

Resolution # 2-2023
2023 Perry Township Board to
Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.7u, states that the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under the General Property Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, a township board is required by MCL 211.7u to adopt guidelines for the poverty exemption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, that Perry Township, Shiawassee County, adopts the following guidelines for the supervisor and board of review to implement.

The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household.

To be eligible for exemption under this section, a person must do all of the following on an annual basis.

- 1) Own and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested. The person shall affirm this ownership and occupancy status in writing by filing a form prescribed by the state tax commission with the local assessing unit.
- 2) File a claim with the board of review on a form prescribed by the state tax commission and provided by the local assessing unit, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year. Federal and state income tax returns are not required for a person residing in the principal residence if that person was not required to file a federal or state income tax return in the tax year in which the exemption under this section is claimed or in the immediately preceding tax year, and an affidavit in a form prescribed by the state tax commission may be accepted in place of the federal or state income tax return.
- 3) Produce a valid driver license or other form of identification if requested by the supervisor or board of review.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if required by the supervisor or board of review.

5) Meet the *federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.*

6) Meet additional eligibility requirements as determined by the township board, including: Size of Family Unit Poverty Guidelines.

1-\$13,590

2-\$18,310

3-\$23,030

4-\$27,750

5-\$32,470

6-\$37,190

7-\$41,910

8-\$46,630

Additional person, add \$4,720

The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of the local unit's December Board of Review.

ASSET TEST

The attached "Instruction for Applicant Requesting Consideration for a Poverty Exemption" and "Poverty Exemption Application" must be filled with your request.

If a person meets the poverty income guidelines but asset levels exceed the items/amounts below, the individual/property owner shall not be eligible for a Property Tax Poverty Exemption.

- 1) The Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) being claimed and personal property used in connection with the use and occupancy of the principal residence. The applicant will be allowed the homestead parcel in which their home sits. All additional parcels owned will be considered an asset.
- 2) All other assets up to a cumulative dollar value of \$25,000 as attested on the Poverty Exemption Application.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the board of review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Mark Fraser moved and supported by Board Member Frances Griffith.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye:" Mark Fulks, Mark Fraser, Francis Griffith, Kelly Schmidt, Troy Parmalee .

"Nay:" None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Supervisor

I Kelly Schmidt, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Perry Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on February 1, 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Clerk