

## RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Summerfield Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); PA 253 of 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994 and PA 253 of 2020, the Township of Summerfield, Monroe County adopts the following guidelines and the Application for Hardship and Asset Test (revision date January 11, 2024) for the 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, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the Supervisor, Assessor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence filed in the immediately preceding year or current year or a signed State Tax Commission Form 4988: Poverty Exemption Affidavit.
- 3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed the current asset guidelines. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.
- 4) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
- 5) Produce, if requested, a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is being requested.
- 6) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.
- 7) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the December Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The following are the 2024 federal poverty income guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

Summerfield Township has adopted the *Federal* poverty level Income Guidelines listed below:

<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>2024</u>
1	\$14,580
2	\$19,720
3	\$24,860
4	\$30,000
5	\$35,140
6	\$40,280
7	\$45,420
8	\$50,560
For each additional person:	\$5,140

HOUSEHOLD ASSET GUIDELINES TAX YEAR 2024

Public Act 390 allows townships to set the Asset Guidelines for poverty exemption from taxes, and states that poverty exemption asset guidelines must include the asset levels of the entire household.

VEHICLES: No member of the household shall own more than one vehicle (car or truck).

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES: None allowed

SAVINGS/CHECKING/INVESTMENTS Shall not total more than \$2,000 for entire household.

FURTHERMORE, this Resolution includes updates made to Public Act 253 of 2020 related to granting full or partial poverty exemptions. MCL 211.7u(5) states that if a person claiming the poverty exemption meets all eligibility requirements, the Board of Review shall grant the poverty exemption, in whole or in part, as follows:

1. A full exemption equal to a 100% reduction in taxable value for the year in which the exemption is granted; or
2. A partial exemption equal to a 75% reduction in taxable value for the year in which the exemption is granted;
3. A partial exemption equal to a 50% reduction in taxable value for the year in which the exemption is granted;
4. A partial exemption equal to a 25% reduction in taxable value for the year in which the exemption is granted.

No other method of calculating taxable value may be utilized, except for those percentage reductions specifically authorized in statute, or any other percentage reduction approved by the State Tax Commission.

The Board of Review shall follow the policies and guidelines of the local assessing unit when granting or denying a poverty exemption. The same standards shall apply to each claimant in the unit for the assessment year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and Township guidelines in granting or denying an exemption.

The foregoing resolution offered by Seegert and supported by Strahan

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Goodin, Seegert, Strahan, Lucarelli & Wiederhold

Yes:  No:

I, Trudy Goodin, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Summerfield Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Summerfield Township Board at the regular meeting held on the 16th day of Jan, 2024 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.

Trudy Goodin  
Trudy Goodin, Clerk