

Township Board Resolution to adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the Supervisor and Board of Review, by reason poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under the General Property Tax Act, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board is required by Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 (MCL 211. 7u) to adopt guidelines for poverty exemptions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211. 7u, that Spring Arbor Township, Jackson 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 person residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current of 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 homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the supervisor of Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all person residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) Produce a 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 current poverty income guidelines adopted by the township board. (Annual Guidelines to be determined by the Board of Review and approved by the Township Board.)
- 6) Meet additional eligibility requirements as determine by the Township Board, including a maximum asset value amount of \$18,000.00 and asset test policies:

Property Tax Poverty Exemption Test 2021	
Number of Person	Income Level
<u>In residence</u>	<u>Poverty Guidelines</u>
	<u>Federal</u>
1	12,880
2	17,420
3	21,960
4	26,500
5	31,040
6	35,580
7	40,120
8	44,660
Each Additional Person	4,540

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or deny an exemption.

The foregoing resolution is offered by Board Member Stonestreet and supported by Board Member Ganton

The following votes were recorded.

Aye: Gibbs, Buck, Archer, Walz, Stonestreet, Ganton, Herlein

Nay: None

Absent: None

Julia K. Stonestreet, Clerk

I, Julia K. Stonestreet, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Spring Arbor 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 February 14 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.