

**City of Woonsocket
Rhode Island**



February 19, A.D. 2024

Resolution

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENABLING LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING
THE WOONSOCKET CITY COUNCIL TO CODIFY ITS PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS
FOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the City of Woonsocket currently provides certain personal exemptions to property owners who meet specific objective criteria; and,

WHEREAS, the authority for some exemptions has been lost to time; and,

WHEREAS, the Woonsocket City Council desires to grant certain personal exemptions for those qualified property owners to grant them deserved and necessary tax relief.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1.

The City Council of the City of Woonsocket hereby respectfully requests that the Honorable General Assembly and the Honorable Governor pass legislation enabling the Woonsocket City Council to authorize certain personal exemptions (see Exhibit A attached).

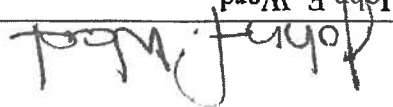
Section 2.

That, upon passage, the City Council of Woonsocket shall, by ordinance, authorize certain personal exemptions in accordance with the enabling legislation.

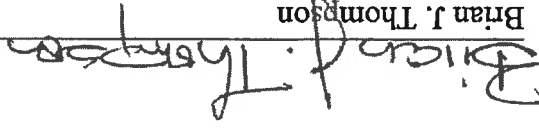
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Section 3.
That the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward an electronic copy of this Resolution to all Representatives and Senators representing the City of Woonsocket, the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarachi, Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Rhode Island Senate, and the Honorable Governor Daniel J. McKee.



John F. Ward
City Council President
By Request of the Administration



Brian J. Thompson
City Council

IN CITY COUNCIL February 19, 2024 - Read by title and passed unanimously.

§ 44-3-68. Tax Exemptions in the city of Woonsocket.

EXHIBIT A

- (a) Notwithstanding any exemption granted by any of the provisions of this chapter, the city council of the city of Woonsocket may establish, by ordinance, exemptions from taxation of real and personal property.
- (b) The city council shall determine the eligibility for each exemption but shall not be any more restrictive than as defined in §§ 44-3-4, 44-3-4.2 and 44-3-5. Eligibility may include a requirement that the recipient of the exemption own and occupy the real property.
- (c) Permitted exemptions shall include, but not be limited to elderly with income requirements, visually impaired, veteran, widow/widower of veteran, Gold Star Parent, 100% service-connected disabled veteran.
- (d) Exemptions shall be established as dollars of valuation in one thousand (\$1,000.00) multiples.
- (e) Each exemption granted on real and personal property by any of the provisions of this section, is at a rate equivalent to twenty dollars (\$20.00) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of valuation for each exemption granted to a taxpayer.