

Poverty Guidelines Resolution for Lima Township for the 2024 Assessment Year
Resolution#_____

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the township board; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons who, in the judgment of the 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 Public Act 390 of 1994 and Public Act 253 of 2020 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994 and PA 253 of 2020, Lima Township, Washtenaw County adopts the following guidelines 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, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the 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 principle residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the board of review, accompanied **by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year. If an applicant or other person residing in the home is not required by law to file federal and/or state income tax forms, the attached affidavit must be completed and submitted with the application**, (Form #4988).
- 3) Applicant may not have ownership interest in any real estate other than the principal residence.
- 4) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- 5) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- 6) As required by PA 390 of 1994 AND PA 253 of 2020, all guidelines for poverty exemptions as established by the governing body of the local assessing unit **SHALL** also include an asset level test. The applicant's assets may not exceed \$50,000. The following assets shall not be considered when applying an asset test to determine qualification for tax exemption;
 - i. The value of the applicant's primary residence subject to the exemption.
 - ii. The value of all personal property, such as furniture and clothing.
- 7) Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget. **See Exhibit A**

8) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, 2023 but before the day prior to the last day of board of review.

9) 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 (See Exhibit A):

- For applicants at or below the 2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines, 100% relief shall be granted.
- For applicants between 100% and 115% of the 2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines, 75% relief shall be granted.
- For applicants between 115% and 130% of the 2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines, 50% relief shall be granted.
- For applicants between 130% and 145% of the 2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines, 25% relief shall be granted.
- For applicants above 145% of the 2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines, 0% relief shall be granted.

Applications may be reviewed by the Board of Review without the applicant being present. However, the Board may request that any or all applicants be physically present to respond, under oath, to answer any questions the Board may have.

The following are the federal poverty income standards which the United States Office of Management and Budget recommends that federal departments and agencies use. The standards are actually compiled and published by the Bureau of the Census which refers to them as "poverty thresholds."

EXHIBIT A

FEDERAL POVERTY INCOME STANDARDS FOR 2024 ASSESSMENTS The following are the federal poverty income standards as of December 31, 2023 for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2024 assessments.

Size of Family Unit	2024 Poverty Guidelines 100% Relief	2024 Poverty Guidelines 75% Relief Greater than 100% but equal to or less than 115% of Federal Guidelines	2024 Poverty Guidelines 50% Relief Greater than 115% but equal to or less than 130% of Federal Guidelines	2024 Poverty Guidelines 25% Relief Greater than 130% but equal to or less than 145% of Federal Guidelines
1	\$14,580	\$16,767	\$18,954	\$21,141
2	\$19,720	\$22,678	\$25,636	\$28,549
3	\$24,860	\$28,589	\$32,318	\$36,047
4	\$30,000	\$34,500	\$39,000	\$43,500
5	\$35,140	\$40,411	\$45,682	\$50,953
6	\$40,280	\$46,322	\$52,364	\$58,406

7	\$45,420	\$52,233	\$59,046	\$65,859
8	\$50,560	\$58,144	\$65,728	\$73,312
For Each Additional Person	\$5,140	\$5,911	\$6,682	\$7,453

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY 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 _____ and

supported by Board Member _____.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye:"

"Nay:"

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Clerk

I, Teresa Reynhout, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Lima 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 _____, 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