

ACCEPTANCE OF ACTS & GENERAL LAWS

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Art. 41	April 30, 1980	Chapter 148, Section 26C - Automatic smoke or heat detectors.
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Art. 1	June 10, 1981	Chapter 71, Section 71E - Revolving Account - adult Ed & summer school
	June 11, 1981	Chapter 217 Acts of 1980 - Chapter 40, Section 4G - Increase bid limit to \$4,000 for equipment supplies or materials contracts.
	September 8, 1981	Chapter 90, Section 20A 1/2
Art. 24	April 11, 1984	Chapter 44, Section 53D - Revolving Fund for Recreation Dept.
Art. 16	October 24, 1983	Chapter 71, Section 71F, added by Statute 1982, Chapter 43 - Establish a revolving fund from state reimbursements for costs related to the education of foster care and non-resident students.
Art. 17	October 24, 1983	Chapter 40, Section 8E - Establishment of Youth Commission
Art. 21	October 21, 1985	Chapter 41, Section 41B - Direct Deposit of

Employee Paychecks

	October 21, 1985	Chapter 188, Section 13 of the Acts of 1985 - Grant Program - Public Schools
	December 2, 1985	Chapter 64G, Section 3A - Impose a local room occupancy excise at the rate of 4%
	November 17, 1986	Chapter 32B, Section 7A - Town, in addition to payment of fifty percent contributory group life and health insurance pay a subsidiary or additional rate.
	April 15, 1987	Chapter 60A, Section 1 - the Excise Tax imposed by this Section shall not apply to a motor vehicle owned & registered by a former prisoner of war
	May 9, 1988	Chapter 71, Section 40 - \$20,000 minimum salary rate provisions (teachers)
Art. 14	May 9, 1988	Acts of 1988—Chapters 220, 221, 222 An Act Authorizing the Town of Sharon to Appoint the Treasurer/Collector of said Town
Art. 35	May 11, 1988	Chapter 41, Section 100-G1/4 - relative to the payment of funeral and burial expenses of certain police officers and firefighters.
Art. 36	May 11, 1988	Chapter 140, Section 147A-Town withdraw from County dog system as of January 1, 1989
Art. 35	May 10, 1989	Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C - Broadening eligibility requirements for tax reductions for income eligible people over 70 years of age.
Art. 36	May 10, 1989	Chapter 73, Section 4 of the Acts of 1986 (Chapter 58, Sec. 8A, Chapter 59, Sec. 5) - 100% increase in exemptions for veterans, disabled and income eligible people over 70

years of age.

Art. 37	May 10, 1989	Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1987 (Chapter 40, Section 58) –Municipal Charges Liens placing of liens on certain properties for a local charge or fee that has not been paid by the due date.
Art. 38	May 10, 1989	Chapter 167F, Section 2 - An act relative to the granting or renewing of certain licenses and permits in cities and towns.
Art. 38.	May 10, 1989	Chapter 640 of the Acts of 1985-An Act Relative to the granting or renewing of certain licenses and permits in cities and towns.
Art. 40	May 10, 1989	Chapter 148, Section 26G, 26H - Require the installation of an adequate system of automatic sprinklers in non-residential buildings.
Art. 38	May 8, 1990	Chapter 40, Section 8J - Establish a Commission on Handicapped Affairs
	May 13, 1991	Chapter 41, Section 19J - Regulating the Compensation of Town Clerks who serve as Registrars of voters
Art. 38	May 14, 1991	Chapter 291 Acts of 1990 - 911 Service
	May 13, 1991	Chapter 59, Section 5, Chapter 73, Sec. 4 - Acts of 1986, Chapter 126, Acts of 1988 - Relief from the impact of Revaluation
Art. 41	May 11, 1992	Chapter 32B, Section 18 - Retirees be required to enroll in a medicare health benefits supplement plan offered by the Town
Art. 6	May 11, 1993	Chapter 32, Section 22D - establishment of a retirement system funding schedule to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability of the

