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**Topical Index Key:**

- Accounting Policies and Procedures
- Exemptions
- Special Funds

**Distribution:**

- Assessors
- Collectors
- Treasurers
- Accountants/Auditors
- Mayors/Selectmen
- City Solicitors/Town Counsels
SUMMARY:

These guidelines amend Informational Guideline Release (IGR) No. 00-209, Community Preservation Fund (December 2000). That IGR explained the procedures and requirements for establishing a special fund that may be appropriated for certain open space, historic resource and affordable housing purposes and assessing the property tax surcharge that is the primary local revenue source for that fund.

The amendments contained in these guidelines address the following:

- A change in the policy for accounting for Community Preservation surcharge abatements and exemptions. These abatements will now be charged to Community Preservation surcharge receivables, not the overlay account as set forth in IGR 00-209. A revised Community Preservation Surcharge Report (CP-1) and new sample accounting entries are included.

- The administration of the three local option surcharge exemptions. Included is the formula assessors should use in establishing annual eligibility requirements for the low income and low or moderate income senior exemption. A model application form for the exemption is included.

- The procedure for determining the availability of the Community Fund balance as a financing source for community preservation initiatives. Fund balance becomes available only after the accounting officer closes the municipal accounts for the previous fiscal year and reports the fund balance to the Bureau of Accounts. It remains available for appropriation until June 30 at which time no appropriations may be made until the accounting officer determines and reports the new year end balance.

All other provisions of IGR 00-209 not specifically amended by this IGR remain in effect.
AMENDED GUIDELINES:

1. **SURCHARGE ABATEMENTS AND EXEMPTIONS.**

   Replace Section II, pages 5-7, of IGR 00-209 with the amended Section II below.

   Amendments have been made in **Subsections C, F and G of Section II** in order to reflect a change in the accounting policy for surcharge abatements and exemptions. Those reductions will now be charged to the Community Preservation surcharge receivable instead of overlay. The amended language of **Subsections C, F and G of Section II** is shown in *bold italics*.

   In addition, a **new Subsection J has been added to Section II**. That subsection sets forth guidelines for administering the three local option surcharge exemptions.

II. **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURCHARGE**

   In a city or town that accepts G.L. Ch. 44B §§3-7, a community preservation surcharge is assessed on the municipality’s real estate taxes. Taxes assessed on personal property, or by water, fire or other tax levying districts within the municipality, are **not** subject to the surcharge.

   A. **Surcharge Assessment and Billing**

      The surcharge is imposed on every type of real estate tax assessment made by the community, including all preliminary, actual, omitted, revised and supplemental assessments. The surcharge must be displayed as a separate item on the tax bills, commitments and warrants issued for those assessments. Assessors should also forward a separate notice of commitment for the surcharge to the accounting officer.

   B. **Surcharge Amount**

      The surcharge is calculated by multiplying the real estate tax on the parcel, as **reduced by any property tax exemptions** received under G.L. Ch. 59 §5 or other statutes, by the adopted percentage.
Therefore, real estate parcels that are fully exempt from property taxes are not subject to any surcharge. Parcels may also be fully or partially exempt from the surcharge if the community adopts any of the Community Preservation Act exemptions. See Section I-A-1-b above.

C. **Delinquent Surcharges**

Surcharges not paid by the due date accrue interest at 14 percent per year computed in the same manner as overdue property taxes in the community. Interest on overdue surcharges belongs to the *Community Preservation Fund.*

D. **Partial Payments**

If a taxpayer expressly directs the tax collector to apply a payment to the regular real estate tax and not the surcharge, the collector must apply the payment as directed. Otherwise, the collector may determine how to apply the payment.

E. **Collection Remedies**

Collectors may enforce collection of the surcharge with any or all of the remedies available for collection of regular real estate taxes, including a tax taking. G.L. Ch. 44B §4(c); G.L. Ch. 60. The lien for the surcharge arises as of the January 1 assessment date of the fiscal year the surcharge relates to and terminates the same time as that year’s real estate tax lien. Collectors should perform timely takings to ensure that both liens do not terminate. G.L. Ch. 60 §37; G.L. Ch. 60 §53.

A standard notation should be *pre-printed* on all municipal lien certificates that real estate taxes in the community are subject to the community preservation surcharge under G.L. Ch. 44B. Collectors should list separately the amount of any outstanding surcharge on the certificate in the same manner as an outstanding district tax is shown.

