

Mt. Haley Township Board Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test

WHEREAS the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the 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 the General Property Tax Act; and

WHEREAS the township board is required by Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 (MCL 211.7u), to adopt guidelines for poverty exemptions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, that Mt Haley Township, Midland 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 homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File an Application for Poverty Exemption with the board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification. Provide your most current bank statement(s).
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 5) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. *To be eligible for a poverty exemption in Mt Haley Township for 2025 your income may NOT exceed guidelines as outlined in "Exhibit A" See attached.*
- 6) Meet additional eligibility requirements as determined by the township board, including: the asset test which will not include the value of the applicant's primary residence, value of the applicant's primary vehicle and all personal property such as clothing and furniture. Applicants with a value of assets equal to or greater than \$10,000 will receive a 0% exemption. Applicants with an asset value of less than \$ 10,000 are subject to an exemption.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the board of review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption. Board of Review must grant (full) 100%, 50%, and 25% for person who meets eligibility requirements or the Township will need State Tax Commission approval for any other percentage reduction.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Breasbors and supported by Board Member Mudd.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye:" Mudd, Breasbors, Radosa, Brown, Patton

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Karen Radosa
Clerk

I, KAREN RADOSA, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Mt. Haley Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on FEB. 10, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Karen Radosa
Clerk

**"EXHIBIT A" – 2025 TAXABLE VALUE
REDUCTION TABLE**

Full Exemption Income Levels equal to 100%

1 person	\$15,060
2 person	\$20,440
3 person	\$25,820
4 person	\$31,200
5 person	\$36,580
6 person	\$41,960
7 person	\$47,340
8 person	\$52,720
<i>For each Additional Person over 8 add.....</i>	<i>\$ 5,380</i>

Application for MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption

This form is issued under the authority of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, MCL 211.7u.

MCL 211.7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, provides a property tax exemption for the principal residence of persons who, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute toward the public charges. This application is to be used to apply for the exemption and must be filed with the Board of Review where the property is located. This application may be submitted to the city or township the property is located in each year on or after January 1.

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.

PART 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION — Petitioner must list all required personal information.					
Petitioner's Name				Daytime Phone Number	
Age of Petitioner	Marital Status	Age of Spouse	Number of Legal Dependents		
Property Address of Principal Residence		City	State	ZIP Code	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if applied for Homestead Property Tax Credit		Amount of Homestead Property Tax Credit			
PART 2: 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					
PART 3: ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION					
List information related to any other property owned by you or any member residing in the household.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if you own, or are buying, other property. If checked, complete the information below.				Amount of Income Earned from other Property	
1	Property Address	City	State	ZIP Code	
	Name of Owner(s)	Assessed Value	Date of Last Taxes Paid	Amount of Taxes Paid	
2	Property Address	City	State	ZIP Code	
	Name of Owner(s)	Assessed Value	Date of Last Taxes Paid	Amount of Taxes Paid	

PART 9: HOUSEHOLD OCCUPANTS — List all persons living in the household.

First and Last Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant	Place of Employment	\$ Contribution to Family Income

PART 10: PERSONAL DEBT — List all personal debt for all household members.

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

PART 11: 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 (type and amount)	Other (type and amount)	Other (type and amount)	
Other (type and amount)	Other (type and amount)	Other (type and amount)	

Continue and sign on Page 4

Poverty Exemption Affidavit

This form is issued under authority of Public Act 206 of 1893; MCL 211.7u.

INSTRUCTIONS: When completed, this document must accompany a taxpayer's Application for Poverty Exemption filed with the supervisor or the board of review of the local unit where the property is located. MCL 211.7u provides for a whole or partial property tax exemption on the principal residence of an owner of the property by reason of poverty and the inability to contribute toward the public charges. MCL 211.7u(2)(b) requires proof of eligibility for the exemption be provided to the board of review by supplying copies of federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including property tax credit returns, or by filing an affidavit for all persons residing in the residence who were not required to file federal or state income tax returns for the current or preceding tax year.

I, _____, swear and affirm by my signature below that I reside in the principal residence that is the subject of this Application for Poverty Exemption and that for the current tax year and the preceding tax year, I was not required to file a federal or state income tax return.

Address of Principal Residence: _____

Signature of Person Making Affidavit

Date