

Resolution 2023
Township of Pinconning
Resolution For Poverty Exemption

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Pinconning Township Board and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Assessor and 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 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the Township of Pinconning, County of Bay, 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 an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the Township Assessor or 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 or a signed State Tax Commission Form 4988, Poverty Exemption Affidavit.
- 3) File a claim to include a list of the assets of all persons residing in the household. 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, etc.
- 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 as defined and determined annually 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) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the December 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.

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 Guidelines for the 2024 Assessment Year

Number of Persons residing poverty Guidelines in the Principle Residence Annual Allowable Income

1 Person	\$ 14,580
2 Persons	\$ 19,720
3 Persons	\$ 24,860
4 Person	\$ 30,000
5 Persons	\$ 35,140
6 Persons	\$ 40,280
7 Persons	\$ 45,420
8 Persons	\$ 50,560
Each additional person	\$ 5,140

The following is a limit of the amount of assets an applicant can have:

- Limit on Cash Balances: \$2,500 (check/savings). All bank statements must be submitted with application.
- 1 personal vehicle is exempt from the overall asset value limit.
- Primary Residence is excluded, however, excess land over 5 acres will count toward asset limit.
- Annual dividend income (taxable & non-taxable) must be less than \$1,000.
- Overall Asset Value limit: \$20,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED the Assessor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, the Board of Review may not act outside the guidelines due to compelling reasons or extenuating circumstances. PA 253 of 2020 made changes related to granting full or partial poverty exemptions. MCL 211.7u(5) states that if a person claiming the poverty exemption meets all eligibility requirements, the Board of Review shall grant the poverty exemption, in whole or in part, as follows: 25 %, 50%, or 100%. No other method of calculating taxable value may be utilized, except for those percentage reductions specifically authorized in statute, MCL 211.7u(5)