



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF ASSESSORS

### **18 HARDSHIP EXEMPTION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FY 2023**

Dear Taxpayer:

The board of assessors will again be accepting applications for statutory exemptions for the current fiscal year 2023.

The hardship exemption provides assistance to those taxpayers who, **in the judgement of the Board of Assessors**, are unable to fulfill their tax obligations by reason of: **Age, infirmity and financial condition.**

You must **complete the Hardship Application** and include the requested documents in order for the Assessor's office to process your *application*.

Together with your application please bring the following documents:

- **An ID that shows your birthdate: driver's license, passport, or birth certificate;**
- **Gross Monthly income information:**
  - o Copy of your 2021 income tax returns Federal & State, including schedules
  - o Social security yearly 'new benefit letter' showing gross amount, pensions, etc.
  - o All rental income
  - o Any other form of income
- **Banking/Asset Information as of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022:**
  - o Checking account statements as of July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - o Savings accounts as of July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - o IRA, CD's, Stocks as of July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - o All other asset information as of July 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Physician's current letter detailing disability and duration of disability**
- **Copies of expenses related to disability.**

The Board of Assessors can only consider timely filed applications. **Applications must be filed with the board of assessors by Monday April 3, 2023, at 4:30 pm.**

The assessor's office will not consider or hold incomplete applications.

If you have any questions, please visit us at City Hall: Monday-Wednesday 8:30am - 4:30pm, Thursday 8:30am – 7:30 pm, and Friday 8:30am – 12:30 pm. You can also contact the assessor's office at 617-625-6600 ext. 3100 or email us at [assessing@somervillema.gov](mailto:assessing@somervillema.gov)

With kind regards,

Assessor's Office