Application for MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption

This form is issued under the authority of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, MCL 211.7u.

MCL 211.7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, provides a property tax exemption for the principal residence of persons who, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute toward the public charges. This application is to be used to apply for the exemption and must be filed with the Board of Review where the property is located. This application may be submitted to the city or township the property is located in each year on or after January 1.

To be considered complete, this application must: 1) be completed in its entirety, 2) include information regarding all members residing within the household, and 3) include all required documentation as listed within the application. Please write legibly and attach additional pages as necessary.

PART 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION — Petitioner must list all required personal information.

Petitioner's Name			Daytime Phone Number
Age of Petitioner	Marital Status	Age of Spouse	Number of Legal Dependents
Property Address of Principal Residence		City	State / ZIP Code
☐ Check if applied for Homestead Property Tax Credit		Amount of Homestead Property Tax Credit	

PART 2: REAL ESTATE INFORMATION

List the real estate information related to your principal residence. Be prepared to provide a deed, land contract or other evidence of ownership of the property at the Board of Review meeting.

Property Parcel Code Number		Name of Mortgage Company
Unpaid Balance Owed on Principal Residence	Monthly Payment	Length of Time at this Residence
Property Description		

PART 3: ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION

List information related to any other property owned by you or any member residing in the household.

☐ Check if you own, or are buying, other property. If checked, complete the information below.			Amount of Income Earned from other Property
1	Property Address	City	State / ZIP Code
	Name of Owner(s)	Assessed Value	Date of Last Taxes Paid / Amount of Taxes Paid
2	Property Address	City	State / ZIP Code
	Name of Owner(s)	Assessed Value	Date of Last Taxes Paid / Amount of Taxes Paid

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PART 4: EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION — List your current employment information.

Name of Employer			
Address of Employer	City	State	ZIP Code
Contact Person	Employer Telephone Number		

PART 5: INCOME SOURCES

List all income sources, including but not limited to: salaries, Social Security, rents, pensions, IRAs (individual retirement accounts), unemployment compensation, disability, government pensions, worker's compensation, dividends, claims and judgments from lawsuits, alimony, child support, friend or family contribution, reverse mortgage, or any other source of income, for all persons residing at the property.

Source of Income	Monthly or Annual Income (indicate which)

PART 6: CHECKING, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT INFORMATION

List any and all savings owned by all household members, including but not limited to: checking accounts, savings accounts, postal savings, credit union shares, certificates of deposit, cash, stocks, bonds, or similar investments, for all persons residing at the property.

Name of Financial Institution or Investments	Amount on Deposit	Current Interest Rate	Name on Account	Value of Investment

PART 7: LIFE INSURANCE — List all policies held by all household members.

Name of Insured	Amount of Policy	Monthly Payments	Policy Paid in Full	Name of Beneficiary	Relationship to Insured

PART 8: MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION

All motor vehicles (including motorcycles, motor homes, camper trailers, etc.) held or owned by any person residing within the household must be listed.

Make	Year	Monthly Payment	Balance Owed

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PART 9: HOUSEHOLD OCCUPANTS — List all persons living in the household.

First and Last Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant	Place of Employment	$ Contribution to Family Income

PART 10: PERSONAL DEBT — List all personal debt for all household members.

Creditor	Purpose of Debt	Date of Debt	Original Balance	Monthly Payment	Balance Owed

PART 11: MONTHLY EXPENSE INFORMATION

The amount of monthly expenses related to the principal residence for each category must be listed. Indicate N/A as necessary.

Heating	Electric	Water	Phone
Cable	Food	Clothing	Health Insurance

Garbage	Daycare	Car Expense (gas, repair, etc.)
Other (type and amount)	Other (type and amount)	Other (type and amount)
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NOTICE: Per MCL 211.7u(2)(b), federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year must be submitted with this application. Federal and state income tax returns are not required for a person residing in the principal residence if that person was not required to file a federal or state income tax return in the tax year in which the exemption under this section is claimed or in the immediately preceding tax year.

PART 11: POLICY AND GUIDELINES ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The governing body of the local assessing unit shall determine and make available to the public the policy and guidelines used for the granting of exemptions under MCL 211.7u. In order to be eligible for the exemption, the applicant must meet the federal poverty guidelines published in the prior calendar year in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under its authority to revise the poverty line under 42 USC 9902, or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body of the local assessing unit so long as the alternative guidelines do not provide income eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines. The policy and guidelines must include, but are not limited to, the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and total household income and assets. The combined assets of all persons must not exceed the limits set forth in the guidelines adopted by the local assessing unit.

☐ The applicant has reviewed the applicable policy and guidelines adopted by the city or township, including the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and total household income and assets.

PART 12: CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that the information provided in this form is complete, accurate and I am eligible for the exemption from property taxes pursuant to Michigan Compiled Law, Section 211.7u.

Printed Name	Signature	Date

This application shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of the local unit's December Board of Review.

Decision of the March Board of Review may be appealed by petition to the Michigan Tax Tribunal by July 31 of the current year. A July or December Board of Review decision may be appealed to the Michigan Tax Tribunal by petition within 35 days of decision. A copy of the Board of Review decision must be included with the petition.

Michigan Tax Tribunal
PO Box 30232
Lansing MI 48909

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E-mail: **taxtrib@michigan.gov**

Poverty Thresholds

2021

Federal Poverty Guidelines Used in the Determination of Poverty Exemptions for 2021 MCL 211.7u, which deals with poverty exemptions, was significantly altered by PA 390 of 1994 and was further amended by PA 620 of 2002. Local governing bodies are required to adopt guidelines that set income levels for their poverty exemption guidelines and those income levels shall not be set lower by a city or township than the federal poverty guidelines updated annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This means, for example, that the income level for a household of 3 persons shall not be set lower than $21,720 which is the amount shown on the following chart for a family of 3 persons. The income level for a family of 3 persons may be set higher than $21,720. Following are the federal poverty guidelines for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2021 assessments:

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	$12,760
2	$17,240
3	$21,720
4	$26,200
5	$30,680
6	$35,160
7	$39,640
8	$44,120
For each additional person	$4,480

ORDINANCE NO. 1268

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.

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;

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

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

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.

Andy Schor, Mayor

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Supplement to the City of Lansing Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2021

Pursuant to P.A. 253 of 2020, the City of Lansing Board of Review will grant poverty exemptions to qualifying applicants at a 100% reduction rather than the formula outlined in Ordinance 1268. This policy is in effect for all applicants that qualify during the 2021 tax year.

Sharon Frischman, City Assessor

Andy Schor, Mayor