

TOWNSHIP OF VEVAY
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY GUIDELINES
RESOLUTION #18-02

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 supervisor and 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 Public Act 390, 1994(MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390, 1994 Vevay Township, Ingham County adopts the following guidelines for the supervisor and 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 or board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the residence, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or current year.
- 3) Produce valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- 5) Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
- 6) Meet the Township guidelines for asset level for all persons residing in the residence. The guideline for assets is no more than 60 % of the current federal poverty guidelines established each year by the office of the management and budget for size of the family unit, but in no case to exceed \$10,000.00. Some assets would be exempt; they would include the residence and one automobile. In special circumstances such as two residents working in separate locations, two automobiles could be exempt at the discretion of the Supervisor or the Board of Review.
- 7) The application for the exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of board of review.
- 8) Any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the township board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED that the board of review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the board of review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Kean and supported by Board Member Lacasse.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Ayes: Trustee Lacasse, Trustee Lazet, Treasurer Sherwood, Supervisor Ramey & Clerk Kean

Nay: None

Absent: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Jesse Ramey, Supervisor
Vevay Township

JoAnne Kean, Clerk
Vevay Township

I, JoAnne Kean, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Vevay Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on January 8, 2018, at which meeting a quorum was present by roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

JoAnne Kean
Vevay Township Clerk