five hundred dollar (\$83,500) grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for the purpose of traffic accident analysis. [11/25/13 @ 3:26 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 4-0 (Rice, Lappin not voting)

NOTE: Police Captain Marc Gromada presented the request for authorization to expend a reimbursable grant to purchase software and equipment to develop an analytical graphic interface to enhance traffic accident reporting. The software would enable police officers to enter information on a mobile device about traffic accidents at the scene of the accident, which will improve report accuracy and level of detail entered into the accident database. In addition, the new software would give the police the ability to map out accidents and access accident information from mobile devices. The software is also capable of allowing the Police Department to interface with other departments.

Ald. Fuller moved approval of the grant expenditure, which carried unanimously.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#422-13 ALD. JOHNSON AND DANBERG requesting an amendment to Section 19-9 of the City of Newton Ordinances to raise the overnight parking fine from \$5 to \$25 effective February 1, 2014. [12/02/13 @ 11:06 AM]

PUBLIC SAFETY TO MEET

ACTION: **APPROVED 3-0-1 (Fuller abstaining)**

NOTE: The Chairman began the discussion by voicing his support of the increase of the overnight parking fine from \$5 to \$25. The Public Safety & Transportation Committee has not discussed the request for the increase but could hold a special meeting before the next full Board to take the item up and if an action were taken the item could be voted at the next full Board.

The overnight parking permit program to provide relief for residents with a hardship has not been established; however, a \$5 ticket is not enough of a deterrent to stop people from parking overnight. The administrative cost of issuing a \$5 ticket likely exceeds the fine resulting in a cost to the City. By implementing the increase in February, there will be time to advertise the increase and give people an opportunity to find legal overnight parking options.

Ald. Fuller has a number of questions but would like to have the full discussion of the item in the Public Safety and Transportation Committee.; therefore, she will abstain from the vote. Ald. Blazar moved approval of the item, which carried by a vote of three in favor and one abstention.

#419-13 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of five hundred thirty-six thousand seven hundred forty-nine dollars (\$536,749) from the July 1, 2013 Free Cash to the Newton Public Schools. [11/25/13 @ 3:26 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0 (Rice, Lappin not voting)**

NOTE: Comptroller David Wilkinson presented the item to the Committee. The Administration committed any additional State Chapter 70 Education Funding received from the State to the School Department. Money (\$106,122) received from the Fiscal Year 2013 homeless transportation funding was applied to the City's General Fund instead of the School Department's budget and the City received \$430,627 in addition, Chapter 70 Cherry Sheet Aid.

Therefore, the Administration is requesting that the \$536,749 be transferred to the School Department.

There was a question about how the School Department would use the additional funds. It was explained that it is up to the School Committee how the funds would be used. With that, Ald. Fuller moved approval, which carried unanimously.

#132-13 ALD. HESS-MAHAN & YATES proposing a Resolution to request that the Mayor adopt the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5C, which provides for a local property tax exemption of up to 20% of the average assessed value of residential properties, which are the principal residences of taxpayers. [03/13/13 2:29 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-1 (Linsky opposed)**

NOTE: The item is a request for a Resolution to the Mayor requesting that he initiate the process to adopt Chapter 59 Section 5C of Massachusetts General Law to provide up to a 20% tax exemption for owner occupied residences. Director of Assessing Elizabeth Dromey reviewed the attached presentation that was provided at the recent Tax Classification Public Hearing. Ms. Dromey explained that if the residential exemption is adopted, the total amount of taxes paid by the residential properties will not change and the residential tax rate will increase. However, the total amount of taxes paid by residential properties is shifted resulting in some residential properties paying fewer taxes and some paying more. If a property is assessed at more than the City's average assessment, the taxes will go up, but if it assessed at less than the average the taxes will go down. In addition, the exemption would apply to all residential properties including day cares, group homes, senior housing and vacant unbuildable land. There is no asset or income limit on who receives the exemption and it would be applied to all owner-occupied residential parcels in the City. Commercial properties would not be impacted by the acceptance of the law. Thirteen of the State's 351 cities and towns have adopted the exemption since its inception in the early 1980s. Ms. Dromey provided the attached list of communities that have accepted the legislation and a breakdown of the different types of residential properties in the City with the impact of the legislation to each type of property.

