



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF TEXAS
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN**
Resolution # 19-38

**Resolution Adopting Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2020 Assessment Year
December 9, 2019**

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	\$ 12,490
2 persons	\$ 16,910
3 persons	\$ 23,330



<u>Number of Persons Residing in Homestead</u>	<u>Poverty Threshold</u>
4 persons	\$ 25,750
5 persons	\$ 30,170
6 persons	\$ 34,590
7 persons	\$ 39,010
8 persons	\$ 43,430
For each additional person add	\$ 4,320

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member _____ and supported by Board Member _____

Upon Roll call vote, the following voted "Aye":

The following voted "Nay":

The following abstained:

Absent:

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 December 9, 2019, 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

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR PLANNING AND EVALUATION

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U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines Used to Determine Financial Eligibility for Certain Federal Programs

[Prior Poverty Guidelines and Federal Register References Since 1982]

[Frequently Asked Questions(FAQs)]

[Further Resources on Poverty Measurement, Poverty Lines, and Their History]

[Computations for the 2019 Poverty Guidelines]

There are two slightly different versions of the federal poverty measure:

- The poverty thresholds, and
- The poverty guidelines.

The **poverty thresholds** are the original version of the federal poverty measure. They are updated each year by the **Census Bureau**. The thresholds are used mainly for **statistical** purposes — for instance, preparing estimates of the number of Americans in poverty each year. (In other words, all official poverty population figures are calculated using the poverty thresholds, not the guidelines.) Poverty thresholds since 1973 (and for selected earlier years) and weighted average poverty thresholds since 1959 are available on the Census Bureau's Web site. For an example of how the Census Bureau applies the thresholds to a family's income to determine its poverty status, see "How the Census Bureau Measures Poverty" on the Census Bureau's web site.

The **poverty guidelines** are the other version of the federal poverty measure. They are issued each year in the *Federal Register* by the **Department of Health and Human Services** (HHS). The guidelines are a simplification of the poverty thresholds for use for **administrative** purposes — for instance, determining financial eligibility for certain federal programs.

The poverty guidelines are sometimes loosely referred to as the "federal poverty level" (FPL), but that phrase is ambiguous and should be avoided, especially in situations (e.g., legislative or administrative) where precision is important.

Key differences between poverty thresholds and poverty guidelines are outlined in a table under Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). See also the discussion of this topic on the Institute for Research on Poverty's web site.

The following figures are the 2019 HHS poverty guidelines which will be published in the Federal Register

2019 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

↓ PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD	↓ POVERTY GUIDELINE
1	\$12,490
2	\$16,910
3	\$21,330
4	\$25,750
5	\$30,170
6	\$34,590
7	\$39,010
8	\$43,430
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,420 for each additional person.	

2019 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA