O-15-073

ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE EXEMPTION FOR ELDERLY PERSONS BY INCREASING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED INDIVIDUAL AND COMBINED NET INCOMES AND ASSETS

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen

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>
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This ordinance shall take effect for the tax year commencing April 1, 2016.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2015

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PURPOSE: Amending the exemption for elderly persons by increasing the maximum allowed individual and combined net incomes and assets

ENDORSERS: Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman June M. Caron

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

FISCAL NOTE: The assessing department is unable to determine how many individuals and additional couples would qualify for the elderly exemption if the maximum allowed net income and asset limits are raised to these amounts. The legislation would shift some amount in taxes from these additional individuals and couples to all other taxpayers.

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends the tax exemption for elderly persons by increasing the maximum allowed amount of an individual's net income to $40,000; the maximum combined net income for couples to $50,000; and, the maximum net assets to $150,000 commencing on April 1, 2016.

Requirements to qualify for elderly tax deductions are established by state statute. The state statute also sets minimums for incomes and assets. RSA 72:30-a.

This ordinance was previously amended in 2003 to increase the single income limit and the married income limit was increased in 2002. The assets limit was increased in 2005 from $100,000 to $125,000. Had these proposed limits been in effect for the 2015 tax year, an additional $93,500 in taxes would have been exempted.

Approved as to form: **Office of Corporation Counsel**

By: [signature]

Date: October 27, 2015

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