Ald. Hess-Mahan docketed the item because after the most recent override, a number of constituents expressed interest in acceptance of the local property tax exemption. Ald. Yates and Linsky also voiced their support of the requested Resolution. Ald. Hess-Mahan would like to hear from the Administration whether they intend to request adoption of the law. The Chair stated that he has spoken with the Administration and it is his understanding that at this time they have no intention of filing for the adoption. Ald. Hess-Mahan stated that if the Administration is not interested in pursuing adoption of Chapter 59, Section 5C, he is willing to accept that the item could be voted no action necessary.

A number of Committee members were concerned that the exemption did not include any income or asset test. Although there is not a perfect correlation, it would make the exemption more equitable. In addition, taxes would increase for group homes, senior housing, and day cares, which does not seem equitable. Ald. Fuller moved no action necessary, which carried by a vote of five in favor and one opposed.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES

#314-13 NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, proposing that **Sec. 19-336(a). License plates or medallions; fee for same; transfer to new vehicle.** be increased from \$50 to \$100, effective 2014. [09/12/13 @ 11:21 AM]

PUBLIC SAFETY VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0 on 12/04/13

ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY 4-0 (Rice, Lappin not voting)

NOTE: The Police Department will be submitting a request in the near future to review and possibly increase all of the Police Department's fees. The proposed increase for public auto and taxi medallions will be included in that request. Therefore, Ald. Fuller moved the item no action necessary, which was approved unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE 2014-2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#185-12 ALD. BAKER, BLAZAR, SANGIOLO, LINSKY, ALBRIGHT & DANBERG requesting that the Board of Aldermen adopt a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor asking that, when the Mayor seeks future Board approval for bonding the cost of additional capital facilities or equipment for the schools, he include in that funding request, as well as in the city-wide Capital Improvement Plan, the estimated costs needed for funding the capital technology needs of the Newton Schools, including the appropriate portions of the estimated project costs of the School Committee's three-year district-wide technology plan not anticipated to be funded by the Information Technology Department budget; the anticipated technology grants from Boston College for the elementary schools; and/or estimated revenue from the E-rate Technology Reimbursement Program. [06/11/12 @ 11:23 PM]

PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 6-0 on 07/11/12

ACTION: REFERRED TO THE 2014-2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 4-0

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE

#402-13 ALD. FULLER, GENTILE, RICE & LINSKY requesting a Home Rule Petition to amend Article 9 of the Charter to clarify that Neighborhood Area Councils shall maintain and control their own financial accounts and records, independent of City finances; and to further clarify that such independent financial accounts and records shall remain subject to City audit. [10/28/13 @ 10:18 AM]

PROGRAMS & SERVICES REFERRED TO 2014-15 BOARD 12/04/13

ACTION: REFERRED TO THE 2014-2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 4-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#41-13 ALD. CROSSLEY, FULLER AND SALVUCCI requesting a discussion with the administration to review how the city inventories, plans for, budgets and accounts for needed smaller capital expenditures (currently set at under \$75,000), which are excluded from the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP); how to make these non-CIP capital maintenance items visible, and how to integrate them with the overall planning, CIP, and budgeting processes. [01/14/13 @ 5:02 PM]

ACTION: **PUB FACILITIES REFERRED TO 2014-15 BOARD 5-1 (Gentile opposed)**
REFERRED TO THE 2014-2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 3-1 (Gentile opposed)

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING, LAND USE & FINANCE COMMITTEES

#273-12 **ALD. CROSSLEY & HESS-MAHAN** requesting a restructuring and increase in fees for permits charged by the Inspectional Services Department and fees charged by the Planning Department and City Clerk to assure that fees are both sufficient to fund related services provided and simple to administer. [09-10-12 @1:17 PM]

LAND USE REFERRED TO 2014-15 BOARD

ZONING & PLANNING REFERRED TO THE 2014-2015 BOARD

ACTION: **REFERRED TO THE 2014-2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 2-1-1 (Gentile opposed; Blazar abstaining)**

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

#257-12 **RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE** recommending (1) review of the Fees, Civil Fines/Non-Criminal Disposition contained in Chapter 17 LICENSING AND PERMITS GENERALLY and Chapter 20 CIVIL FINES/NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION CIVIL FINES to ensure they are in accordance with what is being charged and (2) review of the acceptance of G.L. c. 40 §22F, accepted on July 9, 2001, which allows certain municipal boards and officers to fix reasonable fees for the issuance of certain licenses, permits, or certificates.

