

TOWNSHIP OF PENINSULA
Resolution No. 2021-10-12

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE GUIDELINES FOR POVERTY EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXATION
UNDER PUBLIC ACT 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u)**

At a Special meeting of the Township Board for the Township of Peninsula, Grand Traverse County, Michigan, held at 13235 Center Road, Traverse City, MI 49686 on the 12th day of October, 2021.

PRESENT: Manigold, Wahl, Fanger, Ashorn, Chouwa

ABSENT: Biddle, Wunsch

The following resolution was offered by Ashorn and supported by Fanger

RESOLUTION
Recitals

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 in part, from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, Peninsula Township, Grand Traverse 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 (income of students under the age of 18 years shall not be included), including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current of immediately preceding year.

Policy and Guidelines

1. To be eligible, a person shall do all of the following on an annual basis:
 - (a) Be an owner of and occupy as principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
 - (b) File a claim with the supervisor or board of review on a form provided by the local assessing unit, 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. Federal and state income tax returns are not required for a person residing in the principal residence if that person was not required to file a federal or state income tax return in the tax year in which the exemption under this section is claimed or in the immediately preceding tax year. If a person was not required to

- f) The board of review will consider all assets of the owner, co-owner(s) and all qualifying financial members of the household. Any attempt to hide and/or shift assets to another person, business or corporation shall be grounds for denial.
- g) Handicapped or infirmed applicants may call the Clerk's office to make necessary arrangements for assistance.

2. 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. The board of review meets three times per year, each March, July and December.

NOTE: Sign the application at the office of the assessor or supervisor when the application is returned. If the applicant cannot personally return the application, a notarized application is acceptable.

3. If the applicant fails to supply the required documents and/or fails to complete the application in its entirety, or if the information supplied is found to be fraudulent, the application shall be denied.

Resolution

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.

The foregoing resolution offered by township Board Member Arhorn and supported by Board Member Rampert.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

"Aye": Manigold, Wahl, Rampert, Arhorn, Chown
 "Nay": _____
 Absent: Biddle, Wunsch

The Township Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

[Signature]
 Robert K. Manigold, Township Supervisor

Date: _____

I, Becky Chown, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Peninsula Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at a regular meeting of said board held on October 12, 2021, at which 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.

[Signature]
 Becky Chown, Township Clerk

Date: October 12, 2021