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## 2020 City and Township Poverty Exemption Guidelines

Poverty exemptions will allow eligible homeowners a one year property tax exemption granted by their city or township Board of Review.

- Poverty Exemption must be filed for annually.
- Homeowners must be below the **poverty guideline** set by their city or township Board of Review (see chart below, call local assessing unit for more details).
- The owner of the property must be its **principal resident**.
- Applications for poverty exemption must be submitted before the last day of the Board of Review.

CITY OR TOWNSHIP	Phone Number	POVERTY GUIDELINE 1 PPL (MAX INCOME)	POVERTY GUIDELINE 2 PPL (MAX INCOME)	POVERTY GUIDELINE 4 PPL (MAX INCOME)
City of Ann Arbor	734-994-2663	24,770	29,620	39,320
City of Chelsea	734-475-1771	23,107	31,284	47,638
City of Dexter	734-426-8303	24,980	33,820	51,500
City of Milan	734-439-0580	15,590	21,550	32,750
City of Saline	734-429-4907	23,107	31,284	47,638
City of Ypsilanti	734-483-1530	12,490	16,910	25,750
Ann Arbor Township	734-663-8540	12,490	16,910	25,750
Augusta Township	810-531-7276	20,800	28,000	42,200
Bridgewater Township	517-505-1462	12,490	16,910	25,750
Dexter Township	734-426-3767	18,111	23,674	33,475
Freedom Township	734-222-6662	12,490	16,910	25,750
Lima Township	734-475-2246	12,490	16,910	25,750
Lodi Township	734-665-7583	12,490	16,910	25,750
Lyndon Township	734-433-9724	23,107	31,284	47,638
Manchester Township	734-433-9724	23,107	31,284	47,638
Northfield Township	734-449-2880	14,364	19,447	29,613
Pittsfield Township	734-822-3116	23,107	31,284	47,638
Salem Township	248-912-6736	14,500	19,650	29,900
Saline Township	734-222-6050	12,490	16,910	25,750
Scio Township	734-369-9400	24,980	29,400	38,240
Sharon Township	734-428-7591	15,613	21,138	32,188
Superior Township	734-482-6099	22,000	27,000	37,000
Sylvan Township	734-475-8890	23,107	31,284	47,638
Webster Township	734-426-5103	25,000	30,000	40,000
York Township	734-439-8842	19,224	20,039	28,202
Ypsilanti Township	734-487-4927	21,250	24,300	30,350
HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines*		12,490	16,910	25,750

<https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>



# Lower Your Property Tax Bill with a Poverty Exemption

Michigan law (MCL 211.7u) provides for a reduction in property taxes for eligible, low-income homeowners. Every city, village, and township must offer an application process and set eligibility requirements that are no more restrictive than the federal poverty guidelines.

**Contact your local assessor to request a poverty exemption application and instructions.** You can expect to be asked for the following:

- Proof that you own the property as your principal residence (having a mortgage is okay)
- Documentation of your income and the income of other members of your household. Copies of your most recent income tax return are best. If you are not required to file income taxes, you may complete an exemption affidavit.
- Information about other bank accounts and other assets that you might own.
- Information about the other members of your household.

Submit your application for the Board of Review. **Hearings are held in March, July, and December.** Ask your local assessor when your application materials are due. Poverty exemptions or reductions are for one year at a time so you will need to apply every year if you are eligible.

## Other Options for Lowering Your Property Tax Bill

Seniors and certain disabled homeowners may be eligible for a [deferment](#) which allows them to pay their property taxes by a later deadline without additional fees or interest.

**Disabled veterans** may be eligible for a complete exemption of property taxes under Public Act 161 of 2013. Your local assessor or veterans' service agency can give you more information about this program.

Many homeowners are eligible for a **property tax credit** on their Michigan income taxes. [Free income tax preparation assistance](#) is available for seniors and low/limited incomes.

If you believe your property assessment value is too high, you can [appeal the value](#) at the March Board of Review hearing.

The best source of information about poverty exemptions, disabled veterans exemptions, and assessment appeals is your local city, village or township assessor's office. We have provided contact information on the other side.