

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION #97-2026
POVERTY GUIDELINES RESOLUTION**

Resolution by: Treasurer VanErp

Be it resolved that:

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); amended by PA 620 of 2002; and further amended by PA 253 of 2020 and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 253 of 2020 Williamstown Township, Ingham 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, filed 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.
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. If requested, produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
5. Meet the Township poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the Williamstown Township Board.
6. The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of Board of Review.
7. File the Poverty Exemption Affidavit with the application.
8. Any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the Township Board;

The Board of Review shall follow the above-stated policy and stated guidelines in granting or denying an exemption.

Be it further resolved to approve the Williamstown Township Poverty Guidelines for calendar year 2026 in all sections as shown below. To be eligible for a poverty exemption, the applicant and all persons residing in the principal residence/homestead (combined) must not have assets that exceeds the Maximum Asset Standards, excluding the principal residence, one vehicle per resident with a maximum of two, and monies received pursuant to MCL 206.520 (homestead property tax credit). Assets include, but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, vehicles over two, recreational vehicles, checking/savings accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc. *For households above the Poverty Guidelines, the Taxable Value will be reduced by 75% for income under 1.75 times the Federal poverty limit, a Taxable Value reduction of 50% for income under 2 times the Federal poverty limit and Taxable Value reduction of 25% at or below 2.25 times the Federal Poverty limit to the max listed below.* The Poverty Guidelines for 100% exemption in Williamstown Township are based on 1.5 times the Federal Poverty Guidelines to a maximum of 2.25 times the Federal Poverty Guidelines with maximum Asset Standards as follows:

Size of family	100% exemption	75% exemption	50% exemption	25% exemption	Max. total assets
1	< or = \$23,475	< or = \$27,387	< or = \$31,300	< or = \$35,212	\$ 25,000.00
2	\$ 31,725.00	\$ 37,012.00	\$ 42,300.00	\$ 47,587.00	\$ 30,000.00
3	\$ 39,975.00	\$ 46,637.00	\$ 53,300.00	\$ 59,562.00	\$ 35,000.00
4	\$ 48,225.00	\$ 56,262.00	\$ 64,300.00	\$ 72,337.00	\$ 40,000.00
5	\$ 56,475.00	\$ 65,887.00	\$ 75,300.00	\$ 84,712.00	\$ 45,000.00
6	\$ 64,725.00	\$ 75,512.00	\$ 86,300.00	\$ 97,087.00	\$ 50,000.00
7	\$ 72,975.00	\$ 85,137.00	\$ 97,300.00	\$ 109,462.00	\$ 55,000.00
8	\$ 81,225.00	\$ 95,762.00	\$ 108,300.00	\$ 121,837.00	\$ 60,000.00
ea. additional	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 9,625.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 12,375.00	\$ 65,000.00 for 9 or more


Seconded by: Trustee Brinker.

Roll call vote:

- Aye:** Supervisor Poth, Clerk Cleveland, Treasurer VanErp, Trustee Brinker, Trustee, Duffy, and Trustee Steinberg.
- No:** None.
- Absent:** Trustee Creagh.

Certification

I, Robin Cleveland, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Williamstown 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 January 14, 2026 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.


 Robin A. Cleveland, MiPMC
 Williamstown Township Clerk