

PLEASANT PLAINS TOWNSHIP

#02/24/2021
RESOLUTION
ON
POVERTY GUIDELINES 2021/2022

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Pleasant Plains 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 Pleasant Plains, Lake 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.

Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2021 Assessments

Number of Persons Residing Poverty Guidelines in the Principal Residence

Annual allowable income:

- 1 person 12,880 for individuals
- \$17,420 for a family of 2
- \$21,960 for a family of 3
- \$26,500 for a family of 4
- \$31,040 for a family of 5
- \$35,580 for a family of 6
- \$40,120 for a family of 7
- \$44,660 for a family of 8

Asset Level: \$15,000

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 communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by _____ Board Member, and supported by

Township Board Member _____.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“Aye”: _____

“Nay”: _____

The Township Clerk declared the resolution _____.

Elizabeth Knight, Clerk

Date