

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the township board; and

**WHEREAS,** the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the supervisor and 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 Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u): and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Pa 390, 1994 Erie Township, Monroe County adopts the following guidelines for the supervisor and 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, filled 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, for a minimum of two years or more.
- 2.) File a claim with the supervisor or 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.
- 5.) Not exceed 200% of the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the U. S. Department of Health & Human Service for total household income.
- 6.) Liquid assets shall not exceed five times the annual household income, not including the homestead or any personal property.
- 7.) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of board of review.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,** that the board of review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines (attached) 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 are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The names of the Erie Township Board members and their votes are as follows:

NAMES	YES	NO
<u>Frey</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>          </u>
<u>Upchurch</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>          </u>
<u>Wisbon</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>          </u>
<u>Grodi</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>          </u>
<u>Cousino</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>          </u>
ABSENT <u>○</u>	ABSTAIN <u>○</u>	

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Jolene Upchurch  
Clerk Jolene Upchurch

CERTIFICATE

I, Jolene Upchurch, the duly elected Clerk of Erie Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board of said Township at the regular meeting of said Board held on 12-9-14 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 starting with the 2015 March Board of Review through 2015 December Board of Review.

Jolene Upchurch  
Clerk Jolene T. Upchurch

12-10-14  
Date

ATTEST:

William D. Frey  
Supervisor William D. Frey

12-10-2014  
Date