

**BATH CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR POVERTY  
EXEMPTIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW**

At a regular meeting of the Bath Charter Township Board of Trustees on December 19, 2022 held at the Township Offices located at 14480 Webster Road, Bath, MI 48808:

PRESENT: Fewins-Bliss, Rosekrans, Butler-Challender, Wiswasser, Benzie, Kellerman

ABSENT: Howe

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Township Board; 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.u) as amended by PA 620 of 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to PA390 of 1994 (MCL 211.u) as amended by PA 620 of 2002, The Charter Township of Bath, Clinton 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 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 Assessor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all person residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year. Pursuant to PA135 of 2012 an affidavit (Treasury Form 4988) shall be filed for all persons residing in the residence who were not required to file federal or state income tax returns in the current year of in the immediately preceding year (this does not include the owner of the property who is filing for the exemption).
- 3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed 25% of the current Federal Guidelines. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles other than one per licensed driver in household, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bond, 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 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 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.
- 8) The Charter Township of Bath, Clinton County adopts the following income eligibility guidelines. The annual allowable income includes income from all persons residing in the principal residence.

Size of Family Unit	Federal Guidelines	Bath Twp Guidelines for 2023
1	\$13,590	\$14,949
2	\$18,310	\$20,141
3	\$23,030	\$25,333
4	\$27,750	\$30,525
5	\$32,470	\$35,717
6	\$37,190	\$40,909
7	\$41,910	\$46,101
8	\$46,630	\$51,293
For each additional person	\$4,720	\$5,192
		10% Over Federal Guidelines

Income eligibility guidelines are calculated using the current federal poverty guidelines, plus 10%.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, The Board of Review may not act outside the guidelines due to compelling reasons or extenuating circumstances.

The following Resolution was offered by Treasurer Wiswasser and seconded by Trustee Benzie.


Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

AYES: Benzie, Kellerman, Fewins-Bliss, Rosekrans, Butler-Challender, Wiswasser

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Howe

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by Bath Charter Township, Clinton County at a regular meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

  
 Brenda L. Butler-Challender  
 Clerk, Bath Charter Township