



**PONTIAC CITY COUNCIL
FORMAL MEETING
February 20, 2018
6:00 p.m.
8th Session of the 10th Council**

It is this Council's mission "To serve the citizens of Pontiac by committing to help provide an enhanced quality of life for its residents, fostering the vision of a family-friendly community that is a great place to live, work and play."

Call to order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Authorization to excuse councilmembers

Amendments to and approve the agenda

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of February 13, 2018.

Deputy Mayor Report or Departmental Head Report

Recognition of Elected Officials

Agenda Address

Agenda Items for Council Consideration

2. Resolution to approve revised Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2018 and the City of Pontiac Board of Review Instructions for applicants requesting consideration of Hardship Exemption.

Public Comment

Mayor, Clerk, City Attorney and Council Closing Comments

Adjournment

February 13, 2018

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
7th Session of the Tenth Council**

A Study Session of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order in City Hall, Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. by President Kermit Williams.

Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Carter, Miller, Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Williams and Woodward.

Members Absent: None.

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

18-45 Motion to move item #2 (resolution for 2018 hardship exemption) before public comment. Moved by Councilperson Waterman and supported by Councilperson Woodward.

Ayes: Miller, Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Williams, Woodward and Carter

No: None

Motion Carried.

18-46 Approval of the Agenda. Moved by Councilperson Waterman and supported by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Ayes: Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Williams, Woodward, Carter and Miller

No: None

Motion Carried.

18-47 Journal of February 6, 2018. Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and supported by Councilperson Waterman.

Ayes: Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Williams, Woodward, Carter, Miller and Pietila

No: None

Motion Carried.

Special Presentation – Annual Audit Report from City Auditors Rehmann Robson for period of June 30, 2017 and City Financial Report “City Council present City Revenue and Expenditure Look-back” by Finance Director Nevrus Nazarko.

There were 11 individuals who addressed the body during public comment, which the Council President asked for point of privilege for the last two speakers.

President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:41p.m.

SHEILA GRANDISON
ACTING CITY CLERK

Memorandum

2018 FEB -9 PM 11:13

To: Pontiac City Council
From: Jane Bais-DiSessa, Deputy Mayor
Nevrus Nazarko, Finance Director *N.N.*
Date: 2/8/2018
Re: 2018 Hardship Exemption Guidelines

The General Property Tax Act requires the governing body to annually adopt guidelines for the Board of Review to follow when considering applications for hardship exemptions. Homeowners granted hardship exemptions by the Board of Review are not required to pay 100% of the property taxes assessed against their homestead property in 2018. Special assessments and the sanitation fee cannot be waived or reduced. Applicants must meet the standards established by an income level test and an asset level test. The proposed guidelines identify the federal poverty guidelines for the income level test and establish a threshold that varies depending on the family size. For example a family of 4 has a threshold of \$24,300 in 2018 (based on the 2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines). Please see attached guidelines for more information.

At this time, the City Council is requested to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, In accordance with State of Michigan Act No. 390, Public Acts of 1994, approved December 29, 1994, General Property "Section 211. 7u (4). The governing assessing unit shall determine and make public the policy and guidelines the uses for the granting of exemptions the guidelines shall include but not specific income and asset levels of the household income and assets;" and,

WHEREAS, The Pontiac City Council approved said Hardship Exemption Guidelines for 2017; and,

WHEREAS, Said Hardship Guidelines should be amended annually to reflect the new Federal Poverty Guidelines,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Pontiac City Council hereby approves the attached revised Federal Poverty guidelines for the 2018 and City of Pontiac Board of Review Instructions for Applicants requesting consideration of Hardship Exemption.



City of Pontiac, Michigan

Department of Finance

Mayor Deirdre Waterman

February 2018

TO: PROPERTY OWNERS APPLYING FOR HARDSHIP EXEMPTION (FINANCIAL)
FROM THE CITY OF PONTIAC BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the City of Pontiac has adopted uniform guidelines for determining poverty exemptions. Taxpayers whose income falls below a determined level may apply for a reduced assessment, based on income, assets and family size. The goal of this procedure is to adopt consistent standards for granting tax relief based on hardship. Please note: This application may reduce the taxable value of your property; however, it does not affect the homestead exemption affidavits, which reduces the tax rate. (Property taxes – taxable value x tax rate / 1,000).

Attached is a schedule, which outlines the eligibility guidelines as established by the Pontiac City Council. Please note that the State of Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit and all pertinent income and expense data shall be used in the determination of eligibility. Attached is the Economic Hardship Exemption application form.