PUBLIC FACILITIES REFERED TO 2014-2015 BOARD

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ACTION: **REFERRED TO THE 2014-2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 4-0**

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUB. FAC., ZAP, AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#256-12 **ALD. HESS-MAHAN, SANGIOLO & SWISTON** proposing and ordinance promoting economic development and the mobile food truck industry in the City of Newton. [08/06/12 @4:46 PM]

PROGRAMS & SERVICES REFERRED TO 2014-15 BOARD

PUBLIC FACILITIES REFERRED TO 2014-15 BOARD

ACTION: **REFERRED TO THE 2014-2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 4-0**

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#254-12 **ALD. HESS-MAHAN, SANGIOLO, DANBERG, KALIS, CROSSLEY** proposing an ordinance relating to plastic bag reduction that would add a fee to single-use plastic and paper bags that are not at least 40% post-consumer recycled content, at certain retail establishments in Newton. [07/18/12 @4:34 PM]

PUBLIC FACILITIES REFERED TO 2014-2015 BOARD

PROGRAMS & SERVICES REFERRED TO 2014-15 BOARD

ACTION: **REFERRED TO THE 2014-2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 4-0**

REFERRED TO LAND USE AND FINANCE COMMITTEES
#79-12(2) **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE** recommending the appropriation of nine hundred ten thousand one hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$910,179) from the Community Preservation Fund to the Planning & Development Department for a grant to Myrtle Village, LLC, to create 7 units of permanently affordable rental housing at 12 and 18-20 Curve Street, West Newton, as described in the proposal submitted in August – October 2013. [11/06/13 @ 4:08 PM]
LAND USE REFERRED TO THE 2014-2015 BOARD
ACTION: REFERRED TO THE 2014-2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 4-0

REFERRED TO ZONING AND PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES
#102-11 **ALD. HESS-MAHAN, JOHNSON, COMMISSIONER LOJEK, AND CANDACE HAVENS** requesting an amendment to Chapter 17 to establish a fee for filing a notice of condo conversion. [03-29-11 @ 4:55PM]
ZONING & PLANNING APPROVED 6-0 on 6/10/13
ACTION: REFERRED TO THE 2014-2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 4-0

REFERRED TO ZONING AND PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES
#95-11 **ALD. HESS-MAHAN** proposing an ordinance requiring that a notice of conversion to condominium ownership be filed with the Inspectional Services Department and that the property be inspected to determine compliance with all applicable provisions of the state and local codes, ordinances and the rules and regulations of all appropriate regulatory agencies. [03-24-11 @ 9:30AM]
ZONING & PLANNING APPROVED 6-0 on 6/10/13
ACTION: REFERRED TO THE 2014-2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 4-0

REFERRED TO LAND USE & FINANCE COMMITTEES
#276-10 **ALD. FULLER, CROSSLEY, DANBERG, LINSKY** requesting a review of guidelines for mitigation fund provisions to maximize the use of such funds on behalf of the city together with mechanisms by which the city can better track such funds to ensure they are used in a timely fashion.
LAND USE REFERRED TO THE 2014-2015 BOARD
ACTION: REFERRED TO THE 2014-2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 4-0

