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## **CITY OFFERS TWO PROGRAMS TO QUALIFIED HOMEOWNERS FOR RELIEF OF PROPERTY TAX AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LIABILITIES**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – (South Haven, Michigan) The City of South Haven offers two programs to assist homeowners in the relief of property tax and special assessment liabilities. The programs – 1) Property Tax Poverty Exemption and 2) Special Assessment Exemption – are available to residents who own and occupy homes in the City of South Haven. The programs offer reduction of property tax liability or special assessment liability if certain requirements are met by the homeowner.

City Council adopted both exemption programs' guidelines at their January 16<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. The poverty exemption is a state program and guidelines are used by the Assessing Department when considering tax relief requests at the annual Board of Review meeting(s).

Regarding the special assessment exemption, the City Council developed and implemented a policy during Phase II of the Kalamazoo Street Reconstruction Project. The program allows citizens who have received a special assessment (regardless of the project the assessment was tied to) and are facing financial hardship to seek an exemption from the assessment amount.

To find out how to apply for either exemption program, contact the City of South Haven Assessing Department at 269-637-0745 or [cphillips@south-haven.com](mailto:cphillips@south-haven.com). Application documents can be found at the following links:

[http://www.south-haven.com/pages/misc/01172017/Poverty\\_Exemption.pdf](http://www.south-haven.com/pages/misc/01172017/Poverty_Exemption.pdf)

[http://www.south-haven.com/pages/misc/01172017/Special\\_Assessment\\_Poverty\\_Exemption.pdf](http://www.south-haven.com/pages/misc/01172017/Special_Assessment_Poverty_Exemption.pdf)

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