

**ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION
RESOLUTION # 2021-002**

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who in the judgment of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty, is unable to contribute toward the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from the collection of taxes under the General Property Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, the township board is required by Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 (MCL 211.7u, as amended including Public Act 253 of 2020) to adopt guidelines for poverty exemptions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, that ALGANSEE Township, BRANCH County adopts the following guidelines for the 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 principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the board of review on a form prescribed by the State Tax Commission and provided by the local assessing unit, accompanied by 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.

If a 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, an affidavit in a form prescribed by the State Tax Commission may be accepted in place of the federal or state income tax return.

Applicant will be required to provide proof of income and expenses in the form of paystubs and copies of bills or some type of accounting notes showing income & expenses.

- 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 required by the board of review.
- 5) Meet the federal poverty income 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 provided the alternative guidelines do not provide income eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.
 - a) The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.
 - b) The federal poverty income guidelines shall be approved annually by resolution of the township board as they are updated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The resolution of income guidelines shall be considered a part of this document.
- 6) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed the current guidelines. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, non-motorized vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.
- 7) Meet the township asset test guidelines below.