

RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION

At a regular meeting of the City of Alma, Gratiot County, Michigan, held in the Commission Chambers of said City on the 22nd day of January 2019, the following preamble and resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Harrington as supported by Commissioner Allman.

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Assessor and 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 of 1994, the City of Alma, Gratiot 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 assessor or Board of Review, 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 or a signed State Tax Commission form 4988, *Poverty Exemption Affidavit*.
- 3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed \$5,000. 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 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 guidelines 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 the federal guidelines.
- 7) 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 the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The following are the 2019 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.

Federal Poverty Guidelines Used in the Determination of Poverty Exemptions

Size of Family Unit	2019 Poverty Guidelines
1	\$12,140
2	\$16,460
3	\$20,780
4	\$25,100
5	\$29,420
6	\$33,740
7	\$38,060
8	\$42,380
For each additional person	\$4,320

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the assessor and 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 reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, Pitts & Stahl.

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

CERTIFICATE

I, Sheila Letourneau, Clerk of the City of Alma, do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and exact copy adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.



Sheila Letourneau, City Clerk

City of Alma

Resolution to Set the Maximum Asset Standards to be Eligible for a Poverty Exemption

At a regular meeting of the City of Alma, Gratiot County, Michigan, held in the Commission Chambers of said City on the 22nd day of January 2019, the following preamble and resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Harrington as supported by Commissioner Piccolo:

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Maximum Asset Standards is required of the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994 the City of Alma, Gratiot County states that the poverty exemption guidelines established by the governing body of the local assessing unit shall include an asset level test; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alma adopts the following Maximum Asset Standards for a household to be eligible for a **POVERTY EXEMPTION**. The below asset levels **DO NOT** include the value of your homestead. (Per Tribunal ruling 08-13-97, Docket #236230, and the equity of the homestead should not be included within the asset test to be valid).

Combined assets to the total household may not exceed \$5,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Assessor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated Maximum Asset Standards in granting or denying an exemption and that if your household assets exceed the above stated Maximum Asset Standards you are NOT eligible for a **POVERTY EXEMPTION**.


Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, Pitts & Stahl.

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

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