

POVERTY EXEMPTION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Act No. 206 of the Public acts of 1893 as amended requires the local governing body of the assessing unit to determine and make available to the public the policy and guidelines for granting of poverty exemptions; and

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the assessor 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 Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390, 1994, The Township of Keeler, Van Buren County adopts the following guidelines for the assessor 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 persons residing in the household, or a signed State Tax Commission Form 4988, Poverty Exemption Affidavit.

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 assessor or board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the home.
- 3.) Produce a valid driver's 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 federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
- 6.) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of board of review.
- 7.) Applicants asset level, excluding the homestead, one vehicle and normal household goods, shall not exceed \$4,500.00

The following are the (2024) 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	2024 POVERTY GUIDELINES	POVERTY GUIDELINS + 10%
1	\$14,580	\$16,038
2	\$19,720	\$21,692
3	\$24,860	\$27,346
4	\$30,000	\$33,000
5	\$35,140	\$38,654
6	\$40,280	\$44,308
7	\$45,420	\$49,962
8	\$50,560	\$55,616
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON	\$5,140	\$5,654

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.

The foregoing resolution offered by the Township Board Member _____ and supported by the Township Board Member _____.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“Aye”:
 “Nay”:

The Township Clerk declared the resolution _____.

 CLERK DATE