

ORDINANCE NO. 1268

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, TO AMEND CHAPTER 890 OF THE LANSING CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 890.01, TO REFORM GUIDELINES FOR POVERTY EXEMPTIONS FOR REAL PROPERTY AND TO REMOVE TRUE CASH VALUE OF A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AS A CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY, CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 890.01 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing is hereby amended as follows:

890.01. - Adoption.

Pursuant to MCL 211.7u, as amended, the City hereby adopts the following guidelines for the City Assessor and Board of Review to implement poverty exemptions for property that qualifies under MCL 211.7dd as a principal residence from taxation. 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 of the claimant including the contributions of other parties to support the claimant, ~~and including any property tax credit returns filed in the current or immediately preceding year.~~

To be eligible for a poverty exemption from such taxation, a person shall meet all of the following on an annual basis:

- (a) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested;
- (b) File a claim with the City Assessor or Board of Review on a form provided by the City Assessor, accompanied by Federal and State income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence including the contributions of other parties to support the claimant, ~~and including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year;~~
- (c) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested;
- (d) Produce a deed, land contract or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested, IF SUCH PROOF OF OWNERSHIP IS REQUESTED BY THE ASSESSOR OR BOARD OF REVIEW;

(e) Meet the Federal poverty guidelines as updated annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under authority of Section 673 of Subtitle B of Title VI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, Public Law 97-35, 42 U.S.C. 9902;

~~(f) Own and occupy a principal residence having a true cash value which is less than the average true cash value of all principal residence properties in the City, based on the previous year values;~~

~~(g)~~(F) File a claim for exemption after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of the Board of Review meeting; and

~~(h)~~(G) Have assets, not including homestead, less than five times annual household income.

~~(i)~~ Any relief granted is a reduction over and above the maximum homestead property tax credit granted, or which would have been granted had the claimant applied, by the State of Michigan.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed in their entirety and shall be null and void and of no effect.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment, unless given immediate effect by City Council, and shall expire on December 31, 2028.