F. **Abatements and Exemptions**

*All committed surcharge amounts abated or exempted are charged to the Community Preservation surcharge receivable of the fiscal year. This includes reductions in committed surcharges resulting from an abatement or exemption of the real estate tax, or an abatement or exemption of the surcharge itself. The abatement or exemption certificate, as well as any abatement and exemption reports to other officers, should state separately the amount of any surcharge abatement or exemption granted.*
G. **Refund Accounting**

*All refunds of surcharges are accounted for in the Community Preservation Fund.*

H. **Surcharge Deferrals**

Taxpayers who are eligible to defer property taxes under G.L. Ch. 59 §5(41A) may not defer the surcharge.

I. **Surcharge on Classified Land Taxes**

The community preservation surcharge assessed on classified forest land under G.L. Ch. 61, agricultural or horticultural land under G.L. Ch. 61A and recreational land under G.L. Ch. 61B is calculated based on the real estate tax generated by the classified value of the property. The surcharge is not assessed on withdrawal, rollback or conveyance taxes imposed under G.L. Ch. 61, 61A or 61B.

J. **Local Option Surcharge Exemptions (New)**

1. **Decisionmaker**

   The board of assessors grants or denies all surcharge exemptions.

2. **Eligibility Date**

   Exempt status is determined as of January 1. Any ownership, occupancy, age, income or usage classification requirement for the exemption must be met as of that date.

3. **Eligibility Requirements**

   a. **Residential Exemption**

   The residential exemption applies to the real estate tax assessed on the first $100,000 in assessed valuation of all properties classified as Class One, Residential, as of January 1. If the property is multiple-use, the exemption applies to the real estate tax assessed on the first $100,000 of the portion of the assessed valuation allocated to Class One.
b. **Commercial/Industrial Exemption**

The commercial/industrial exemption applies *only* in a fiscal year where the tax rate is split. It applies to the real estate tax assessed on properties classified as Class Three, Commercial, and Class Four, Industrial, as of January 1. If the property is multiple-use, the exemption applies to the real estate tax assessed on the portion of the assessed valuation allocated to Class Three and Four.

c. **Low Income/Low or Moderate Income Senior Exemption**

1. **Eligible Taxpayers**
   
   a. **Ownership and Occupancy**

   An applicant for the low income or low or moderate income senior exemption must be a natural person, who owns and occupies the property as a domicile as of January 1. All co-owners do *not* have to occupy the property as a domicile for the exemption to be granted.

   The exemption does not apply to residential property owned in whole or in part by a corporation or other business entity.

   b. **Age**

   To qualify as a senior, the applicant must be 60 or older as of January 1.

2. **Income Limits**

   Each co-owner of the domicile must meet a household annual income standard for the low income or low or moderate income senior exemption to be granted. The income standard is based on the area wide median income determined annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Therefore, assessors must establish new limits for each year.
Annual household income is the income received from all sources regardless of income tax status under federal or state law during the calendar year preceding January 1 by all members of the household 18 or older who are not full time students less deductions for dependents other than a spouse and certain medical expenses. That amount must be at or below the allowable income limit for the household type (senior or non-senior) and size.

Formulas for calculating the allowable deductions and income limits for household type and size are attached.

(3) Exemption Amount

A qualified taxpayer receives an exemption of the entire surcharge attributable to the real estate tax assessed on the Class One, Residential, assessed valuation of the parcel, regardless of ownership share or number of residential dwelling units.

4. Applications

Taxpayers must apply annually for the low income or low or moderate income senior exemption. Application may be made on the attached Form CP-4, or other format developed by the assessors to obtain the same information. Assessors do not need to obtain prior approval of the Property Tax Bureau to use forms they have designed so long as the content is essentially the same as Form CP-4.

Assessors may review applications submitted by seniors for a Clause 41, 41B or 41C personal exemption or Clause 41A tax deferral to determine eligibility for the low or moderate income exemption as well. In those cases where no further information is needed to establish eligibility for the exemption, it may be granted without requiring completion of a separate application.

2. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BALANCE.

Replace Section III-A-8, page 12, of IGR 00-209 with the following amended Section III-A-8.
An amendment has been made in (b) of Section III-A-8 in order to clarify the procedure for determining the availability of the Community Fund balance as a financing source for community preservation initiatives. Fund balance will become available after the accounting officer closes the municipal accounts for the previous fiscal year and reports the fund balance to the Bureau of Accounts. It will remain available for appropriation until June 30 of the current fiscal year. No appropriations may be made after June 30 until the accounting officer determines the new balance and reports it to the Bureau of Accounts. The amended language of (b) of Section III-A-8 is shown in bold italics.

