

PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP, GRATIOT COUNTY

**RESOLUTON ADOPTING POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDLEINES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01**

At a duly scheduled meeting of the Township Board of Pine River Township, Gratiot County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall, 1495 W. Monroe Rd., St. Louis, MI 48880 on the 17th day of January 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Best, Mueggenborg, Beeson, Whitmore, Baker

ABSENT: Ø

The following resolution was offered by Mueggenborg and supported by Best.

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Pine River Township Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the principle residence of persons, who the Supervisor/Assessor and Board of Review determines by reasons of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL211.7u); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to PA 390, 1994, Pine River Township, Gratiot County, Michigan 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 or and occupy as a homestead property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File Form 5737 Application for MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption.
- 3) File Form 5739 Affirmation of Ownership and Occupancy to Remain Exempt by Reason of Poverty.
- 4) File all required additional documentation (such as federal/state income tax returns, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year, with the supervisor or board of review.
- 5) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- 6) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- 7) Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
- 8) 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.
- 9) The property in question contains enough acreage that at least one or more buildable lots could be split from the main parcel under the land division act, the township will count

the value of any additional parcel that could be split when calculating the applicant's total assets.

10) Total assets shall not be more than \$30,000.00.

11) Fixed assets shall be limited to one house and one vehicle for the claimant and no house and one vehicle for each adult person residing with claimant.

The following are the 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 for 2026 Assessments**

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$15,650
2	\$21,150
3	\$26,650
4	\$32,150
5	\$37,650
6	\$43,150
7	\$48,650
8	\$54,150
For each additional Person	\$5,500

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

ADOPTED.

YEAS: Best, Moeggenberg, Beeson, Whitmore, Baker

NAYS: Ø

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: Ø

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

Kevin Beeson

Kevin Beeson, Pine River Township Supervisor

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN     )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF GRATIOT    )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township of Pine River, Gratiot County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a duly scheduled meeting of the Township Board on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

  
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Andi Whitmore, Pine River Township Clerk