

# WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #97-2020 POVERTY GUIDELINES RESOLUTION

Resolution by Clerk Steinberg  
Be it resolved that:

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 Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u) and further amended by PA 620 of 2002; and WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390, 1994 Williamstown Township, Ingham 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 drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
4. If requested, produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
5. Meet the Township poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the Williamstown Township Board.
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. Any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the Township Board;

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.

**Be it further resolved to approve the Williamstown Township Poverty Guidelines for calendar year 2020 in all sections as shown below. To be eligible for a poverty exemption, the applicant and all persons residing in the principal residence/homestead (combined) must not have assets that exceeds the Maximum Asset Standards, excluding the principal residence, one vehicle per resident with a maximum of two, and monies received pursuant to MCL 206.520 (homestead property tax credit). Assets include, but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, vehicles over two, recreational vehicles, checking/savings accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc. For households above the Federal Poverty Limit, the percentage of tax owed will be the property household income minus the Federal Poverty Limit divided by the Federal Poverty Limit. The Poverty Guidelines for 100% exemption and maximum Asset Standards are as follows:**

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines	Maximum Income for exemption
1	\$12,490	\$24,980
2	\$16,910	\$33,820
3	\$21,330	\$42,660
4	\$25,750	\$51,500
5	\$30,170	\$60,340
6	\$34,590	\$69,180
7	\$39,010	\$78,020
8	\$43,430	\$86,860
For each additional person, add	\$4,420	\$8,840
Size of Family Unit	Maximum Total Assets	
1	\$25,000	
2	\$30,000	
3	\$35,000	
4	\$40,000	
5	\$45,000	
6	\$50,000	
7	\$55,000	
8	\$60,000	
9 or more persons	\$65,000	

Seconded by: Trustee Williams

**Roll call vote: Aye: Treasurer Cutshaw, Trustees Duffy and Williams, Supervisor Bloomquist, Clerk Steinberg**

**Absent – Trustee Eyster**

**No – Trustee Kane**

**Certification**

I, the undersigned, duly qualified and Supervisor of the Township of Williamstown, Ingham County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a Board meeting held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

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Wanda Bloomquist, Supervisor, Township of Williamstown    Date

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Mark Steinberg, Clerk

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