system

Art. 42	May 12, 1993	Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D - Provide an exemption of \$2,000 on the property valuation or the sum of \$175, whichever results in the abatement of the greater amount of tax due.
Art. 43	May 12, 1993	Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A - (Tax deferral Clause) limit of \$35,000 as the maximum amount of qualifying gross receipts to qualify for Clause 41 deferral
Art. 26	May 10, 1994	Chapter 41, Section 81U - Subdivision bonds or deposits made available to the Town for expenditure to meet cost and expenses of the municipality in completing the work as specified in the approved plan.
Art. 42	May 10, 1994	Chapter 40, Section 42A-42F inclusive - permit collection of unpaid water charges and also to add a lien fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars to those accounts certified by the Board of Assessors
Art. 49	May 10, 1994	Chapter 40, Section 13C - establishment of Workers= Compensation Claims Reserve Funds and to elect to self-insure its Workers= Compensation Program
Art. 28	May 8, 1995	Chapter 40, Section 42J - deferral of water charges for people over 65 who apply, and who receive an exemption from property taxes under clause 41A, Section 5, Ch.59
Art. 36	May 11, 1998	Chapter 44, Section 53A - Animal Assistance Fund
Art. 37	May 11, 1998	Chapter 287, Section 54, of the Acts of 1989 (MGL Chap. 131, Sec. 40)- Conservation Commission to expend a sum of money from the AReserve for Appropriation for Wetlands Protection Fund@ Account

Art. 29	May 4, 1999	Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 - Tax Title Fund
Art. 30	May 4, 1999	Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 - Library Public-Use Supplies Replacement Fund
Art. 31	May 4, 1999	Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 - Gun Licensing Fund
Art. 25	May 8, 2000	Chapter 127, Section 59 of the Acts of 1999-Property tax work-off program for senior citizens
Art. 24	November 20, 2000	Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 - Parking Lot Fund
Art. 36	May 7, 2001	Chapter 40, Section 22F - Municipal boards or officers to fix reasonable fees or charges for licenses, permits, etc.
Art. 38	May 7, 2001	Chapter 40, Sec. 22A increase fines for unauthorized parking spaces designated for the disabled to \$200 (effective when petitioned by the General Court)
Art. 39.	May 7, 2001	Clause 54, Chapter 59, Section 5 -minimum fair cash value taxes
Art. 5	May 12, 2003	Chapter 32B, Section 9D1/2-surviving spouse insurance percentage
Art. 6	May 12, 2003	Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C-tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property
Art. 37	May 29, 2003	Chapter 54, Section 16A-Town Clerk to appoint election workers to fill vacancies
Art. 41	May 29, 2003	Chapter 44, Section 53 ½-Board of Health Revolving Fund-wastewater disposal installation
Art. 17	May 3, 2004	Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, as Authorized by Chapter 184, Section 51

		of the Acts of 2002—senior citizens tax exemption
Art. 19	May 3, 2004	Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A—criteria for deferment of property taxes
Art. 21	May 3, 2004	Chapter 73, Section 4 of the Acts of 1986, as Amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988—additional real estate exemptions
Art 22	May 3, 2004	Chapter 44B, Sections 3-7 – Community Preservation Act (CPA) (TO BE RATIFIED ON 11/2/04 BALLOT)
Art 31	May 3, 2004	Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ Library – Use Supplies Revolving Fund Street Opening Fund Cable TV Licensing and Relicensing Fund Conservation Commission Advertising Revolving Fund Library Materials Replacement Fund Recreation Programs Revolving Fund Parking Lot Fund Board of Health Fund Health Department Revolving Fund School Bus Revolving Fund Recycling Fund
	Nov. 2, 2004	Community Preservation Act Accepted by Ballot Question
Art. 26	May 2, 2005	MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A (see article for criteria)
Art. 27	May 2, 2005	MGL Chapt. 59, Section 5K (as approved in Senate Bill 384)???
Art. 43.	May 2, 2005	Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2004, pursuant to Section 34 (2)(a) of Chapter 90 of MGL
Art. 21	Nov. 13, 2006	Chapter 40, S4A – enter into an inter Municipal agreement Board of Health

		(Inter Municipal Aid agreement)
Art.23	May 1, 2006	Chapter 44, S55C—Sharon Affordable Housing Trust Fund
Art. 12	Nov. 13, 2006	MGL< Ch 39, S 23D Adjudicatory hearing for Boards/Committee
Art. 25	May 7, 2007	MGL-Chapter 41, Section 110A-Town Clerk's Office closing on Saturdays
Art. 15	Nov. 5, 2007	MGL Ch 43D-Section 11 of Chapt. 205 Of the Acts of 2006
Art. 7	May 5, 2008	MGL Ch 59, Section 57C – establishment of quarterly tax payments for real estate and personal property
Art. 8	May 5, 2008	MGL Ch 44, Section 53F ½ - establishing a Water Department Utility Enterprise Fund
Art. 31	May 5, 2008	MGL Ch 82A, Section 2 – trenches
Art.16	Nov.17, 2008	MGL,Ch 60, Section 15 (written demand)
Art. 17	Nov. 17, 2008	MGL Ch59, Section 5, Cl 41A (tax deferral-Circuit breaker)
Art. 13	May 4, 2009	Chapter 653, Section 40 of the Acts of 1989 (amending MGL Ch.59, S2A(a)(tax on land/real property as of January first.)
Art. 14	May 4, 2009	MGL, Ch 59, Section 5, Paragraph 54, Added by Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000 (establish of semi-annual tax payments for real estate and personal property and to establish a minimum fair cash value requirement of \$2,000 for personal property)
Art. 30	May 4, 2009	Section 4, Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 as Amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, and Chapter 380 of the Acts of 2000