III. FUNDS

A. Community Preservation Fund

8. Other Available Fund Financing Sources

Appropriations for allowable community preservation purposes may also be made from other available sources within the fund at any time during the fiscal year.

a. Community Preservation Fund Reserves – The annual community preservation surcharges and state trust fund distributions earmarked by the legislative body for future appropriation for one of three categories of community preservation purposes. See Section III-A-7-a above. A separate reserve exists within the fund for each category of community preservation purposes and later appropriations from each reserve are restricted to those purposes. The three reserves are:

- Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve.
- Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve.
- Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve.

b. Community Preservation Fund Balance – The unspent and unencumbered balance as of year end that results from actual collections of (1) annual and miscellaneous fund revenues (except bond proceeds) that exceed expenditures and reservations from estimated annual revenues and (2) actual expenditures and encumbrances that are less than appropriations.
Fund balance may be appropriated as an available financing source during a fiscal year only after the accounting officer closes the municipal accounts for the previous fiscal year and reports that year end balance to the Bureau of Accounts. See Section VII, “Community Preservation Fund Report” (Form CP-2) below. Availability expires on June 30 of the current fiscal year until a new balance is determined and reported.

The accounting officer should provide a copy of the annual report to the Community Preservation Committee and other boards or officers with financial responsibilities in order to notify them of the fund balance available for appropriation through the end of the current fiscal year.

c. Community Preservation Fund Excess Bond Proceeds - The unspent and unencumbered balance of proceeds from bonds at the completion or abandonment of a community preservation project for which the debt was issued. Appropriations from this source are restricted. See Section IV-E below.

3. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURCHARGE REPORT

Replace Section VII, page 23, of IGR 00-209 with the following amended Section VII. The amended language in Section VII is shown in **bold italics**.

Replace the Community Preservation Surcharge Report (CP-1) form attachment to Section VII of IGR 00-209 with the revised CP-1 form that is attached.

The **Community Preservation Surcharge Report (CP-1)** submitted by the assessors and accounting officer to the Municipal Data Management/Technical Assistance Bureau by September 15 of each year in order to receive state matching funds has been revised to report the surcharge levy, **abatements and exemptions**. Before the accounting policy change explained in these guidelines, abatements and exemptions did not reduce the levy and therefore, only the committed amount had to be reported. The net levy must now be reported.
VII. **ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

All community preservation communities must annually submit the following reports:

- **A “Community Preservation Surcharge Report”** (Form CP-1) *(Revised 9/2001)* (Attached) to the Municipal Data Management/Technical Assistance Bureau by September 15. This report details surcharge commitments, *abatements and exemptions* of the previous fiscal year and is required for a state trust fund distribution to be made to the community.

- **A “Community Preservation Fund Report”** (Form CP-2) (Attached) to the Bureau of Accounts by October 31. This report details all fund activity of the previous fiscal year. A copy must also be submitted to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA).

- **A “Community Preservation Initiatives Report”** (Form CP-3) (Attached) to the EOEAs by August 15. This report details acquisitions and other community preservation initiatives of the previous fiscal year.

In addition, all financial activity related to the Community Preservation Fund must be reported in Schedule A. See column “Open Space Acquisition Fund” in the special revenue section, Part V, under other special revenue.

4. **ACCOUNTING ENTRIES**

Replace the “Sample Accounting Entries” attachment to Section VIII of IGR 00-209 with the following revised version.

Amendments have been made to Sample Accounting Entries 4 and 5 in order to reflect the change in accounting policy for surcharge abatements and exemptions. Those reductions will now be charged to Community Preservation surcharge receivable instead of overlay. The revisions in Entries 4 and 5 are shown in *bold italics*. 
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURCHARGE
LOW/MODERATE INCOME EXEMPTION
Exemption Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant must own the property as of January 1.
   May be (1) sole owner, (2) co-owner, (3) life tenant or (4) trustee with sufficient beneficial interest in property under terms of trust.

2. Applicant must occupy the property as domicile as of January 1.

3. Applicant and each co-owner must have household income for the calendar year before January 1 at or below the limit for that owner’s household type and number (over for formula).
   For property subject to trust, each co-trustee must meet income standard.

