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## **Resolution 2026-04 Poverty Exemption Eligibility Requirements**

**WHEREAS**, the principal residence 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 the General Property Tax Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Harrison Council 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the following eligibility requirements and income standards and asset test have been developed to comply with MCL 211.7u:

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Unless a claimant is exempt from the annual reapplication requirement pursuant to a separate resolution, in order to be eligible for the poverty exemption, the claimant must do all of the following on an annual basis:

1. Own and occupy as a principal residence the property for which the exemption is requested.
2. File a claim with the Board of Review after January 1, 2026, but before the day prior to the last day of the Board of Review on Form 5737, Application for MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption, which is the approved application form.
3. Provide a completed and signed Form 5739, Affirmation of Ownership and Occupancy to Remain Exempt by Reason of Poverty.
4. Provide 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. All persons residing in the residence who were not required to file federal or state income tax returns in the current or immediately preceding year must file Form 4988, Poverty Exemption Affidavit.

5. Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
6. Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is being requested, if requested.
7. Meet the poverty income level guidelines adopted by the governing body of the local assessing unit, which shall not be set lower than the federal poverty guidelines published in 2024 in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
8. Meet the asset levels set by the governing body of the local assessing unit.
9. Mail all application materials to: Harrison City Assessor, 2105 Sullivan Drive, Harrison, Michigan 48625.

A claimant may request a poverty exemption and appeal the property's assessment to the City of Harrison Board of Review in the same year.

### **Income Standards and Asset Test**

The following are the federal poverty income guidelines that the United States Office of Management and Budget recommend that federal departments and agencies use. The City of Harrison has adopted these income guidelines for the basis of granting poverty exemptions. These amounts are adjusted annually.

To be eligible for a poverty exemption in the City of Harrison for 2026, the claimant's household income may not exceed the following guidelines:

- 1 person ..... \$15,960
- 2 persons ..... \$21,640
- 3 persons ..... \$27,320
- 4 persons ..... \$33,000
- 5 persons ..... \$38,680
- 6 persons ..... \$44,360
- 7 persons ..... \$50,040
- 8 persons ..... \$55,720
- For each additional person add ..... \$5,680

## Maximum Asset Standards to Be Eligible for a Poverty Exemption

Public Act 390 of 1994 states that the poverty exemption guidelines established by the governing body of the local assessing unit shall include an asset level test.

The City of Harrison has adopted the following maximum asset standards for a household to be eligible for a poverty exemption. The asset levels below do not include the value of the claimant's principal residence:

- 1 person ..... \$31,920
- 2 persons ..... \$43,280
- 3 persons ..... \$54,640
- 4 persons ..... \$66,000
- 5 persons ..... \$77,360
- 6 persons ..... \$88,720
- For each additional person add ..... \$11,360

If applicant household assets exceed this amount, the applicant is not eligible for a poverty exemption.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, that the City of Harrison, Clare County, adopts the above eligibility requirements, income standards, and asset test for the Board of Review to implement.

Resolution Duly Adopted.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Harrison on this Sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) Day of February 2026.

Signed: Daniel F. Sullivan Mayor, Daniel F. Sullivan

Attested: Kathy Maharas City Clerk, Kathy Maharas

