

In City Council, February 25, 2013

ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER \_\_\_\_ OF THE  
REVISED

ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BROCKTON.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton as follows:

Chapter , is hereby amended by adding the  
following new \_\_\_\_\_:

Sec. - .Veterans Property Tax Work-Off Program

The City of Brockton hereby accepts Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5N, in order to authorize establishment of a program to allow veterans, as defined in clause Massachusetts General Law Chapter 4, Section 7, Clause 43, to volunteer to provide services in exchange for a reduction in the real estate property tax obligations of that veteran on the veteran's tax bills, which reduction shall be in addition to any exemption or abatement to which that person is otherwise entitled.

Sec. - . Program Goals

The goals of this program are to assist veterans of the City of Brockton with payment of residential property tax bills and to increase the involvement of veterans in municipal government.

Sec. - . Eligibility Requirements

An applicant must meet or exceed the following requirements in order to be eligible to participate in the program:

- a. Must be a veteran, as defined in clause Massachusetts General Law Chapter 4, Section 7, Clause 43.
- b. Must own and reside in a home in the City of Brockton or be the current spouse of such a homeowner residing in the same household.
- c. Must be a resident of the City of Brockton.
- d. Must own and occupy the residential property for which real estate taxes are paid to the City of Brockton by the applicant.

Sec. - . Employment Opportunities

1. There must be a request for assistance under the program by municipal or school department offices based upon the needs of the municipal or school department offices.
2. The employment opportunities include but are not limited to municipal offices, classrooms, libraries, clinics and special projects.

Sec. - . Selection Process

1. An applicant must meet eligibility requirements set forth in Section (B) herein.
2. The applicant must have the appropriate skills necessary for the position.
3. The department head and the applicant must agree and assent to the assignment of an applicant to a particular department.

Sec. - . Reduction of Real Property Tax Bill Guidelines

1. The hourly rate for services cannot exceed the state's minimum wage or be lower than the federal minimum wage. Therefore, the hourly rate shall be set to the state's current minimum wage.
2. The maximum reimbursement credited to any individual during a program year shall be \$1,000.00 per fiscal year, or the maximum allowed by Chapter 59, sec. 5N
3. The maximum number of hours worked will be determined according to the current state minimum wage.
4. Upon completion of the hours of work service, or a fraction thereof, participants will be entitled to receive a reduction of their next real property tax bill. The Veterans Services Department shall maintain a record for each taxpayer including, but not limited to, the number of hours of service and the total amount by which the real property tax has been reduced and to provide a copy of that record to the assessor in order that the actual tax bill reflect the reduced the reduction of the real property tax bill shall not exceed \$1,000 in a given tax year. A copy of that record shall also be provided to the taxpayer prior to the issuance of the actual tax bill.
5. Applicants shall be made aware that the City of Brockton will issue a "W-2" form for federal income tax purposes only.

Sec. - . Applications


1. The City of Brockton Veterans Services Department shall monitor and supervise the program.
2. Applications for such program, including but not limited to the forms of application, required supporting documentation and limitations on time period for the application process each fiscal year, shall be prepared by the Director of Veterans Services in conjunction with the Personnel Director in a form suitable to meet the goals of this Ordinance.

Sec. - . Applicant Limitations

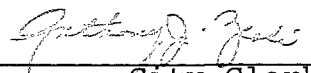
1. Participants from previous years are encouraged to apply, however their applications shall be considered after all new program applicants have participated in the program in order to permit more veterans an opportunity to participate in the program.
2. Acceptance is based on the ability of the applicant to perform tasks required in available positions.
3. Placements are decided by the Director of Veterans Services and the Personnel Director based on skills and interest of the applicants and needs of the various departments. Requests for certain position by applicants will be considered, however applicants must be willing to accept a position when offered based on the offer made by the Director of Veterans Services.
4. Applicants have the right to refuse placements, but each applicant will be taken on a maximum of two interviews. Applicants may have the option to defer placement in a position pending the possibility of other opportunities, however, there is no guarantee other positions will become available.


Sec. - . Additional Rules

1. Income limitations on eligibility shall be \$45,000.00 for single household and \$55,000.00 for a couple.
2. The Veterans Real Property Tax Work-Off Program shall include no more than thirty (30) individuals participate in the program on an annual basis. Positions will be offered on the basis of qualification, availability, location and physical limitation.

  
 Councillor Robert F. Sullivan

prevail and was properly seconded. Reconsideration failed by a hand vote.

  
 City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL  
 February 25, 2013  
 READ AND REFERRED TO STANDING  
 COMMITTEE ON Ordinance  
  
 CLERK

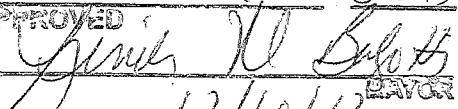
In City Council November 25, 2013

The amendment passed by a hand vote. Passed to a third reading as amended, by a hand vote.

  
 City Clerk

In City Council December 9, 2013  
 Ordained as amended by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays"; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councillor Cruise absent. Councillor Sullivan motioned to file for reconsideration with the wish that it not

SENT TO MAYOR FOR APPROVAL

December 10 2013  
 APPROVED  
  
 MAYOR  
 12/10/13

I hereby move to amend the foregoing ordinance to read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BROCKTON.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton as follows:

Chapter 2. Administration. Article IV. Financial Affairs is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

Section 2-261. Veterans Property Tax Work-Off Program.

