

# Rome Township

## Rome township board Resolution to

### Adopt Poverty Exemption Income and asset guidelines, 2010

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 the General Property Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, the township board is required by Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 (MCL 211.7u), to adopt guidelines for poverty exemptions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, that \_Rome\_Township, \_Lenawee 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) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested, if requested to do so.
- 5) Meet (the *federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget* OR *THE POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES AS ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD*).
  - A. **The Rome Township Board adopted the following as the Township Income guideline amounts for 2010:**
  - B. **Size of Family Unit: 1. =\$15,000.00; 2. =\$18,800.00; 3.=22,600.00; 4.=26,400.00. Add \$3,800.00 for each additional household member.**
- 6) Meet additional eligibility requirements as determined by the township board, including: **Assets of \_\$50,000.00\_ or less, including but not limited to the following: A second home, Land, Vehicles, Recreational vehicles, (campers, motor homes, boats ATV'S, ETC) buildings other than your residence, jewelry, antiques, artwork, equipment, personal property of value, bank accounts (checking & savings) over \$3,000.00, Stocks, Money received from sale of stocks, bonds, a house or other personal property, withdrawals of bank deposits and borrowed money, Tax refunds, lump-sum inheritances, one time insurance payments, food, housing or fuel received in lieu of wages, Federal cash benefits, food stamps and any other assets of value as determined by the Board of Review.**

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the board of review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines 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 Township guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member \_R. Boggs\_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Board Member \_R. VanAkin\_\_\_\_\_.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye:" "Nay: 1.Vanakin\_Aye\_\_\_\_\_2Warrick\_Aye\_\_\_\_\_3. A. Boggs Aye\_\_\_\_\_4. Previch \_Absent\_\_\_\_\_5 R. Boggs\_\_Aye\_\_\_\_\_.

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Clerk

I,Rebecca Boggs\_\_\_\_\_ the duly elected and acting Clerk of \_Rome\_\_Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the special meeting of said board held on February 25th\_\_\_\_\_, 2010\_\_\_\_, 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.

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Clerk

Resolution # 003-2010 Dated\_\_\_\_\_