

## Poverty Guidelines Resolution

WHEREAS, Public Act 390 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1994, authorizes the Township Board of Review to grant poverty exemptions in appropriate circumstances; and

WHEREAS: The Rich Township Board wishes to establish a uniform and fair policy for the consideration of such requests,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That to be eligible for a poverty exemption in the Township of Rich, a person must be the owner of and must occupy as a homestead, the property for which the exemption is requested; file a completed and notarized application; file copies of federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including property tax credit forms and/or Statement of Benefits paid from Michigan Department of Social Services or Social Security Administration; meet Rich Township poverty income standards; be it further

RESOLVED: The Township of Rich hereby adopts the Federal Poverty Guidelines as set forth by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and as updated annually; be it further

RESOLVED: The applicant's assets level, excluding the homestead, may not exceed \$75,000.00; be it further

RESOLVED: That for purposes of poverty exemption application, the applicant's homestead is their dwelling and up to 4 acres of land upon which their dwelling is situated. Acreage exceeding these 4 acres is considered an asset at the current assessed land value; be it further

RESOLVED: Applicant may not have ownership interest in any real estate other than the property on which the homestead is located; be it further

RESOLVED: A poverty exemption may be granted for only the year in which application is made; be it further

RESOLVED: The Board of Review shall request identification of the applicant and proof of ownership of the homestead under consideration for poverty exemption; be it further

RESOLVED: The Board of Review may request from the applicant any supporting documents which may be utilized in determining a poverty exemption request; be it further

RESOLVED: The completed poverty exemption application must be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of the Board of Review in the year for which exemption is sought; be it further

RESOLVED: The Board of Review shall require the applicant to sign a statement testifying as to the accuracy of the information provided; be it further

RESOLVED: The Board of Review may deviate from the established policy and guidelines only for substantial and compelling reasons. The applicant will be notified, in writing, of the reasons for deviating from the policy and guidelines for poverty exemptions; be it further

RESOLVED: That to conform with the provisions of Public Act 390 of 1994, this resolution is hereby given immediate effect.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Curell and supported by Board Member Jaruzel.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

"Yes" Curell, Kester & Jaruzel\_\_\_\_\_.

"Nay" None.

The Resolution is declared adopted.

I, Tricia Kester, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Rich Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board of Rich Township at the regular meeting held on February 12, 2024.

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Clerk