

**RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

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Date application received:

FISCAL YEAR  
**2026**

**BARNSTABLE**  
NAME OF CITY OR TOWN

**APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION**

MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE THE ACTUAL TAX BILL IS ISSUED.

ALL TAXPAYER INFORMATION ON THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL  
AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION.  
APPLICATIONS ARE FOR THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025.

**PARCEL ID#** \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned being aggrieved by the failure to receive a residential exemption on real estate situated at

\_\_\_\_\_ for fiscal year **2026** hereby applies for such an exemption.  
Number # \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

1) Name(s) of record owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

2) Name of Applicant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

3) Social Security Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Property Acquired: \_\_\_\_\_

4) Was this real estate ***owned and occupied*** by you as your ***principal residence*** on **January 1, 2025**? YES: \_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_

5) **Please attach a copy of the Front Page of your 2024 Federal Income Tax Return Showing the Above Real Estate Address (required).** Attach the copy, skip line 6 & go to line 7. If return shows a P.O. Box, attach a copy & **1** other piece of evidence listed in line 6. If you are not required to file a tax return due to low income, submit a short written explanation and **at least 2** pieces of other evidence in line 6.

6) Other Evidence: Copy of Driver's License (both sides)  ; Copy of 2023 Federal Tax Return (front page)  ; Copy of Motor Vehicle Registration  ; Copy of Gun Permit  ; Copy of Other 2024 Federal Form showing address

7) List the location and type of any other residential real estate owned by you:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8) Have you received or applied for a residential exemption in any other state, city or town for this fiscal year?

YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State

Signing this form under the penalties of perjury has the legal effect of swearing under oath to the truthfulness of the information contained herein. All items on this form must be completed as indicated. In addition to other sanctions provided by law, intentional misrepresentation of facts in this application may result in cancellation of this exemption and the subsequent issuance of an omitted bill for the exempted value involved for the current fiscal year.

SUBSCRIBED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, **20** \_\_\_\_\_ UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY

9) **Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

10) **Mailing Address** (if different than property location): \_\_\_\_\_

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GRANTED: \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED: \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CERTIFICATE #: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ABATED: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Property Owner,

The Town Council has the option of enacting a residential exemption of up to 35% of the average total residential value in Barnstable every year for those property owners who maintain their primary residence in the Town of Barnstable. *Please note that this does **not** mean up to 35% of the **individual** value of each property.* Each qualified property will receive exactly the same dollar amount of exemption value, regardless of the property value, and that amount is recalculated every year. This means that a qualifying property in any one year will have that year's exemption amount subtracted from the total taxable value of the property before the tax is calculated. **Example - FY2025:**

Original taxable value: \$ 500,000  
Residential exemption: -\$ 233,792 (FY2025)  
Actual taxable value: \$ 266,208

**A primary residence is defined as being owned and occupied year-round by the applicant and by filing a federal tax return showing the property as the primary residence for the qualifying fiscal year. This office will need a copy of the front page of the return submitted with the application, no exceptions.** *Income data and social security numbers may be blacked out* but the form **must** show the real estate address to which the application is made. If you use a post office box address as your primary mailing address, submit the tax return page showing the PO Box, along with additional evidence as defined on the front of this form in section 6. The Board of Assessors has sole authority to determine what other documentation is acceptable as proof of primary residence when no tax return has been filed for the required year and will require a written explanation as to why a tax return was not filed. This exemption is enacted for one fiscal year only and must be voted on each fiscal year by the Town Council, both to accept the Clause and to select the designated percentage of exemption. The date of qualification is the first of January every year for the coming fiscal year. That is, to qualify for a FY2026 residential exemption, the property owner must be a full-time resident, owning the property as of 1/1/2025 and be able to prove it is their primary residence by submitting the front page of their calendar year 2024 federal tax return. Owners have up to 3 months from the mailing of the actual tax bill to apply for the exemption for each tax year. Once qualified, the certification is valid until the property is sold, the form of ownership changes (placed into a trust from fee simple, for example) or the Town Council votes not to accept the Clause. Qualifying for the residential exemption **does not** disqualify taxpayers from receiving other exemptions, such as the Senior or Veterans exemption.

Return the application to the **Assessing Office, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.**

Assessing Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Phone: 508-862-4022

<http://townofbarnstable.us>

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**BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
TOWN OF BARNSTABLE**