

GUIDELINE RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION

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

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Supervisor/ Assessor and 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); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the Township of Brady, Saginaw 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 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 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.
- 3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed the current 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 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 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 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.

Brady Township 2017

Resolution for poverty Guidelines for Board of Review

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$11,880
2	16,020
3	20,160
4	24,300
5	28,440
6	32,580
7	36,730
8	40,890

For each additional person add \$4,160

1. Ownership of one car per driver living in household.
2. Ownership of not more than one parcel of land.
3. No more than 5000 dollars in additional personal property.
4. Household income is determined by the addition of any income of each person living in the household, including government program payments.
5. Assets including savings, certificate of deposits, ect. of not more than \$5000.
6. Percentage of the exemption is to be determined by the Board of Review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Supervisor/Assessor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption unless the Supervisor/Assessor and Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicate in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board member Wenzlick and supported by Board member Goodrich

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“Aye”: Kienitz Goodrich Cook Wenzlick

“Nay”: none

Absent: Reeves

The Township Clerk declared the resolution adopted, February 1, 2017.

I, Beverly Wenzlick, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Brady Township, hereby certify That the foregoing resolution was adopted by Township Board of said Township at the regular meeting of said Board, held on February 1, 2017 at which a quorum was presented by roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Clerk