The City of Brockton hereby accepts Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5N, in order to authorize establishment of a program to allow veterans, as defined in clause Massachusetts General Law Chapter 4, Section 7, Clause 43, to volunteer to provide services in exchange for a reduction in the real estate property tax obligations of that veteran on the veteran's tax bills, which reduction shall be in addition to any exemption or abatement to which that person is otherwise entitled.

A. Program Goals.

The goals of this program are:

1. To assist veterans of the City of Brockton with payment of residential property tax bills and to increase the involvement of veterans in municipal government.
2. To increase the involvement and volunteering of veterans in the municipal government, municipal services, and the school system of the City of Brockton.
3. To acknowledge and affirm the skills and abilities of Brockton veterans and the community's continuing needs for their abilities, skill-sets, expertise, and services.

B. Eligibility Requirements

An applicant must meet or exceed the following requirements in order to be eligible to participate in the program:

- a. Must be a veteran, as defined in clause Massachusetts General Law Chapter 4, Section 7, Clause 43.
- b. Must own and reside in a home in the City of Brockton or be the legal current spouse of such a homeowner residing in the same household.
- c. Must be a resident of the City of Brockton.
- d. Must own and occupy the residential property for which real estate taxes are paid to the City of Brockton by the applicant.

C. Employment Opportunities

1. There must be a request for assistance under the program by municipal and/or school department offices based upon the needs of the municipal and/or school department offices.
2. The employment opportunities include but are not limited to municipal offices, municipal services, classrooms, libraries, clinics and special projects.

D. Selection Process

1. An applicant must meet eligibility requirements set forth in Section (B) herein.
2. The applicant must have the appropriate skills necessary and required for the position.
3. The department head and the applicant must agree and assent to the assignment of an applicant to a particular department.

4. The Office of the Mayor and/or the Veterans Services Director will coordinate and execute the program.

#### E. Reduction of Real Property Tax Bill Guidelines

1. The hourly rate for services cannot exceed the state's minimum wage or be lower than the federal minimum wage. Therefore, the hourly rate shall be set to the state's current minimum wage.

2. The maximum reimbursement credited to any individual during a program year shall be One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per fiscal year, or the maximum allowed by Chapter 59, sec. 5N, as amended from time to time.

3. The maximum number of hours worked will be determined according to the current state minimum wage.

4. The reimbursements will be charges against the City of Brockton's Budget.

5. Upon completion of the hours of work service, or a fraction thereof, participants will be entitled to receive a reduction of their next real property tax bill. The Veterans Services Department shall maintain a record for each taxpayer including, but not limited to, the number of hours of service and the total amount by which the real property tax has been reduced and to provide a copy of that record to the assessor in order that the actual tax bill reflect the reduced the reduction of the real property tax bill shall not exceed One thousand dollars (\$1,000) in a given tax year. A copy of that record shall also be provided to the taxpayer prior to the issuance of the actual tax bill.

5. Applicants shall be made aware that the City of Brockton will issue a "W-2" form for federal income tax purposes only

#### F. Applications

1. The Office of the Mayor and/or the City of Brockton Veterans Services Department shall monitor and supervise the program.

2. Applications for such program, including but not limited to the forms of application, required supporting documentation and limitations on time period for the application process each fiscal year, shall be prepared by the Office of the Mayor and/or the Director of Veterans Services in conjunction with the City's Human Resource Director in a form suitable to meet the goals of this Ordinance.

#### G. Applicant Limitations

1. Participants from previous years are encouraged to apply, however their applications shall be considered after all new program applicants have participated in the program in order to permit more veterans an opportunity to participate in the program.

2. Acceptance is based on the ability of the applicant to perform tasks required in available positions.

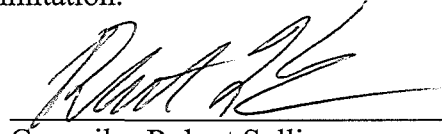
3. Placements are decided by the Office of the Mayor and/or the Director of Veterans Services. and the Human Resource Director via an established annual lottery-system, and based upon the skills and interest of the applicants, and the needs of the various City departments and/or services. Requests for certain position by applicants will be considered, however applicants must be willing to accept a position when offered based on the offer made by the Office of the Mayor and/or the Director of Veterans Services..

4. Applicants have the right to refuse placements,. Applicants may have the option to defer placement in a position pending the possibility of other opportunities, however, there is no guarantee other positions will become available.

#### H. Additional Rules

1. Income limitations on eligibility shall be Forty-Five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) for single household and Fifty-Five Thousand dollars (\$55,000.00) for a couple.

2. The Veterans Real Property Tax Work-Off Program shall include no more than thirty (30) individuals participate in the program on an annual basis. Positions will be offered on the basis of qualification, availability, location and physical limitation.



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Councilor Robert Sullivan

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In City Council December 12, 2022

ORDINANCE:

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton as follows:

That the City Council adopt the following Amendment to Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances, Article IV, Section 2-261 "Veterans property tax work-off program" as follows:

Subsection 2-261(f)(1) shall be deleted in its entirety to eliminate income limitations for applicants.

Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, Ward 5

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 12, 2022  
READ AND REFERRED TO STANDING  
COMMITTEE ON Ordinance

IN CITY COUNCIL February 27, 2023  
PASSED TO A THIRD READING. By a hand vote

  
CLERK

IN CITY COUNCIL, MAR 18 2023

ORDAINED BY A VOTE TAKEN BY "YEAS" AND "NAYS";  
10 MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND ALL VOTING  
IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, Councilor Asack absent.

  
CLERK

SENT TO MAYOR FOR APPROVAL

MAR 16 2023

APPROVED

  
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