



CITY OF SALEM

In City Council, February 11, 2021

Ordered: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for authorization to provide tax exemptions for affordable accessory dwelling unit rental properties in the City of Salem restricted as affordable housing as set forth below, be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2, as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that the following legislation be adopted, except for amendments by the Senate or House of Representatives which conform to the intent of this home rule petition:

AN ACT authorizing the City of Salem to provide tax exemptions for affordable accessory dwelling unit rental properties in the City restricted as affordable housing.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR AFFORDABLE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT RENTAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF SALEM RESTRICTED AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, upon the approval by the Salem City Council of Salem's Affordable Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance, an Affordable Accessory Dwelling Unit in the City of Salem, shall be exempt from taxation under Chapter 59 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. Such exemption shall be based on the value of an additional bedroom(s), not the value of the accessory dwelling unit with a kitchen and bath.

SECTION 3. The property owner leasing the affordable dwelling unit shall upon initial application and annually thereafter, on September first, submit to the City of Salem or its agent, documentation necessary to confirm their eligibility for the tax exemption for the affordable accessory dwelling unit.

SECTION 4. Maximum rents shall not exceed seventy percent of the established Fair Market Rent limit as established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the City of Salem for the most recent year.

SECTION 5. Households who have received a loan administered by the City of Salem for the purpose of building the Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be eligible for the tax incentive for the term of the loan.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs co-posted with the Committee of the Whole

In City Council November 18, 2021

Adopted by a roll call vote of 7 yeas, 4 nays and 0 absent

Approved by the Mayor on November 28, 2021

ATTEST:


ILENE SIMONS
CITY CLERK


KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL
MAYOR