

**RESOLUTION
2022-16**

**SPRINGFIELD
CHARTER TOWNSHIP**



RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemption is required of the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who in the judgment of 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 253 of 2020 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 253 of 2020, the Township of Springfield, Oakland County, adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in order 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 an application for Poverty Exemption with the Supervisor, Assessor, or Board of Review, on a form provided by the local municipal office.
3. Submit the most recent year's copies of the following:
 - a. Federal and State of Michigan income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence.
 - b. Either Senior Citizens Homestead Property Tax Form MI-1040CR-1 or General Homestead Property Tax Claim MI-1040CR-4.
 - c. If a person was not required to file a Federal or State income tax return, they must supply a Statement from Social Security Administration and/or the Michigan Social Services as to monies paid to applicants(s) during the previous year along with Form 4988– Poverty Exemption Affidavit.
4. Produce a valid driver's license or other form of legal 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 income and asset guidelines adopted by the Springfield Township Board.
7. The application for an exemption must 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 to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that:

1. The applicant and ALL persons that reside in the household must have a combined annual income less than the prior year’s income limits set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) “Very Low” Income Guidelines, to be updated annually.
2. The applicant shall file an application for Poverty Exemption reporting the combined assets of all persons residing in the principal residence. The applicant’s total net assets (excluding the principal residence) shall not exceed \$125,000. 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, retirement funds, etc. Assets reported do not include the value of the principal residence.
3. The applicant be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence, the property for which an exemption is requested, as of tax day for the year requested.
4. If an applicant meets all eligibility requirements, the Board of Review must grant an exemption equal to a 25%, 50%, or 100% reduction in taxable value for the tax year in which the exemption is granted.
5. The Board of Review or Assessor may request verification of information submitted, statements made, and qualifications of the applicant. Failure to supply the verification requested may be grounds for the Board of Review to deny the exemption.
6. To conform with the provisions of PA 253 of 2020, this resolution is hereby given immediate effect and will stay in effect for subsequent years until amended or voided.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote:

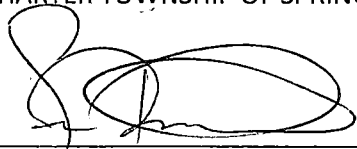
Yes: Dubre, Hopper, Miller, Moreau, Pliska, Vallad, Whitley
 No: None
 Absent: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Sean R. Miller, the duly qualified and elected Clerk of Springfield Charter Township, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Trustees held on December 8, 2022, the original of which is on file in my office.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD



SEAN R. MILLER, Clerk