

Dexter Township Resolution #21-591

A resolution to adopt poverty exemption income guidelines and asset test for the 2021 tax year.

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

WHEREAS, the homestead 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 the General Property Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, the township board is required by Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 (MCL 211.7u), to adopt guidelines for poverty exemptions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, that Dexter 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. File an exemption application, prior to the March, July or December Board of Review hearings, 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.
2. Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
3. Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership for the principal residence for which an exemption is sought, if requested.
4. Not exceed maximum income levels as shown in Exhibit A. As required by statute, the maximum income levels are above the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
 - a. Meet an asset level test where the applicant's assets, not including the primary residence, cannot exceed the most recent median HUD Family income for a family of four (4) for Washtenaw County, Michigan **(\$101,500 for the 2020 tax year)**.

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 any questions the Board may have.

In granting hardship exemptions, the Board of Review realizes this to represent a shift of that portion of the tax burden to the other taxpayers of the community and state.

The exemption shall only apply to the applicant's principal residence and the applicant must own and reside in the principal residence property.

The Board of Review may grant relief within the following guidelines:

If a person meets all eligibility requirements in statute, the Board of Review must grant a full exemption equal to a 100% reduction in taxable value OR a partial exemption equal to a 25% or 50% reduction in taxable value OR any other percentage reduction in taxable value approved by the STC.

For applicants at or below the 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines, 100% relieve shall be granted.

For applicants between 100% and 125% of the 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines, 50% relief shall be granted.

For applicants between 125% and 150% of the 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines, 25% relief shall be granted.

For applicants above 150% of the 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines, 0% relief shall be granted.

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

Exhibit A

Size of Family or Household	2021 Federal Guidelines 100% Relief	2021 Dexter Township Guidelines 50% Relief Greater than 100% but equal to or less than 125% of Federal Guidelines	2021 Dexter Township Guidelines 25% Relief Greater than 125% but equal to or less than 150% of Federal Guidelines
1	\$12,760	\$15,950	\$19,140
2	\$17,240	\$21,550	\$25,860
3	\$21,720	\$27,150	\$32,580
4	\$26,200	\$32,750	\$39,300
5	\$30,680	\$38,350	\$46,020
6	\$35,160	\$43,950	\$52,720
7	\$39,640	\$49,550	\$59,460
8	\$44,120	\$55,150	\$66,180
Additional Person	\$4,480	\$5,600	\$6,720

Resolution offered by Board Member

Resolution seconded by Board Member

Roll call vote:

Yeas – Ratkovich, Stamboulellis, Metz, Drolett, Nolte, Sanders, Sikkenga

Nays –

Abstain – None

Absent – 0

Tally Y = 7; N = 0; Abstain = 0; Absent = 0

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, being the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Township of Dexter hereby certifies that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Dexter Township Board at which a quorum was present on the 16th day of February 2021, and that the members voted thereon as hereinbefore set forth.


Michelle Stamboulellis, Clerk