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### **2019 Senior and Veteran Tax Work Off Program Applications Available**

The Northampton Senior and Veteran Tax Work Off program is accepting applications for the next program year. The program has been expanded in 2019 to allow income-eligible seniors and veterans to earn up to a \$1,500 abatement off their property taxes in exchange for volunteering in city departments and agencies. In 2018, thirty-six seniors and veterans participated in the program volunteering 3,353 hours to the city and received a total of \$32,380 in property tax relief.

The Senior Citizen Tax Work Off Program is open to seniors age 60 and older, who own property in and pay real estate taxes to the City of Northampton. Income limits for the 2019 program follow the Massachusetts Median Income levels. The Veteran Tax Work Off Program is open to veterans, (as defined by MGL Ch 4 §7 clause 43), regardless of income limits, who own property in and pay real estate taxes to the City of Northampton. Participants in either program must complete 125 hours of service in the program year set to run from January 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019.

Interested seniors and veterans can complete an application online or pick one up in person at the Assessor's Office, Senior Center or Veterans Services Office. Applications for this program year will be accepted on a rolling basis, or until all spaces have been filled however, applications filed by December 14, 2018 will receive priority.

More information on the program can be found by visiting <http://northamptonma.gov/1456/Senior-and-Veteran-Tax-Work-Off-Program> or by contacting the Senior Center at (413) 587-1228 or Veterans Services at (413) 587-1299.