VEVAY TOWNSHIP INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN POVERTY GUIDELINES RESOLUTION RESOLUTION #24-14

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Vevay, located in the County of Ingham, State of Michigan, held in the Vevay Township Hall, 780 Eden Road, Mason, MI 48854, on November 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Lazet, Clerk Kean, Treasurer Lewis, Trustee Lazet and

Trustee McNeilly

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Lazet and supported by Lewis:

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 (MCL 211.7u) as amended by Public Act 191, 2023 and

WHEREAS, pursuant to under (MCL 211.7u) as amended by Public Act 191, 2023 Vevay Township, Ingham 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 a owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the 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) The Board of Review shall follow the policy and guidelines of the local assessing unit in granting or denying as exemption 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 75%, 50% or 25% reduction in taxable value for the tax year in which the exemption is granted.
- 9) A person who files a claim for a poverty exemption is not prohibited from also appealing the assessment on the property for which that claim is made before the Board of Review in the same year.

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.

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.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

AYES: McNeilly, Kean, Lazet, Lewis, & Lacasse

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted on the date written above.

John Lazet

Vevay Township Supervisor

JoAnne Kean

Vevay Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN	}
COUNTY OF INGHAM	}ss }

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Vevay Township Board held at the Township Hall on the 13th day of November, 2024, that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being 1976 PA 267; that a quorum of the Board was present and voted in favor of said Resolution; and that minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Open Meetings Act.

Dated October 9, 2024

JoAnne Kean, Clerk Township of Vevay