

POVERTY GUIDELINES RESOLUTION #2008-01

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence 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 140, 2003 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 140, 2003, Burt Township, Alger 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 principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
2. File a claim with the supervisor or board of review, on a form approved by the assessing unit, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the residence, 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.
4. Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
5. Meet the federal poverty income guidelines updated annually in the Federal Register by United States Department of Health and Human Services or, alternatively, guidelines adopted by the governing body of the local assessing unit which may be higher.
6. The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of the board of review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the board of review shall follow the above state 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 those are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The forgoing resolution offered by Board Member Kay Wampler, and supported by Board Member Scott Wieting

Roll Call Vote: 5 yes 0 no

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF ALGER)

I, Kay L. Wampler, Clerk of the Township of Burt, Alger County, Michigan, certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution which was adopted by the Township Board at a meeting held on February 12, 2008.

Signed:

Dated:

Kay L, Wampler, Clerk

February 15, 2008