

CITY OF SAUGATUCK
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION #220214-B

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR POVERTY EXEMPTIONS FOR THE
BOARD OF REVIEW TO IMPLEMENT IN 2022

Council Member Trestler, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Council Member Leo.

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the City Council, and

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the 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 as amended by PA 620 of 2002 and further amended by PA 253 of 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390, 1994, PA 620, 2002 and PA 253 of 2020, City of Saugatuck, Allegan 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 immediately preceding year,

To be eligible, a person shall meet all the following requirements:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence of the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the Supervisor, Assessor 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 UNLESS the attached affidavit is completed for each person that is not required by law to file Federal and/or State income tax return(s).
- 3) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is required, if requested.
- 5) Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget (see attached).
- 6) Have assets totaling no more than \$15,000, not including the primary residence.
- 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 in the year that the exemption is being requested.
- 8) Any additional eligibility requirements allowed by law as determined by the City Board of Review.

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.

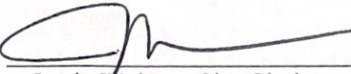
YEAS: Council Members: Beyken, Dean, Gardner, Leo, Lewis, Stanton, Trestler

NAYS: Council Members: None

ABSTAIN: Council Members: None

ABSENT: Council Members: None

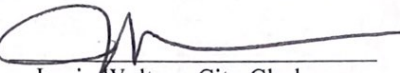
ADOPTED this 14th day of February, 2022

Signed: 

Jamie Wolters, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Jamie Wolters, the duly appointed clerk of the City of Saugatuck do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Saugatuck City Council at a regular meeting held February 14, 2022, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended. The minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Signed: 

Jamie Wolters, City Clerk