   **Calculation of Each Owner’s Household Income**

   **1. Household Annual Gross Income from all sources.**
      - Includes wages, salaries and bonuses, public and private pensions, retirement income, Social Security, alimony, child support, interest and dividend income, net income from business, public assistance, disability and unemployment insurance, regular contributions/gifts from party outside the household.
      - Includes income of all household members who were 18 or older and not full time students during calendar year.

   **2. Deduct Dependents Allowance.**
      - Number dependents on January 1 (not spouse) x $ DCHD allowance.*

   **3. Deduct Medical Expenses Exclusion.**
      - Total out of pocket medical expenses of all household members for calendar year exceeding 3% of household annual gross income (from line 1 above).
      - Out of pocket medical expenses include health insurance premiums, payments to doctors, hospitals and other health care providers, diagnostic tests, prescription drugs, medical equipment or other expenses not paid or reimbursed by employers, public/private insurers or other third parties.

   **4. Equals Household Annual Income for CPA Exemption.**
      - Cannot exceed Annual Income Limit for Household Type and Size.

* Currently $300. Available from 760 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 6.05(4) at www.state.ma.us. Click on Laws/Regulations/Rulings under What We Publish. Then click on Code of Massachusetts Regulations Index and CMR by Citation tab at top of page.
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURCHARGE
LOW/MODERATE INCOME EXEMPTION

Annual Income Limit by Household Type and Size
US HUD AWMI = Area wide median income** issued by HUD in March before FY begins
Round all calculations to nearest $50.00

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** Available at [www.huduser.org](http://www.huduser.org). Click Data Sets under Topics (left column). Click Income Limits under View Data Sets by Topic (right column).
LOW INCOME PERSONS - LOW OR MODERATE INCOME SENIORS
FISCAL YEAR _______ APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT EXEMPTION
General Laws Chapter 44B

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete all sections. Please print or type.

A. IDENTIFICATION. Complete this section fully.

Name of Applicant __________________________________________ Telephone Number ____________________
Social Security No. ___________________________________________ Marital Status _________________________
Were you 60 years or older on January 1, _______? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes and first year of application, please attach copy of birth certificate.

Legal residence (domicile) on January 1, _____

No. Street City/Town Zip Code

Mailing address (if different) _________________________________________________________________________

No. Street City/Town Zip Code

Location of property: __________________________________ No. of dwelling units: 1 ☑ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Other ☐

Did you own the property on January 1, _____? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, were you: Sole owner ☐ Co-owner with spouse only ☐ Co-owner with others ☐

Was the property subject to a trust as of January 1, _____? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, please attach trust instrument including all schedules.

Have you been granted any exemption in any other city or town for this fiscal year? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, name of city or town __________________________ Type of exemption ___________________________

B. SIGNATURE. Sign here to complete the application.

This application has been prepared or examined by me. Under the pains and penalties of perjury, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the application and all accompanying documents and statements are true, correct and complete.

Signature __________________________ Date __________

If signed by agent, attach copy of written authorization to sign on behalf of taxpayer.

YOU MUST ALSO COMPLETE SCHEDULES C - F ON FOLLOWING PAGES

FILING THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT STAY THE COLLECTION OF YOUR SURCHARGE.
TO AVOID INTEREST AND COLLECTION CHARGES, YOU MUST PAY SURCHARGE AS BILLED BY DUE DATE.
IF EXEMPTION IS GRANTED AND SURCHARGE IS PAID IN FULL, REFUND WILL BE MADE.
THIS FORM APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE
C. HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS. List all members of your household on January 1 and provide requested information. Please list any members who are 18 and older and not full time students last.

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D. HOUSEHOLD OUT OF POCKET MEDICAL EXPENSES DURING PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR. List total medical expenses incurred by all household members during calendar year before January 1 that were not paid by or reimbursed by employer, public or private health insurance or other third party. Includes amounts paid in health insurance premiums, co-payments, deductibles and other out of pocket expenses. Documentation may be requested to verify expenses claimed.

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**E. HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME DURING PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.** List income received from all sources for each member of household 18 and older and not full-time student during calendar before January 1. Please list members in same order as shown in Schedule B above. Copies of federal and state income tax returns may be requested to verify income reported for each household member.

