

ARTICLE 14.

The Moderator declared a Majority Negative vote after a hand count resulted in the Article failing to meet the 2/3rds required for passage. The result of the hand count was as follows: Yes = 138 and No = 139 that the Town of Longmeadow petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to permit the Town, subject to approval at a town-wide referendum vote, to exempt the Town of Longmeadow from the requirements of paragraphs (b), (d), and (e) of Section 21C of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 by adding paragraph (f) as follows:

(f) The local appropriating authority of any city or town may, by two-thirds vote, seek voter approval at a regular or special election to accept this paragraph f, thereby rejecting the limit set forth in paragraph (b) and not be subject to it provided however that the question submitted shall be as follows:

"Shall the Town of Longmeadow adopt paragraph f of MGL Chap 59 section 21C thereby rejecting the 2.5% of assessed market value tax ceiling limit set forth in paragraph b of MGL Chap 59 Sec 21C?

Yes ___ No ___";

and provided, further, that said question shall be deemed approved if a majority of the persons voting thereon shall vote "yes".

or in other ways modifying Chapter 59 section 21C to affect this local exemption from the 2.5% of assessed market value tax ceiling limit.