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2022 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	28,336	38,324	58,300
City of Chelsea	734-475-1771	23,828	32,227	49,025
City of Dexter	734-426-8303	28,336	38,324	58,300
City of Milan	734-439-0580	12,880	17,420	26,500
City of Saline	734-429-4907	23,828	32,227	49,025
City of Ypsilanti	734-483-1530	12,880	17,420	26,500
Ann Arbor Township	734-663-8540	19,320	26,130	39,780
Augusta Township	734-461-6117	22,000	29,200	44,300
Bridgewater Township	517-505-1462	12,880	17,420	26,500
Dexter Township	734-426-3767	19,320	26,130	39,750
Freedom Township	734-222-6662	12,880	17,420	26,500
Lima Township	734-475-2246	19,320	26,130	39,780
Lodi Township	734-665-7583	19,320	26,130	39,750
Lyndon Township	734-475-2401	23,828	32,227	49,025
Manchester Township	734-433-9724	23,828	32,227	49,025
Northfield Township	734-449-2880	12,880	17,420	26,500
Pittsfield Township	734-822-3116	23,828	32,227	49,025
Salem Township	248-349-1960	15,000	20,200	30,700
Saline Township	734-222-6050	12,880	17,420	26,500
Scio Township	734-369-9400	25,760	34,840	53,000
Sharon Township	734-428-7591	15,950	21,550	32,750
Superior Township	734-482-6099	22,500	27,100	36,300
Sylvan Township	734-475-8890	23,828	32,227	49,025
Webster Township	734-426-5103	26,000	31,000	41,000
York Township	734-439-8842	19,700	24,240	33,320
Ypsilanti Township	734-487-4927	22,400	25,600	31,950
HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines*		12,880	17,420	26,500

<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.

Applications are also available at washtenaw.org/2339/Poverty-Exemptions

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. Contact your city or township Treasurer for an application.

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: washtenaw.org/2351/Income-Tax-Assistance

If you believe your property assessment value is too high, you can appeal the value at the March Board of Review hearing: washtenaw.org/2347/Appeal-Your-Assessment

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.