

**BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP
10599 TWIN LAKE RD NE
MANCELONA, MICHIGAN 49646
231 587-8354**

RESOLUTION # 02032016 HARDSHIP/POVERTY EXEMPTION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, THE ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES FOR POVERTY TAX EXEMPTION IS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD; AND

WHEREAS, THE HOMESTEAD OF PERSONS WHO, IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE SUPERVISOR AND THE BOARD OF REVIEW, BY REASON OF POVERTY, ARE UNABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PUBLIC CHARGES, IS ELIGIBLE FOR EXEMPTION IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM TAXATION UNDER PUBLIC ACT 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u); AND

WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO PA 390, 1994, AS AMENDED, BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP, KALKASKA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FOR THE SUPERVISOR 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, INCLUDING FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX RETURNS, AND PROPERTY TAX CREDIT RETURNS FILED IN THE CURRENT OR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, A PERSON SHALL DO 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 AN APPLICATION WITH THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR OR BOARD OF REVIEW AFTER JANUARY 1, BUT BEFORE THE DAY PRIOR TO THE LAST MEETING DAY OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW, ACCOMPANIED BY ALL PROOF OF INCOME AS DEFINED BY THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, FEDERAL AND STATE TAX RETURNS FOR ALL PERSONS RESIDING IN THE PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE, INCLUDING ANY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT RETURNS FILED IN THE CURRENT OR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR;
- 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 SOUGHT, IF REQUESTED;
- 5) MEET THE DEFINITION OF POVERTY AS DETERMINED BY THE CURRENT GUIDELINES OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, AS DEFINED ANNUALLY;
- 6) BE BELOW A MAXIMUM ASSET AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00, SHOW A LIST OF ALL ASSETS AND VALUE, EXCLUDING THE EQUITY IN THE HOMESTEAD, TO RECEIVE ANY CONSIDERATION OF A PERCENT REDUCTION OF TAX.
- 7) MEET THE ASSET LEVELS SET BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY;
- 8) MEET ANY OTHER TESTS THAT MAY BE SET BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY.

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** THAT THE BOARD OF REVIEW SHALL FOLLOW THE ABOVE STATED GUIDELINES IN GRANTING OR DENYING AN EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION MCL 211.7u, UNLESS THE BOARD OF REVIEW DETERMINES THAT THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPELLING REASONS FOR DEVIATING FROM THE GUIDELINES AND THESE REASONS ARE COMMUNICATED IN WRITING TO THE CLAIMANT.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION OFFERED BY BOARD MEMBER: _____ AND SUPPORTED BY BOARD MEMBER _____: AYES _____, NAY _____ RECEIVED. RESOLUTION ADOPTED FEBURARY 3, 2016.

TRACY NICHOL, CLERK

SEE ATTACHMENT: POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINE

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**ATTACHMENT FOR RESOLUTION # 02032016
HARDSHIP/POVERTY EXEMPTION-RESOLUTION**

POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES

SIZE OF FAMILY UNIT:

POVERTY GUIDELINES:

1	\$11,770
2	15,930
3	20,090
4	24,250
5	28,410
6	32,570
7	36,730
8	40,890

FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON ADD: \$4,160

**ALSO THE CLAIMANT MUST HAVE AN ASSET VALUE OF
LESS THE \$10,000 EXCLUDING HOME AND VEHICLE.**

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