



Town of Palmer

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"The Town of Seven Railroads"

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August 8, 2016

Sponsor: Open Space & Recreation Committee

Ordinance 2017-01 F

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PALMER TOWN COUNCIL

Ordered: that the Town of Palmer hereby accepts Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, otherwise known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, by approving a surcharge on real property for the purposes permitted by said Act, including the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources, the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use, the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing, and the rehabilitation and restoration of such open space and community housing that is acquired or created as provided under said Act; that the amount of such surcharge on real property shall be 1.5% of the annual real estate tax levy against real property commencing in fiscal year 2018; and that the Town of Palmer hereby accepts the following exemptions from such surcharge permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act: property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of said Act, \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property.

Barbara A. Barry, Council President

Charles T. Blanchard, Town Manager

Adoption History:

Proposed Ordinance Submitted to Town Council June 13, 2016

Agenda item and First Reading at Regular Town Council Meeting held on June 20, 2016

Public Hearing was warned in the Springfield Republican on June 30 & July 7, 2016

Public Hearing was held in Palmer Town Bldg. July 11, 2016

Second Reading at Regular Town Council Meeting held on July 11, 2016

Vote on Ordinance at Regular Council Meeting and entered into the minutes of this meeting on August 8, 2016 Vote to approve Ordinance failed by a vote of 3 Yes and 3 No with 1 absent