When the application is returned to the Treasurer's Office at City Hall or the Oakland County Equalization Office, 250 Elizabeth Lake Road in Pontiac, you shall also submit completed copies of your Federal and State Income Tax Returns, the General Homestead Property Tax Claim Form, MI-1040 CR-4, and the Senior Citizen Homestead Property Tax Form, MI-1040 CR-1.

It is not necessary for you to appear in person before the Board of Review. The Oakland County Equalization Office will submit your application to the Board for their consideration.

In order to provide time to review this application, it must be returned to the Treasurer's Office at City Hall or the Oakland County Equalization Office **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1ST, JULY 1ST, OR DECEMBER 1ST, 2018**. Please also note: You may only submit (on one of the days listed above) one application per year.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Oakland County Equalization Office at (248) 858-0776.

CITY OF PONTIAC
HARDSHIP EXEMPTION GUIDELINES

For Applicants requesting consideration for Property Tax Hardship Exemptions.

- 1) Applicant(s) shall obtain the hardship application form from the City of Pontiac Treasurer's Office or the Oakland County Equalization Department. Handicapped or disabled applicants may call the Assessor's Office to make necessary arrangements for assistance.
- 2) Applicant(s) must own and occupy the property as a homestead
 - a. Must produce a driver's license or other acceptable method of identification and determination of address.
 - b. Must produce a deed, land contract or other evidence of ownership.
- 3) Applicant(s) must complete the application form in its entirety and return to this office. Any application form submitted to the Board of Review which has not been filled out in its entirety shall be denied by the Board of Review. Appeals of said denial shall be made to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.
- 4) Applicant(s) and other personal residing in the homestead must submit copies of current year's (City will make copies if necessary) of the following:
 - a. Federal Income Tax Return – 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ
 - b. Michigan Income Tax Form MI-1040, MI-1040A or MI-1040EZ
 - c. Senior Citizens Homestead Property Tax Form MI-1040CR-1
 - d. General Homestead Property Tax Claim MI-1040CR-4
 - e. ADC Annual Budget letter
 - f. Benefit Statement (pension, retirement or Social Security)
 - g. Social Security Card (any persons 18 years of age or under)
- 5) A hardship exemption shall not be granted to any applicant who has not owned and occupied the homestead for a minimum of three (3) years prior to the date of application.
- 6) A hardship exemption shall not be granted to any applicant who owns salable property other than their own homestead no matter where located.
- 7) A hardship exemption shall not be granted to any applicant whose assets exceed \$100,000. An applicant's homestead shall be excluded from consideration as an asset.
- 8) Applicant(s) shall not be eligible for consideration if they do not meet the Income Limitation Guidelines adopted by the City of Pontiac:

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$11,880
2	\$16,020
3	\$20,160
4	\$24,300
5	\$28,440
6	\$32,580
7	\$36,730
8	\$40,890
For each additional person, add	\$4,160

NOTE: IF YOU EXPECT UNUSUAL PERSONAL OR FAMILY EXPENSES WHICH WILL AFFECT YOUR INCOME, THE BOARD OF REVIEW MAY CONSIDER ADJUSTMENTS TO YOUR INCOME LEVEL.

- 9) The MAXIMUM allowed reduction for hardship exemption shall be 50% of the net property taxes due after the State Homestead Credit applied based on Taxable Value of the homestead for the tax year.
- 10) All hardship exemptions shall be granted for the current tax year only.
- 11) Applications may be reviewed and acted upon by the Board of Review without applicant(s) being present. However, the Board may request that any or all applicants be physically present to respond to any questions the Board of Review or Assessor may have. This means that an applicant may be called to appear on short notice.
- 12) Applicant(s) should be prepared to answer questions regarding their financial affairs, health, the status of people living in their home, etc.
- 13) Pursuant to state law, applicant(s) may apply for Hardship Exemption to only one (1) session of the Board of Review (March, July **OR** December) and any appeal of the Board's decision shall be made to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.
- 14) The Board of Review shall have the authority to grant an exemption to applicant(s) who do not meet the residency requirement of the exemption guidelines of the City of Pontiac if they are paraplegic, quadriplegic, hemiplegics, or totally and permanently disabled **AND** have owned and occupied the property in the City of Pontiac prior to becoming handicapped or permanently disabled.

CITY OF PONTIAC
47450 WOODWARD
PONTIAC, MI 48342

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Hardship Exemption applicants shall submit **COPIES** of the documents listed below in order to be considered for eligibility. Please attach these **COPIES** to your application.