		(real estate exemptions) sufficient to cover the costs incurred by the Town (bus fees)
Art. 10	May 3, 2010	Home Rule legislation entitled “An Act to Exempt the position of Deputy Police Chief From the Provisions of Chapter 31.
Art 3	May 2, 2011	Special Home Rule legislation “An Act to Exempt the Town of Sharon from Certain Provisions of Chapter 71, Sec. 68”, to charge fees to transport students up to an amount sufficient to cover the costs incurred by the Town, etc.
Art. 2	Nov. 14, 2011	MGL, Ch.60, S3D—donations on tax bills Taxation fund to defray the real estate taxes of elderly and disabled persons of low income.
Art. 2	May 7, 2012	Special Home Rule Petition to amend Section 1 of Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1988 by reducing the required seating capacity for restaurants and functions rooms serve all alcoholic beverages to 18 persons (Chapter 311)
licensed to from 50 persons		
Art. 16	May 7, 2012	Section 4, Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 and Chapter 380 of the Acts of 2000—real estate exemptions for property tax exemptions to equal to 100%.
Art. 18.	May 7, 2012	MGL Chap 59, Section 5K—allowing a representative for persons physically unable to participate in the tax work-off program to perform work for the town in exchange for reduction of the real property tax.
Art. 6	May 6, 2013	MGL Chap. 40, S 13D—to establish, appropriate or transfer money to a reserve fund for the future payment of accrued

liabilities for compensated absences due any employee or full-time officer of the town upon termination of the employee's or full-time officer's employment; and further to raise and appropriate \$100,000 for the purpose of establishing a Benefits Accrual Account pursuant to this statute. This fund would be used to fund the payment of accrued benefits for Town employees as provided for under the applicable contract, collective bargaining agreement or personnel by law.

ART. 8 MAY 6, 2013

MGL Chap 64G, Section 3(a) to impose a local room occupancy excise at the rate of 6 percent (6%).

ART. 18 MAY 6, 2013

person

MGL Chap 59, Section 5N to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a program to allow veterans, as defined therein, to volunteer to provide services to the Town in exchange for reduction of the real property tax obligations of that veteran on the veteran's tax bills, in addition to any exemption or abatement to which that is otherwise entitled, such reduction shall not exceed \$1,000 in a given tax year. And further that the Town adjust the exemption by allowing an approved representative for persons physically unable to provide such services to the Town.

ART. 19. MAY 6, 2013

MGL. Chap.60A, Sec. 1—allowing that the excise imposed by this chapter shall not apply to a motor vehicle owned and registered by a resident who is in active and full-time military service as a member in the armed forces of the United States or the national guard, army or air, of any state, and has been deployed or stationed outside the territorial boundaries of the continental United States for a period of at least 45 days in a calendar year of the exemption. If the

military member is wounded or killed in an armed conflict, he/she shall not be subject to the foregoing period of service qualification for the calendar year in which he/she is wounded or killed. This exemption shall apply only to a motor vehicle owned and registered by a military member in his/her own name or jointly with a spouse for a non-commercial purpose and a military member may qualify for this exemption for only 1 motor vehicle for each calendar year. If accepted by the Town, then all delinquent motor vehicle excise bills will be charged an additional \$3 to the fee prescribed in clause

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of section 15 of chapter 60. Such acceptance shall take effect on the first day of January next occurring after such acceptance.

ART. 20 MAY 6, 2013

MGL Chap. 60A, Sec. 9 –so that any excise due under this chapter by a member of the Massachusetts National Guard or reservist or a dependent of a member of the Massachusetts National Guard or reservist shall be deferred while that member is on active service outside the commonwealth for a period of up to 180 days after completion of that service. No interest or penalties shall be assessed for any period before the expiration of the 180 days.

and