



CITY OF AMESBURY
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY ONE

SPONSORED BY: Kassandra Gove, Mayor **BILL No.** 2021-148

At the meeting of the Amesbury City Council held on December 7, 2021 the following action was taken:

An Order to request the City Council vote to hold the annual Classification Hearing to vote on four (4) separate items in order to establish the tax burdens for each class of property.

Summary: On an annual basis, the City Council must vote on the issue of selecting a residential factor which will determine the percentage of the burden to be borne by each class of property.

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the City Council vote on the issue of selecting a residential factor which will determine the percentage of tax burden to be borne by each class of property; vote open space discount; vote residential exemption; vote commercial exemption for fiscal year **2022**.

1. The Selection of a Residential Factor:

A vote for a factor of one (1) establishes a single rate.

2. An Open Space Discount:

At this time, our community does not have any properties classified as such.

3. Residential Exemption:

This would allow a reduction in value to qualifying parcels of up to 35% of the average residential value, however, the cost must be borne within the residential class.

*The Mayor has opted for **NO** exemption.*

4. Commercial Exemption:

This is similar to the above exemption, in that qualifying parcels would receive a discount of up to 10%, again the cost must be borne with the Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property classes.

*The Mayor has opted for **NO** exemption.*

Councilor Stanganelli moved to vote for a factor of 1 and he was seconded by Councilor Hogg. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (9 present).

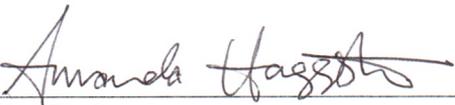
Councilor Stanganelli moved to not accept an open space discount and he was seconded by Councilor Gilday. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-4 (Lennon, Kisieleski, Rinaldi, and Stanganelli voted no).

Councilor Stanganelli moved to vote no to a residential exemption and he was seconded by Councilor Wheeler. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (9 present).

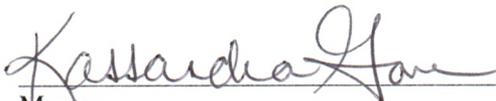
Councilor Stanganelli moved to vote no to a commercial exemption and he was seconded by Councilor Hogg. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (9 present).

Councilor Stanganelli moved to approve bill 2021-147 as a whole and he was seconded by Councilor Rinaldi. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (9 present).

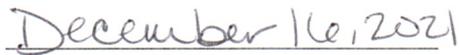
Witness my hand and seal for the City of Amesbury this 10th day of December, 2021



City Clerk



Mayor



Date

