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## 2017 City and Township Poverty Exemption Guidelines

Poverty exemptions will allow eligible homeowners a one year property tax exemption granted by their city or township Board of Review.

- Poverty Exemption must be filed for annually.
- Homeowners must be below the **poverty guideline** set by their city or township Board of Review (see chart below, call local assessing unit for more details).
- The owner of the property must be its **principal resident**.
- Applications for poverty exemption must be submitted before the last day of the Board of Review.

CITY OR TOWNSHIP	Phone Number	POVERTY GUIDELINE 1 PPL (MAX INCOME)	POVERTY GUIDELINE 2 PPL (MAX INCOME)	POVERTY GUIDELINE 4 PPL (MAX INCOME)
City of Ann Arbor	734-994-2663	20,050	25,191	33,457
City of Chelsea	734-475-1771	21,978	29,637	44,955
City of Dexter	734-426-8303	11,880	16,020	24,300
City of Milan	734-439-0580	12,060	16,240	24,600
City of Saline	734-429-4907	21,978	29,637	44,955
City of Ypsilanti	734-483-1530	11,880	16,020	24,300
Ann Arbor Township	734-663-8540	11,880	16,020	24,300
Augusta Township	810-531-7276	20,147	27,214	41,348
Bridgewater Township	517-505-1462	11,880	16,020	24,300
Dexter Township	734-426-3767	17,226	22,428	31,590
Freedom Township	734-222-6662	11,880	16,020	24,300
Lima Township	734-475-2246	11,880	16,020	24,300
Lodi Township	734-665-7583	21,700	25,700	33,800
Lyndon Township	734-433-9724	21,978	29,637	44,955
Manchester Township	734-433-9724	21,978	29,637	44,955
Northfield Township	734-449-2880	13,662	18,423	27,945
Pittsfield Township	734-822-3116	11,880	16,020	24,300
Salem Township	248-912-6736	13,700	18,500	28,200
Saline Township	734-222-6050	11,880	16,020	24,300
Scio Township	734-369-9400	24,120	28,300	36,660
Sharon Township	734-428-7591	12,060	16,240	24,600
Superior Township	734-482-6099	22,000	25,000	31,600
Sylvan Township	734-475-8890	17,820	24,030	36,540
Webster Township	734-426-5103	11,880	16,020	24,300
York Township	734-439-8842	18,600	21,250	26,550
Ypsilanti Township	734-487-4927	18,600	21,250	26,200
HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines*		12,060	16,240	26,550

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/01/31/2017-02076/annual-update-of-the-hhs-poverty-guidelines>



## Lower Your Property Tax Bill with a Poverty Exemption

Michigan law (MCL 211.7u) provides for a reduction in property taxes for eligible, low-income homeowners. Every city, village, and township must offer an application process and set eligibility requirements that are no more restrictive than the federal poverty guidelines.

**Contact your local assessor to request a poverty exemption application and instructions.** You can expect to be asked for the following:

- Proof that you own the property as your principal residence (having a mortgage is okay)
- Documentation of your income and the income of other members of your household. Copies of your most recent income tax return are best. If you are not required to file income taxes, you may complete an exemption affidavit.
- Information about other bank accounts and other assets that you might own.
- Information about the other members of your household.

Submit your application for the Board of Review. **Hearings are held in March, July, and December.** Ask your local assessor when your application materials are due. Poverty exemptions or reductions are for one year at a time so you will need to apply every year if you are eligible.

### Other Options for Lowering Your Property Tax Bill

Seniors and certain disabled homeowners may be eligible for a **deferral** which allows them to pay their property taxes by a later deadline without additional fees or interest.

**Disabled veterans** may be eligible for a complete exemption of property taxes under Public Act 161 of 2013. Your local assessor or veterans' service agency can give you more information about this program.

Many homeowners are eligible for a **property tax credit** on their Michigan income taxes. This link connects to free income tax preparation assistance: <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/treasurer/2015-washtenaw-tax-prep-sites.pdf>

If you believe your property assessment value is too high, you can **appeal the value** at the March Board of Review hearing.

The best source of information about poverty exemptions, disabled veterans exemptions, and assessment appeals is your local city, village or township assessor's office. We have provided contact information on the other side.