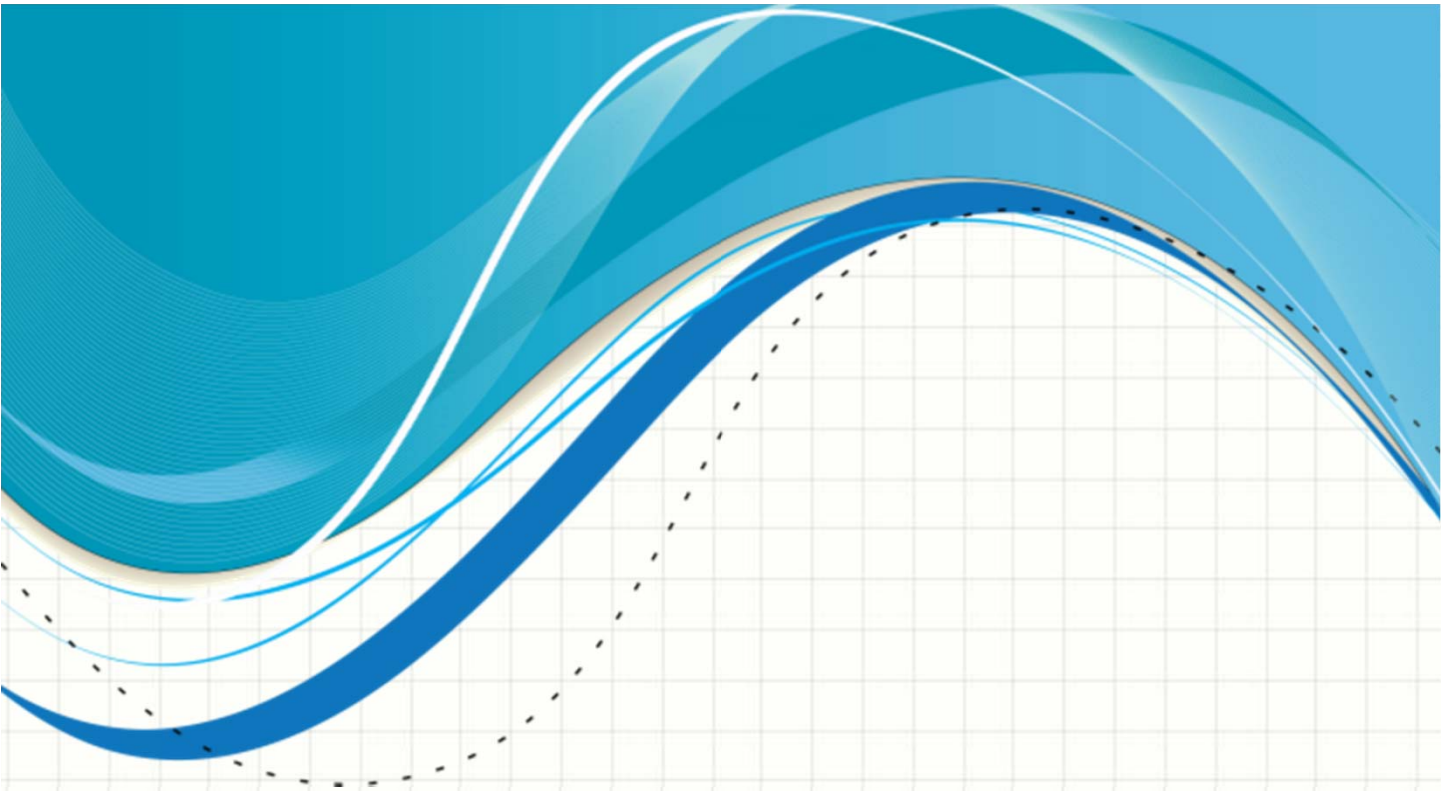
The Committee adjourned at 8:40 PM and all other items before the Committee were held without discussion. Draft Board Orders for the above items that are recommended for Board of Aldermen action are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard J. Gentile, Chairman

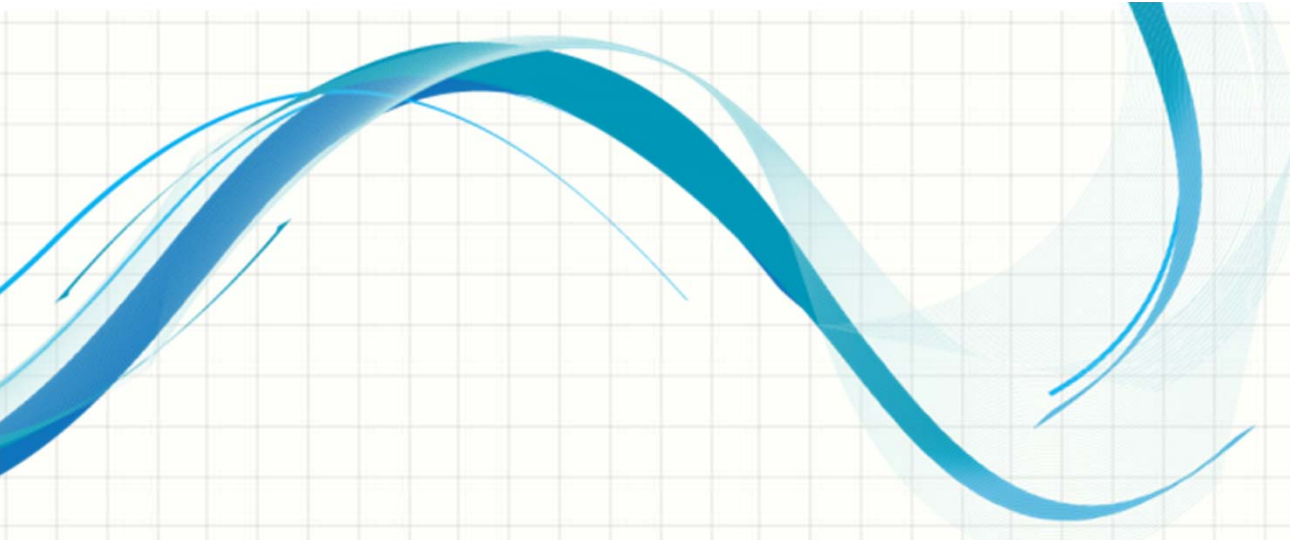
RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION

Newton Assessing Department
Elizabeth Dromey, Director



What is “The Residential Exemption”?

