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EASTHAMPTON SENIOR TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR 2021

The city of Easthampton begins accepting applications for nine (9) positions under the newly developed Senior Tax Work-Off pilot program. Starting June 1st, Easthampton homeowners who are 60 years of age or older, and who meet income eligibility guidelines, are encouraged to apply for positions in city departments and agencies. Successful applicants receive a \$1500 credit on their property taxes.

Mayor LaChapelle said, “My thanks to the Senior Tax Work-Off Program workgroup, lead by City Council President Peg Conniff and City Councilor JP Kwiencki, for their research and resulting structure to give some relief to our senior and assistance to our city departments.”

Successful applicants are expected to work 111 hours between July 1, 2021, and April 30, 2022, for a reduction in their FY'22 real estate property tax bill.

Program Eligibility

- 60 years of age or older at the time of application
- Resident and homeowner in the city of Easthampton
- Property for which the tax credit is requested must be the primary residence of the owner
- Property tax payments are current
- Limited to one \$1,500 work-off per household
- Meets income eligibility requirements –

- \$57,190 maximum annual gross income (incl. Social Security) - individual
- \$65,360 maximum annual gross income (incl. Social Security) - a couple

Interested senior residents can pick up applications and information packets at the Easthampton senior center or find them on our city's website:

<https://www.easthamptonma.gov/index.php/council-on-aging>

All applications received on or before July 30, 2021, will be reviewed first for completeness, and second for program eligibility. Complete applications received after this date will be reviewed for eligibility depending on remaining volunteer opportunities.

If you would like to learn more about this program, please contact the Director of the Easthampton Council on Aging, Brendan Rogers, at 413-527-6151 extension 134, or via email brogers@easthamptonma.gov