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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven Owens and John J. Lawn, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to property tax classifications in the city of Watertown for fiscal year 2027 and subsequent fiscal years.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Steven Owens	*29th Middlesex*	*9/25/2025*

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By Representatives Owens of Watertown and Lawn of Watertown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven Owens (with the approval of the city council) relative to property tax classifications in the city of Watertown for fiscal year 2027 and subsequent fiscal years. Revenue. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act relative to property tax classifications in the city of Watertown for fiscal year 2027 and subsequent fiscal years.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding section 1A of chapter 58 of the General Laws or any other general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the commissioner of revenue shall further adjust the minimum residential factor of the city of Watertown determined under said section 1A of said chapter 58 for fiscal year 2027 and subsequent fiscal years if adoption of such factor for any such year would otherwise have been determined through application of the percentage limitation under clause (b) of the third sentence of the second paragraph of said section 1A of said chapter 58. The new minimum residential factor for fiscal year 2027 and subsequent fiscal years shall be 50 per cent, subject to such adjustment upward as may be required to provide that the percentage of the total tax levy imposed on any class of real or personal property shall not exceed 175 per cent of the full and fair cash valuation of the taxable

real and personal property in the city of Watertown, unless otherwise amended by general or special law, rule or regulation.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.