- Established by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5C
- Applies only to Residential Properties
- Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property Tax **is not** impacted by the Residential Exemption
- The total tax on the residential properties remains unchanged throughout the City



What does the “Residential Exemption” do?

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- If adopted, this would apply to the entire Residential Property population (Commercial Properties are not impacted)
- There is no ASSET limit on who would receive this exemption
- There is no INCOME limit on who would receive this exemption
- It would be applied to all owner-occupied residential parcels throughout the City if adopted

What does the “Residential Exemption” do?

- The total amount of taxes paid by residential properties **DOES NOT CHANGE** if the “Residential Exemption” is adopted
- The total amount of taxes paid by the residential properties is “shifted” within the residential classes, meaning no tax is actually “exempted”
- Some residential properties **PAY MORE**, even if they receive the “Residential Exemption”
- Some residential properties **PAY LESS**

Residential Exemption Communities

- Barnstable
- Boston
- Brookline
- Cambridge
- Chelsea
- Everett
- Malden
- Nantucket
- Somerset
- Somerville
- Tisbury
- Waltham
- Watertown
- 13 of 351 Cities and Towns have adopted this exemption

How Does the “Residential Exemption” Work?

- The average value of all residential properties is calculated
- The Board of Aldermen would then set their desired level of the exemption
- The maximum amount is 20% of average residential value (without special legislation)
- This 20% value amount would then be “exempted” from all qualifying owner-occupied residential properties

Example

- The average value of all Newton residential properties was \$705,400 in FY2013
- The Board of Aldermen set the level of the exemption to 20% of this average value
- The exemption would then become a \$141,100 value reduction on all qualifying parcels
- Since roughly 20% of the overall residential value is “exempted”, the residential tax rate would increase so the amount of taxes raised by the residential properties would remain the same
- How much does the tax rate increase?

Tax Rate Changes When Residential Exemption is Adopted

Tax Rate without Residential Exemption: \$211,944,528/\$18,445,998,977 = \$11.49

The \$211,944,528 Residential Tax Levy remains the same. If adopted, the residential value is lowered due to “Residential Exemption”

Tax Rate with Residential Exemption: \$211,944,528/\$15,324,713,577 = \$13.83

The tax rate would increase by roughly 20% (\$13.83/\$11.49) if the “residential exemption” was adopted at the 20% exemption maximum

The residential tax rate would change from \$11.49 to \$13.83

Potential Tax Liability Changes

Home Assessed At	\$500,000	\$600,000	\$834,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000
Current Tax Liability	\$5,745	\$6,894	\$9,583	\$11,490	\$17,235
Owner Occupied Property	\$4,964	\$6,347	\$9,583	\$11,879	\$18,794
Change from current liability	-\$781	-\$547	\$0	\$389	\$1,559
Non-Owner Occupied Property	\$6,915	\$8,298	\$11,534	\$13,830	\$20,745
Change from current liability	\$1,170	\$1,404	\$1,951	\$2,340	\$3,510

Let's now look at some facts and real numbers from the City of Newton (using FY2013 as base)

- 16,126 properties would have a lower tax bill
 - Average decrease would be \$686.61
- 9,763 properties would have a higher tax bill
 - Average increase would be \$1,129.50

More real numbers from the City of Newton (using FY2013 as base)

<u>Tax Impact</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Average Change</u>
Decrease more than 50%	319	-\$1,452.10
Decrease 25-50%	1,989	-\$1,215.27
Decrease 15-25%	3,588	-\$958.80
Decrease 10-15%	2,803	-\$744.38
Decrease 5-10%	3,506	-\$526.01
Decrease 0-5%	3,918	-\$209.56
Increase 0-5%	3,080	\$264.57
Increase 5-10%	1,856	\$1,128.95
Increase 10-15%	755	\$2,902.66
Increase more than 15%	4,075	\$1,454.12

Who Will Pay More?

