

**TOWN OF CHESHIRE
BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

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**SUMMARY
ELDERLY & SURVIVING SPOUSE EXEMPTION CLAUSES IN EFFECT FOR
FY 2022 TAX BILL**
(as adopted by the Town of Cheshire)

CLAUSE 41C = \$500.00 deduction on tax bill (ELDERLY)

- Must be age **65** or older as of **July 1, 2021**
- Must own & occupy property as domicile for past 5 years or have been domiciled in Mass. preceding 10 years
- Gross Receipts cannot exceed **\$21,411** for Single Resident or **\$29,867** for Married Couple
- Whole Estate cannot exceed **\$28,000** for Single Resident or **\$30,000** for Married Couple – domicile is exempt

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Clause 41C

Copy of Birth Certificate or Massachusetts Drivers License (first time applicants only)

Copy of **2020** Federal Income Tax Return

Copy of Bank, Stock, IRA and CD Statements showing **December 31, 2020** balances only

Copy of all Income Statements (Social Security, Pension, Interest and Dividends) for **2020** calendar year

Income for apartment units (if applicable) for **2020** calendar year

Authorization form (enclosed) signed and dated

CLAUSE 17D = \$175.00 deduction on tax bill (ELDERLY OR SURVIVING SPOUSE)

Elderly

- Must be age 70 or older as of **July 1, 2021**
- Must own & occupy property as domicile for not less than 5 years
- Whole Estate cannot exceed **\$40,000** (excluding value of subject property, not to exceed 3 dwelling units, and any unpaid mortgage)

Surviving Spouse

- Must be present owner and occupant (no age requirement)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED: Clause 17D

For Surviving Spouse: copy of Spouse's Death Certificate (first time applicants only)

For Elderly: Copy of Birth Certificate or Massachusetts Drivers License
(first-time applicants only)

Copy of all bank statements as of **December 31, 2020**