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CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

ARTICLE 26

Amend Chapter 81

**...as revised by the Municipal Modernization Act
2017 Spring Annual Town Meeting
Third Session – Monday, May 1, 2017**

I, Onorina Z. Maloney, Town Clerk of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, do hereby certify the following vote taken under Article 26 at the third session of the 2017 Spring Annual Town Meeting held at the Chelmsford Senior Center 75 Groton Road, Chelmsford, MA 01863. The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Moderator Jon H. Kurland. There were 121 members present which satisfied a quorum requirement of 82.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 81, Section 2, Paragraph B of the Code of the Town of Chelmsford adopted pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 57, which statute allows municipalities to deny licenses or permits, among other things, when the applicant or owner of the property to which the license or permit relates owes municipal taxes or fees, to bring such bylaw into accord with the law as revised by the Municipal Modernization Act, by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and adding the language shown as underlining, with the text not being changed shown in regular type for informational purposes only, as follows:

B. The Treasurer-Collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the "Treasurer-Collector," shall annually, and may periodically furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the "licensing authority," that issues licenses or permits, including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, partnership, corporation, trust, business entity or enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the "party," that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges ~~for not less than a twelve-month period~~ and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the Appellate Tax Board.

; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Town Manager

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MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 26

I move that the Town amend Chapter 81, Section 2, Paragraph B of the Code of the Town of Chelmsford adopted pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 57, which statute allows municipalities to deny licenses or permits, among other things, when the applicant or owner of the property to which the license or permit relates owes municipal taxes or fees, to bring such bylaw into accord with the law as revised by the Municipal Modernization Act, by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and adding the language shown as underlining, with the text not being changed shown in regular type for informational purposes only, as follows:

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Recommendations:

Finance Committee: unanimously recommends approval of Article 26

Board of Selectmen: unanimously recommends approval of Article 26

Marlene Cote, Precinct 4, moved to add:

for not less than a 90 day period (please see red text, above)

This amendment was accepted as a friendly amendment. The body went on to vote on the main motion, as amended.

The electronic voting devices registered the following votes on the motion, as amended.

YES: 116 NO: 12 Abstentions 0 **Motion under Article 26, as amended, carries**



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