- All Non-Owner occupied residential properties, including Single Family Properties, Apartments, Multi-Family Properties, Assisted Living Facilities and others
- All Vacant Residential Land
- Some Owner occupied residential properties with an assessed value higher than the average residential assessed value

Non-Owner Occupied Properties that would PAY MORE

- Apartment Buildings
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Community Senior Housing
- Day Care Centers
- Rental Properties
- Second Homes
- Vacant Residential Land

Impact on Owner Occupied Properties

- Owner Occupied Residential
Properties valued **less than**
\$834,000 would pay less
- Owner Occupied Residential
Properties valued **more than**
\$834,000 would pay more

QUESTIONS?

Thank You!

Property Type	Count	Quantity	Quantity %	Going Up	Going Down	Owner Occupied Up	Non Owner Occupied Up
Single Family	16,960	16,091	94.88%	6,215	10,745	5,346	869
Condominium	4,575	3,787	82.78%	1,021	3,554	233	788
Two Family	2,880	1,821	63.23%	1,202	1,678	143	1,059
Three Family	290	161	55.52%	158	132	29	129
Parking Spaces	126	0	0.00%	126	0	0	126
Multiple Buildings	47	36	76.60%	30	17	19	11
Apartments 4-8	103	0	0.00%	103	0	0	103
Apartments 9-99	36	0	0.00%	36	0	0	36
Apartments 100+	4	0	0.00%	4	0	0	4
Dormitory Living	1	0	0.00%	1	0	0	1
Assisted Living	6	0	0.00%	6	0	0	6
Congregate Senior Housing	4	0	0.00%	4	0	0	4
Vacant Buildable Land	83	0	0.00%	83	0	0	83
Vacant Potential Buildable Land	16	0	0.00%	16	0	0	16
Vacant Unbuildable Land	755	0	0.00%	755	0	0	755
Day Care Center	3	0	0.00%	3	0	0	3

Community	Exemption	Note
Barnstable	20.00%	
Boston	30.00%	Special Legislation
Brookline	20.00%	
Cambridge	30.00%	Special Legislation
Chelsea	20.00%	
Everett	20.00%	
Malden	30.00%	Special Legislation
Nantucket	20.00%	
Somerset	10.00%	
Somerville	30.00%	Special Legislation
Tisbury	20.00%	
Waltham	20.00%	
Watertown	20.00%	

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2013

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Safety & Transportation, Public Facilities and Finance Committees through their respective Chairmen Allan Ciccone, Jr., Anthony Salvucci and Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000), be and is hereby appropriated from Capital Stabilization Fund to be expended under the direction and control of the Commissioner of Public Buildings for the purpose of study and design up to site plan approval for Fires Station #3 (Willow Street) and Fire Headquarters:

FROM:	Capital Stabilization Fund (39H104-593038).....	\$275,000
TO:	Fire Station #3/Hq Design (38A11509-530202).....	\$275,000

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN
Mayor

Date _____

(BO #)

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

(Date)

ORDERED:

That the City appropriate the amount of One Million and no/100ths (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of professional services for the Feasibility Study / Schematic Design, and City of Newton Site Plan Approval for the Cabot Elementary School, 229 Cabot Street, Newtonville, MA 02460, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings with the advice of the Cabot School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Adopted

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN
Mayor

Date: _____

CITY OF NEWTON
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2013

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chairman Leonard J. Gentile, the Chief of Police is hereby authorized to accept and expend a reimbursable Traffic Accident Analysis Grant awarded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security in the amount of eighty-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$83,500) to be used to purchase software to enhance accident reporting and analysis.

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Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN
Mayor

Date _____

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chairman Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of five hundred thirty-six thousand seven hundred forty-nine dollars (\$536,749), be and is hereby appropriated from Free Cash to be expended under the direction and control of the of the Superintendent of Schools to supplement the 3 School Budget

FROM:	Free Cash	
	(01-3497).....	\$536,749
TO:	Homeless Transportation	
	(C301058-538301).....	\$106,122
	Newton Public Schools	
	(98001030-5790).....	\$177,500
	(95662890-5422).....	\$33,127
	(95780190-585111I)	\$220,000

Under Suspension of Rules
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(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN
Mayor

Date_____

CITY OF NEWTON

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, 2013

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chairman Leonard J. Gentile, the following item be and is hereby voted NO ACTION NECESSARY:

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Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Item Voted NO ACTION NECESSARY

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON, City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

, 2013

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees through their respective Chairmen Allan Ciccone, Jr., and Leonard J. Gentile, the following item be and is hereby voted NO ACTION NECESSARY:

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES
#314-13 NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, proposing that **Sec. 19-336(a). License plates or medallions; fee for same; transfer to new vehicle.** be increased from \$50 to \$100, effective 2014.

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