

## 2024 Kawkawlin Township Board Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the 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 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), to adopt guidelines for poverty exemptions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, that the **Township of Kawkawlin, Bay 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 homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the 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) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- 5) Meet the federal poverty guidelines published in the prior calendar year as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
- 6) Meet **Asset Test** below

### Asset Test Guidelines

As required by P.A. 390 of 1994, all guidelines for poverty exemptions as established by the governing body of the local assessing unit **SHALL** also include an asset level test. The following assets **shall not** be considered when applying an asset test to determine qualification or tax exemption.

- 1) The value of the applicant's **primary residence** subject to the exemption request along with any contiguous residential land.
- 2) The value of all personal property, such as furniture and clothing.
- 3) The value of one automobile.

Notwithstanding the value of property listed above, in order to be considered for tax exemption under MCL 211.7u, the value of all additional assets **shall not exceed five (5) times the annual household income of the applicant.**

All asset information, as requested in the Application for Property Tax Exemption must be completed in total.

The foregoing resolution offered by: C. Campbell and supported by Sherrie A. Kruse.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted

Aye

M. Klass, L. DeShano, C. Campbell, S. Davidson, S. Kruse

Nay

None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Sherrie A. Kruse

Sherrie A. Kruse, Clerk

I, Sherrie A. Kruse, the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Township of Kawkawlin, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on May 13, 2024, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Sherrie A. Kruse

Sherrie A. Kruse, Clerk