

**BRADY TOWNSHIP & VILLAGE OF OAKLEY
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POVERTY EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY
REQUIREMENTS, INCOME STANDARDS/ASSET TEST
AND APPLICATION FOR 2026
RESOLUTION # 2026-02-04**

WHEREAS, the principal residence 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 of Brady 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; and

WHEREAS, the following (1) Eligibility Requirements and (2) Income Standards/Asset Test have been developed to comply with MCL 211.7u:

(1.) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Unless a claimant is exempt from the annual reapplication requirement pursuant to a separate Resolution, in order to be eligible for the poverty exemption, the claimant must do all of the following **on an annual basis**:

- 1) Own and occupy as a principal residence the property for which the exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the Board of Review after January 1, 2026, but before the day prior to the last day of the Board of Review on Form 5737, *Application for MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption* is the approved application form.
- 3) Provide a completed and signed Form 5739, *Affirmation of Ownership and Occupancy to Remain Exempt by Reason of Poverty*.
- 4) Provide 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. 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 must file Form 4988, *Poverty Exemption Affidavit*.
- 5) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
- 6) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is being requested, if requested.
- 7) Meet the poverty income level guidelines adopted by the governing body of the local assessing unit (which shall not be set lower than the federal poverty guidelines published in 2025 in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services).
- 8) Meet the asset levels set by the governing body of the local assessing unit

- 9) Mail all application materials to: Brady Township Assessor, PO Box 164, Ashley, Michigan 48806.

A claimant may Request a Poverty Exemption and Appeal the Property’s Assessment to the Isabella Township Board of Review in the same year.

(2.) INCOME STANDARDS/ASSET TEST

The following are the federal poverty income guidelines that the United States Office of Management and Budget recommend that federal departments and agencies use. The Township of Brady has adopted these Income Guidelines for the basis of granting poverty exemptions. These amounts are adjusted annually.

To be eligible for a poverty exemption in the Township of Brady for 2026 the claimant’s household income MAY NOT exceed these guidelines. If household income exceeds the levels listed below, the claimant does not qualify for a Poverty Exemption:

1 person.....	\$ 15,650
2 persons.....	\$ 21,150
3 persons.....	\$ 26,650
4 persons.....	\$ 32,150
5 persons.....	\$ 37,650
6 persons.....	\$ 43,150
7 persons.....	\$ 48,650
8 persons.....	\$ 54,150
For Each Additional Person add.....	\$ 5,500

1. Ownership of one car per driver living in household.
2. Ownership of not more than one parcel of land.
3. No more than 5000 dollars in additional personal property.
4. Household income is determined by the addition of any income of each person living in the household, including government program payments.
5. Assets including savings, certificate of deposits, ect. Of not more than \$5000.
6. Percentage of the exemption is to be determined by the Board of Review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, that the **Township of Brady, Saginaw County**, adopts the above eligibility requirements, income standards, and asset test for the Board of Review to implement.

This Resolution was offered by Goodrich, supported by Haney. The resolution was adopted by a roll call vote of Yes: Goodrich, Haney, Corrin, Wenzlick No: None Abstained: None Absent: Kientiz

Steven Kientiz, Township Supervisor
February 4, 2026

Beverly A Wenzlick
Beverly Wenzlick, Township Clerk
February 4, 2026

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this is a complete copy of resolution adopted by the Township Board at a Public meeting held on February 4, 2026. The original resolution is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of the meeting was given in compliance with the Open Meeting Act

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