

ANNUAL GUIDELINE RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION

BOYNE VALLEY TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Boyne Valley 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); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the Boyne Valley Township Board, Charlevoix County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but are 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 Township 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 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 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 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.

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The following are the **2023** 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 Used in the Determination of Poverty as an example:

1.	\$13,590
2.	\$18,310
3.	\$23,030
4.	\$27,750
5.	\$32,470
6.	\$37,190
7.	\$41,910
8.	\$46,630

For each additional person, add \$4,720

Approved Asset Test

1) Things of value that a person can own and are exempt from consideration in determining eligibility for a poverty exemption.

- a. Applicant's principal residence
- b. One motor vehicle per working adult
- c. Essential household goods
- d. Personal assets of any nature with a total value up to \$10,000.

2) Things of value that the Board of Review can consider in determining what percent exemption to grant:

- a. Real estate other than the principal residence
- b. Personal property
- c. Motor vehicles in excess of one per working adult
- d. Recreational vehicles and equipment
- e. Certificate of deposits, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, and retirement funds, etc.

3) The Board of Review shall consider the value of the assets, or indebtedness otherwise owned by the applicant. Assets (except those exempt from consideration as listed above), shall not exceed \$10,000.

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 253 of 2020, if a person claiming an exemption qualified under the eligibility requirements, the board of review shall grant the exemption in whole or in part, as follows:

(a) A full exemption equal to a 100% reduction in taxable value for the tax year in which the exemption is granted.

(b) A partial exemption equal to 1 of the following:

- (i) A 50% or 25% reduction in taxable value for the tax year in which the exemption is granted.

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(ii) As approved by the state tax commission, any other percentage reduction in taxable value for the tax year in which the exemption is granted, applied in a form and manner prescribed by the state tax commission.

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

The foregoing resolution offered by Township Board Member

Fitzgerald

Supported by Township Board Member

Matelski

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“Aye”: Matelski, Kondrat, Hobbs, Fitzgerald

“Nay”: None

The Township Clerk declared the resolution adopted.



Lynn Sparks, Township Clerk

Date: 4/10/2023