

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION #2024-02

POVERTY EXEMPTION INCOME GUIDELINES AND ASSET LEVEL TEST

At a regular meeting of the St. Joseph Charter Township Board on the 8th day of January, 2024, commencing at 6:00 p.m., the following resolution was offered Milnikel and seconded by Vonk.

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the St. Joseph Charter Township Board; and,

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390, 1994, St Joseph Charter Township, Berrien 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 credits returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year.

To be eligible, a person shall do all of 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, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence.
3. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.
4. Produce a valid driver's license or other form of picture identification if requested.
5. Produce, if requested, a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
6. Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted

by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than federal guidelines.

- The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the December Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for purposes of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The following are the 2024 federal poverty income guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

STC Bulletin No. 18 of 2023
 Changes for 2024
 November 14, 2023

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$14,580
2	\$19,720
3	\$24,860
4	\$30,000
5	\$35,140
6	\$40,280
7	\$45,420
8	\$50,560
For each additional person	\$5,140

An Asset test will also be considered. The guidelines are as follows:

Assets to the total household may not exceed an amount of \$15,000.00.

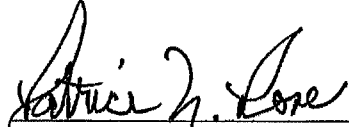
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption.

Roll Call Vote:	Yeas	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Ronald Griffin, Trustee	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Melissa Hahn, Trustee	_____	_____	_____	<u> X </u>
Edward Meny, Trustee	_____	_____	_____	<u> X </u>
Thomas Milnikel, Trustee	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Patrice Rose, Clerk	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Roger Seely, Supervisor	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
David Vonk, Treasurer	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.

Attested by:

Dated: January 8, 2024

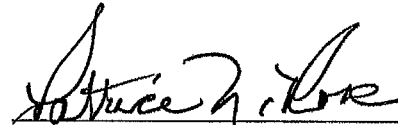

Patrice Rose, Township Clerk

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of St. Joseph Charter Township at a regular meeting held on January 8, 2024, the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meeting Act, Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976, (MCL 15.261 *et seq.*).

Dated: January 8, 2024


Patrice Rose, Township Clerk