



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF TEXAS
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Resolution # 18-35

**Resolution Adopting Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2019 Assessment Year
November 12, 2018**

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the Supervisor and 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 MCL 211.7u; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, the Charter Township of Texas, Kalamazoo County adopts the following guidelines for the Supervisor and 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 a claim with the Supervisor or 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 driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
- (4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested
- (5) Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
- (6) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of Board of Review.
- (7) Have so little in assets that, in the judgment of the Supervisor and Board of Review, the person is not reasonably able to use assets to contribute to the public charges.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless, the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant. The following income levels are the poverty thresholds in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2018 assessments:

<u>Number of Persons Residing in Homestead</u>	<u>Poverty Threshold</u>
1 person	\$ 12,140
2 persons	\$ 16,460
3 persons	\$ 20,780



<u>Number of Persons Residing in Homestead</u>	<u>Poverty Threshold</u>
4 persons	\$ 25,100
5 persons	\$ 29,420
6 persons	\$ 33,740
7 persons	\$ 38,060
8 persons	\$ 42,380
For each additional person add	\$ 4,320

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member Hinkle and supported by Board Member Kerr

Upon Roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": Boven, Brown, Loeks, Mazer, Roberts, Hinkle and Kerr

The following voted "Nay": None

The following abstained: None

Absent: None

The Supervisor Declared the Resolution adopted.

LINDA M. KERR, Clerk
Charter Township of Texas

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CLERKS CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Excerpt of the Minutes of a meeting of the Charter Township of Texas Board, held on November 12, 2018, at which meeting a quorum of members were present and voted upon the same as indicated in said Minutes; that said meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

CLERK LINDA M. KERR, MPA, CMC