

Resolution 2021-01
CITY OF DAVISON GUIDELINE RESOLUTION
FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the City Council; 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 253 of 2020 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 253 of 2020, the City of Davison, Genesee 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) Own 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 principal residence, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed the current guidelines. 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, gambling winnings etc.
 - Cash assets for the total household may not exceed 10% of the federal poverty guideline for each family size.
 - Non-cash assets for the total household may not exceed \$5,000. The following assets are excluded from this limit:
 - Applicant's homestead property.
 - Applicant's household personal property, such as furniture and clothing.
 - One vehicle used for personal transportation and one additional vehicle for each gainfully employed person in the household.
 - May not have ownership interest in any real estate other than the applicant's homestead.
- 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 published in the prior calendar year in the Federal Register 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) If applicant is eligible for the exemption, all special assessments will still need to be paid.
- 8) 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.
- 9) A copy of these guidelines shall be attached to every application and made available to the taxpayer.

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.

Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for 2020

Number of Persons Residing in the Principal Residence	Poverty Guidelines Annual Allowable Income
1	\$ 12,760
2	\$ 17,240
3	\$ 21,720
4	\$ 26,200
5	\$ 30,680
6	\$ 35,160
7	\$ 39,640
8	\$ 44,120
For each additional person	\$ 4,480

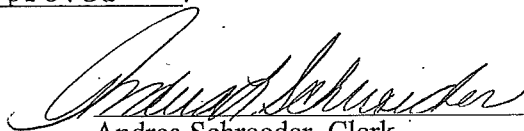
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption.

The foregoing resolution offered by City Council Member Emery and supported by City Council Member Abraham. Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“Aye”: Bishop, Emery, Abraham, Winkley, Stebbins, Kalisz, Clark

“Nay”: _____

The City Clerk declared the resolution approved.

 1/25/2021
 Andrea Schroeder, Clerk Date