1. WARRANTY DEED
or LAND CONTRACT
or QUIT CLAIM DEED
2. HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE POLICY
3. CURRENT FEDERAL INCOME TAX
4. CURRENT MICHIGAN INCOME TAX
5. GENERAL HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX MI-1040 CR *or* SENIOR CITIZEN
HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX
6. **INCOME OF ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THE HOME:**
ADC BUDGET LETTER
PENSION BENEFITS
SOCIAL SECURITY STATEMENT
ALIMONY, CHILD SUPPORT
FIP, DHS, DISABILITY, & WORKERS' COMPENSATION
OTHER INCOME
W-2 (WAGES UNDER \$5,000)
7. EMPLOYER'S NAME, ADDRESS
8. DRIVER'S LICENSE
9. SOCIAL SECURITY CARD (all persons living in the home).



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

NICK A. KHOURI
STATE TREASURER

Bulletin 6 of 2017
June 6, 2017
Poverty Exemption

TO: Assessors and Equalization Directors

FROM: State Tax Commission

SUBJECT: Exemption of Principal Residence by Reason of Poverty

Bulletin 5 of 1995, Bulletin 7 of 2010 and Bulletin 5 of 2012 are rescinded.

MCL 211.7u provides for a property tax exemption, in whole or part, for the principal residence of persons who, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges. Principal residence is defined in MCL 211.7dd as a principal residence or qualified agricultural property. MCL 211.7u(1) states that this section does not apply to property of a corporation. Even if a corporation or a limited liability company meets the definition of a principal residence or a qualified agricultural property, it is not eligible to receive a poverty exemption.

Local Unit Responsibilities:

MCL 211.7u requires local units to annually adopt a policy, including an asset test, used to approve or deny poverty exemptions.

First, local units must annually adopt guidelines which specify the total household income which will be used to approve or deny poverty exemptions. Statute requires that the income levels shall not be set lower than the federal poverty guidelines updated annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and published by the State Tax Commission in their annual Procedural Changes Bulletin.

According to the U.S Census Bureau, “income” includes, but is not limited to:

- Money, wages, salaries before deductions, regular contributions from persons not living in the residence
- Net receipts from non-farm or farm self-employment (receipts from a person’s own business, professional enterprise, or partnership, after business expense deductions)
- Regular payments from social security, railroad retirement, unemployment, worker’s compensation, veteran’s payments, public assistance, supplemental security income (SSI)
- Alimony, child support, military family allotments
- Private and governmental retirement and disability pensions, regular insurance, annuity payments

- College or university scholarships, grants, fellowships, assistantships
- Dividends, interest, and net income from rentals, royalties, estates, trusts, gambling or lottery winnings

Second, the local unit policy must include an asset test. The purpose of an asset test is to determine the resources available: cash, fixed assets or other property that could be converted to cash and used to pay property taxes in the year the poverty exemption is filed. The local unit should require that claimants provide a list of all assets when applying for a poverty exemption. Following is a list of assets that may be included in the annual guidelines.

- A second home, land, vehicles
- Recreational vehicles such as campers, motor-homes, boats and ATV's
- Buildings other than the residence
- Jewelry, antiques, artworks
- Equipment, other personal property of value
- Bank accounts (over a specified amount), stocks
- Money received from the sale of property, such as, stocks, bonds, a house or car (unless a person is in the specific business of selling such property)
- Withdrawals of bank deposits and borrowed money
- Gifts, loans, lump-sum inheritances and one-time insurance payments
- Food or housing received in lieu of wages and the value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms
- Federal non-cash benefits programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps and school lunches

The Michigan Tax Tribunal in *Robert Taylor v Sherman Twp.*, Docket No. 236230 ruled that the asset test does not include the value of the principal residence. Additionally, the Michigan Court of Appeals in *Ferrero v Township of Walton*, No. 302221, ruled that the homestead property tax credit is not to be considered income for poverty exemption purposes.

The local unit policy may provide for an applicant to own possessions in addition to the principal residence and still receive a poverty exemption. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Additional vehicles
- More land than a minimum "footprint" for the home
- Equipment or other personal property of value, including recreational vehicles (campers, motor homes, boats, ATV's etc.)
- Bank account(s) (a maximum amount should be specified)

Third, MCL 211.7u(1) allows for partial poverty exemptions to be granted. A partial poverty exemption is an exemption of a percentage of the taxable value of the principal residence rather than the entire taxable value. The local unit can limit poverty exemptions to partial exemptions or to minimum or maximum exemption of their choosing. The State Tax Commission recommends that local governing bodies include within their annual guidelines, language and criteria for granting partial exemptions and/or minimum or maximum exemptions.

