

PORTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Legal Notice of Decision

In accordance with Section 1213 of the Portland Town Charter, at a regular meeting held on August 3, 2016, the Board of Selectmen took the following action:

RESOLVED, that the Code of Ordinance Chapter 18 "Taxation," Section 18-10 "Tax Abatement for Volunteer Firefighters" be repealed.

Sec. 18-10. Tax abatement for volunteer firefighters.

(a) *Abatement authorized.* Pursuant to section 10 of Public Act 00-120, the town hereby authorizes an annual abatement that is to be applied to the real estate or motor vehicle taxes of each volunteer firefighter, owed to the town in an amount up to, but not to exceed, \$1,000.00. The town may enter into interlocal agreements with other municipalities for the purpose of providing property tax relief to volunteers who live in one municipality but who volunteer their services in another municipality.

(b) *Purpose.* In recognition of the benefits provided to the town by the dedicated service of the town's volunteer fire personnel.

(c) *Eligibility.* Members of the town volunteer fire department shall be eligible when meeting the following criteria:

- (1) Members must be considered active in accordance with the bylaws of the town volunteer fire department; and
- (2) Members have successfully completed the required probationary period.

(d) *Certification.* Annually on, or before the end of the first week of January of each year, the chief of the town volunteer fire department (fire chief) shall submit to the director of finance and the collector of revenue a list of the 60 most senior members who are eligible, as defined in this section along with each member's address.

(e) *Abatement schedule.* Abatements shall be applied to the real estate and/or motor vehicle taxes owing to the town for the grand list previous to the January deadline only if a member has meet eligibility requirements for one consecutive year and is amongst the 60 members with the most seniority. After the requirements have been met, the member shall be entitled to property tax abatement in an amount not exceeding \$1,000.00 for that year.

(Ord. of 9-26-2001; Ord. of 6-11-2003)

Dated in Portland, CT this 4th day of August 2016

Susan S. Bransfield, First Selectwoman