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**TOTAL GROSS INCOME - MEMBERS**

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**TOTAL GROSS INCOME - HOUSEHOLD**

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*Continue list on attachment, in same format, as necessary.*

**F. CO-OWNERS’ HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME DURING PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.**

Does Schedule E above include the gross income of all co-owners of the property as of January 1, _____? Yes ☐ No ☐ ☐

*If no, a Schedule B, C and E must be attached for each co-owner not included.*
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<td>Co-owner 2 CPA Income</td>
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Assessed surcharge    $ ________________
Exempted surcharge    $ ________________
Adjusted surcharge    $ ________________

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Date voted
Certificate number
Date certificate/Notice sent

Date:
Return by September 15 to:

Municipal Data Management/Technical Assistance Bureau
Division of Local Services
P.O. Box 9569
Boston MA 02205-9569

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURCHARGE REPORT

City/Town of _______________________
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, _______
Surcharge % ______

Total Surcharge Committed to Collector for FY $ _______________________
Less Surcharge Abatements/Exemptions _______________________
Net Surcharge Raised for FY $ _______________________

Completed by:

________________________________________  _______________________
________________________________________  _______________________
________________________________________  _______________________

Board of Assessors

________________________________________  _______________________

Accounting Officer

Date
1. The legislative body appropriates the following amounts from *estimated revenues*:

\[
\begin{align*}
$300,000 & \text{ For open space acquisitions} \\
60,000 & \text{ For open space reserve} \\
60,000 & \text{ For historic resources reserve} \\
60,000 & \text{ For community housing reserve} \\
20,000 & \text{ For committee operating expenses}
\end{align*}
\]

In addition, $100,000 was appropriated from the *Historic Resources Reserve Fund Balance* for the acquisition of an historic site.

Accounting entries 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d and 1e are recorded in the Community Preservation Special Revenue Fund. Budgetary entries (1a, 1b and 1c) are illustrated in uppercase to distinguish them from actual entries (1d and 1e).

### 1a. To record estimated revenues budgeted.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{ESTIMATED REVENUE} & \quad \$ 500,000 \\
\text{BUDGETARY CONTROL} & \quad \$ 500,000
\end{align*}
\]

Subsidiary Ledger

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURCHARGE} & \quad \$ 500,000 \\
\text{SUBSIDIARY REVENUE CONTROL} & \quad \$ 500,000
\end{align*}
\]

### 1b. To record amounts appropriated from estimated revenues.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{BUDGETARY CONTROL} & \quad \$ 500,000 \\
\text{APPROPRIATIONS} & \quad \$ 500,000
\end{align*}
\]

Subsidiary Ledger

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{SUBSIDIARY APPROPRIATION CONTROL} & \quad \$ 500,000 \\
\text{OPEN SPACE LAND AQUISITION} & \quad \$ 300,000 \\
\text{RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE} & \quad \$ 60,000 \\
\text{RESERVE FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES} & \quad \$ 60,000 \\
\text{RESERVE FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING} & \quad \$ 60,000 \\
\text{OPERATING EXPENSES} & \quad \$ 20,000
\end{align*}
\]
1c. **To record amounts appropriated from Historic Resources Reserve fund balance.**

BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE
  APPROPRIATION
  $ 100,000

Subsidiary Ledger

SUBSIDIARY APPROPRIATION CONTROL
  HISTORIC SITE AQUISITION
  $ 100,000

1d. **Actual entry to record amounts appropriated to fund balance reserves.**

Unreserved, undesignated Community Preservation Fund Balances
  $ 180,000

  Fund balance reserved for open space
    $ 60,000
  Fund balance reserved for historic resources
    $ 60,000
  Fund balance reserved for community housing
    $ 60,000

1e. **Actual entry to record appropriation from fund balance reserved for historic resource.**

Fund balance reserved for historic resources
  $ 100,000

  Fund balance reserved for expenditures
    $ 100,000

2. **The assessors forward a notice of commitment for FY2002 to the accounting officer showing a committed real estate tax of $2,000 and community preservation surcharge of $60.**

General Fund
Real estate tax receivable 2002
  $ 2000.
  Deferred revenue property tax
    $ 2000.

Other Special Revenue Fund
Community preservation surcharge receivable 2002
  $ 60.
  Deferred revenue community preservation
    $ 60.
3. **The taxpayer pays the full amount of the bill for $2,060.**

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4. **The taxpayer pays the entire bill of $2,060 and applies for an abatement. The assessors grant an abatement of $500 in the real estate tax and $15 in the community preservation surcharge.**

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5. **The collector issues a refund for $500 for the real estate tax and $15 for the community preservation surcharge.**

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