Finally, the State Tax Commission recommends that local units develop an application to be used by claimants and a written policy that details the process. To assist local governing bodies, the State Tax Commission has developed a sample application and resolution. See attached.

Taxpayer Filing Requirements:

In order to receive a poverty exemption, a taxpayer must annually file a completed application form and all required additional documentation, with the supervisor, assessor, or the Board of Review where the property is located. The application form may be obtained from the local unit where the property is located and may be submitted on or after January 1 but before the day prior to the last day of the December Board of Review during the year in which the exemption is requested.

To ensure an application is received in time to be heard by a Board of Review, the State Tax Commission recommends the claimant contact the local governing unit directly to verify deadline dates for submission of an application.

In addition to annually filing the application, in order to be eligible for the poverty exemption, a taxpayer must do all of the following:

1. Own and occupy the principal residence.
2. Provide federal and state income tax returns for the current or immediately preceding year, including any property tax credits, for all persons **residing in the principal residence** (disclosure of the income of an owner who is not residing in the principal residence is not required). An alternative affidavit may be filed for all persons residing in the residence who were not required to file federal or state income tax returns in the current or immediately preceding year. (See Form 4988, *Poverty Exemption Affidavit*)
3. Produce a valid driver's license, or other form of identification, if requested by the supervisor, assessor or Board of Review.
4. Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property, if requested by the supervisor, assessor or Board of Review.
5. Meet the federal poverty income guidelines determined annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services OR meet allowable alternative income guidelines adopted by the local governing body.
6. Meet the asset level test adopted by the local governing body.
7. Meet additional tests reasonably adopted by the local governing body.

Board of Review Responsibilities:

MCL 211.7u(1) indicates: The principal residence of persons who, in the judgment of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under this act.

The State Tax Commission has determined that the supervisor shall make a recommendation regarding the claimant's petition and the Board of Review shall consider, review and then approve or deny the exemption request.

Additionally, MCL 211.7u(5) states, in part: The Board of Review shall follow the policy and guidelines of the local assessing unit in granting or denying an exemption under this section.

When reviewing an application, the Board of Review should consider all information available to them at that time. They should consider all documentation originally submitted by the taxpayer and any additional relevant information that is available to the Board of Review.

The Board of Review can deviate from the adopted policy and guidelines of the local unit only when there are "substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and guidelines." If the Board of Review deviates from the adopted policy and guidelines, they are required by statute to communicate the substantial and compelling reasons for the deviation from the guidelines in writing to the taxpayer.

Appeal Rights:

A property owner or assessor may appeal a decision of the March Board of Review by completing and submitting a petition to the Michigan Tax Tribunal no later than July 31 of the same year. A property owner or assessor may appeal a decision of the July or December Board of Review by completing and submitting a petition to the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 35 days of the July or December Board of Review's denial of the poverty exemption.

An application for poverty exemption, for a specific principal residence, may only be acted upon by the Board of Review once a year. If an application is denied at the March Board of Review, it may not be reheard by the July or December Board of Review during the same calendar year. The taxpayer must file an appeal of the March Board of Review determination to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Similarly, if an application is denied at the July Board of Review, the December Board cannot rehear that application, the taxpayer must file an appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

A person who files a claim for poverty exemption is not prohibited from also appealing the assessment on the same property in the same year.

SAMPLE GUIDELINE RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the City Council (Township Board); and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Supervisor/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 City/Township of _____, _____ 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) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the supervisor/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 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, 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 (insert year) 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 Used in the Determination of Poverty Exemptions

Size of Family Unit	2017 Poverty Guidelines
1	\$ 11,880
2	\$ 16,020
3	\$ 20,160
4	\$ 24,300
5	\$ 28,440
6	\$ 32,580
7	\$ 36,730
8	\$ 40,890
For each additional person	\$ 4,160

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the supervisor/assessor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by City Council Member/Township Board Member _____ and supported by City Council Member/Township Board Member _____.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“Aye”: _____

“Nay”: _____

The City/Township Clerk declared the resolution _____.

XXX, Clerk

Date

SAMPLE POVERTY EXEMPTION APPLICATION

I, _____, Petitioner, being the owner and residing at the property that is listed below as my principal residence, apply for property tax relief under MCL 211.7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893. The principal residence of persons who, by reason of poverty are unable to contribute toward the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation per MCL 211.7u(1).

In order to be considered complete, this application must: 1) be completed in its entirety, 2) include information regarding all members residing within the household, and 3) include all required documentation as listed within the application. Please write legibly and attach additional pages as necessary.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Petitioner must list all required personal information.

