

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 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 191 of 2023 amends MCL 211.7u and 211.53b; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 191 of 2023 amends MCL 211.7u and 211.53b, the Township of Arbela, Tuscola 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.

The Board of Review shall:

- Make the policy, guidelines, and application form available on the Township website;
- Not deviate from the adopted policy/guidelines for “substantial and compelling reasons”;
- 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%, 50%, or 75% reduction in taxable value OR any other percentage reduction in taxable value approved by the State Tax Commission (STC);

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.
- 3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed \$29,908. Claimants with a total asset value of \$29,908 or more will receive a zero percent (0%) poverty exemption. 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.

HHS POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2024

<u>Number of Persons Residing in the Principal Residence</u>	<u>Poverty Guidelines Annual allowable income</u>
1 person	\$15,060
2 persons	\$20,440
3 persons	\$25,820
4 persons	\$31,200
5 persons	\$36,580
6 persons	\$41,960
7 persons	\$47,340
8 persons	\$52,720
Each additional person, add	\$ 5,380

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 Township Board Member Chelsea Sebert and supported by Township Board Member Tim Anderson.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

"Aye": Tim Anderson, Gary Woelzlein, Ed Hunt, Jody Hunt, Chelsea Sebert

"Nay": None

The Township Supervisor declared the resolution approved.

Chelsea Sebert 1-13-25
Chelsea Sebert, Clerk Date