INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISCLOSURE AS REQUIRED BY § 20(f)

PART-TIME, CALL OR VOLUNTEER SERVICES TO A POLICE, FIRE, RESCUE OR AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

WHEN TO USE THE § 20(f) DISCLOSURE FORM

You are a **municipal employee** and you seek an exemption under **G.L. c. 268A**, § 20(f) so you can be compensated for providing personal services in a part-time, call or volunteer capacity with the **police**, fire, rescue or ambulance department in your city, town or fire district. If you will provide these services to a city, you can be eligible for a § 20(f) exemption only if the city has a population of fewer than thirty-five thousand inhabitants.

FILING THE § 20(f) DISCLOSURE

- 1. In the disclosure, enter information about your municipal employee position at the top of the form.
- 2. Next, enter information about the **police, fire, rescue or ambulance department** that you serve.
- 3. If you serve a **police**, **fire**, **rescue or ambulance department in a City**, certify that the City has **fewer than 35,000 inhabitants** as determined by the **most recent United States census**.
- 4. Indicate whether you will provide services on a part-time, call or volunteer basis.
- 5. Describe the services you will provide to the police, fire, rescue or ambulance department.
- 6. The **head of the agency** that will pay you to provide part-time, call or volunteer services must make a **written certification** that no employee of the agency is available to perform such services as part of his regular duties.
- 7. The city council, board of selectmen, board of aldermen or district prudential committee must approve the exemption.
- 8. File the disclosure with the clerk of the city, town or fire district.

If you need advice about completing the disclosure, please call the Attorney of the Day at (617) 371-9500 or e-mail the State Ethics Commission at <u>requestadvice@massmail.state.ma.us</u>.

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