Property Address of Principal Residence:	Daytime Phone Number:	
Age of Petitioner:	Marital Status:	Age of Spouse:
Number of Legal Dependents:	Age of Dependents:	
Applied for Homestead Property Tax Credit (yes or no):	Amount of Homestead Property Tax Credit:	

REAL ESTATE INFORMATION: List the real estate information related to your principal residence. Be prepared to provide a deed, land contract or other evidence of ownership of the property at the Board of Review meeting.

Property Parcel Code Number:	Name of Mortgage Company:	
Unpaid Balance Owed on Principal Residence:	Monthly Payment:	Length of Time at This Residence:
Property Description:		

ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION: List information related to any other property you, or any member residing in the household owns.

Do you own, or are buying, other property (yes or no)? If yes, complete the information below.		Amount of Income Earned from Other Property:	
Property Address	Name of Owner(s)	Assessed Value	Amount & Date of Last Taxes Paid
		\$	
		\$	

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION: List your current employment information.

Name of Employer:	Name of Contact Person:
Address of Employer:	Employer Phone Number:

List all income sources, including but not limited to: salaries, Social Security, rents, pensions, IRA's (individual retirement accounts), unemployment compensation, disability, government pensions, worker's compensation, dividends, claims and judgments from lawsuits, alimony, child support, friend or family contribution, reverse mortgage, or any other source of income, for all persons residing at the property.

Source of Income	Monthly or Annual Income (indicate which)

CHECKING, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT INFORMATION: List any and all savings owned by all household members, including but not limited to: checking accounts, savings accounts, postal savings, credit union shares, certificates of deposit, cash, stocks, bonds, or similar investments, for all persons residing at the property.

Name of Financial Institution or Investments	Amount on Deposit	Current Interest Rate	Name on Account	Value of Investment

LIFE INSURANCE: List all policies held by all household members.

Name of Insured	Amount of Policy	Monthly Payment	Policy Paid in Full	Name of Beneficiary	Relationship to Insured

MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION: All motor vehicles (including motorcycles, motor homes, camper trailers, etc.) held or owned by any person residing within the household must be listed.

Make	Year	Monthly Payment	Balance Owed

LIST ALL PERSONS LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD: All persons residing in the residence must be listed.

First & Last Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant	Place of Employment	Amount of Monetary Contribution to Family Income

PERSONAL DEBT: All personal debt for all household members must be listed.

Creditor	Purpose of Debt	Date of Debt	Original Balance	Monthly Payment	Balance Owed

MONTHLY EXPENSE INFORMATION: The amount of monthly expenses related to the principal residence for each category must be listed. Indicate N/A as necessary.

Heating:	Electric:	Water:
Phone:	Cable:	Food:
Clothing:	Health Insurance:	Garbage:
Daycare:	Car Expense (gas, repair, etc):	Other (list type):
Other (list type):	Other (list type):	Other (list type):
Other (list type):	Other (list type):	Other (list type):
Other (list type):	Other (list type):	Other (list type):

Notice: Any willful misstatements or misrepresentations made on this form may constitute perjury, which, under the law, is a felony punishable by fine or imprisonment.

Notice: Per MCL 211.7u(2b), a copy of all household members federal income tax returns, state income tax returns (MI-1040) and Homestead Property Tax Credit claims (MI-1040CR 1, 2, 3 or 4) must be attached as proof of income or a signed Form 4988, *Poverty Exemption Affidavit*. Documentation for all income sources including, but not limited to, credits, claims, Social Security income, child support, alimony income, and all other income sources must be provided at time of application.

Petitioners: *Do not sign this application until witnessed by the Supervisor, Assessor, Board of Review or Notary Public.* (Must be signed by either the Supervisor, Assessor, Board of Review Member or Notary Public)

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF _____

I, the undersigned Petitioner, hereby declare that the foregoing information is complete and true and that neither I, nor any household member residing within the principal residency, have money, income or property other than mentioned herein.

Petitioner Signature

Date

Subscribed and sworn this _____ day of _____, 2011

Assessor Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

BOR Member Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Notary Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

This application shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of the December Board of Review to the address below.

Board of Review
c/o Supervisor or Assessor
Name of Local Unit
Street Address
City, State, ZIP

DECISIONS OF THE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MAY BE APPEALED BY PETITION TO THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL BY JULY 31 OF THE CURRENT YEAR. JULY OR DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW DENIALS MAY BE APPEALED TO MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL BY PETITION WITHIN 35 DAYS OF THE DENIAL. A COPY OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW DECISION MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE PETITION.

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