

**Arthur Township, Clare County  
Resolution 2023-23 002:**

**The Resolution for Adoption of a Poverty Asset Test and Guidelines**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Arthur Township, Clare County, MI held at 3031 S. Athey Ave, Clare, MI 48617.

The following Resolution was offered by Janice LaRose and supported by Matthew Bednorek.

Present: Matthew Bednorek Supervisor, Janice LaRose Clerk, Anna Sharp Treasurer, Joy Kleinhardt Trustee, Jerry Willford Trustee

Absent: None

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under PA 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, Arthur Township, Clare County adopts the following guidelines as asset test for the Board of Review to utilize. The guidelines shall include but not limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household. In addition to income limits set by Federal poverty income guidelines for the household, which is updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The Arthur Township Board established the asset level not to exceed \$20,000 in assets (not including the Principal Residence) per household, with an additional \$5,000 in assets allowable for each additional household member after the first and the Principal residence. The applicant is required to list all assets on the attached application.

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 your principal residence, as defined in Section 7dd of the general Property Tax Act, the property for which the exemption is requested.
2. File a claim with the board of Review after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of the Board of Review, on forms approved by the State Tax Commission (STC).
3. Provide current year or the immediately preceding year federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence. If you did not file a Tax return, then you MUST get a statement of benefits paid from the Social Security Administration or Michigan Department of Social Services and /or file an Affidavit to affirm you were not required to file a Federal or State Tax return
4. Produce a valid Driver License or other form of ID.
5. Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which the exemption is being requested.
6. Meet the Federal Poverty income guidelines for the Household, which are updated annually in the Federal register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and
7. The claimant and total household asset levels set by Arthur Township.

If your income exceeds the amounts shown or your assets exceed the amounts shown, you are not eligible for a Poverty Exemption.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF REVIEW SHALL FOLLOW THE ABOVE STATED POLICY, ASSET TEST, AND FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES IN GRANTING OR DENYING AN EXEMPTION.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION OFFERED BY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER Janice LaRose  
SUPPORTED BY Matthew Bednorek

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE FOLLOWING VOTED:

Matthew Bednorek – Yes  
Janice LaRose – Yes  
Anna Sharp – Yes  
Joy Kleinhardt – Yes  
Jerry Willford – No

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED CARRIED AND ADOPTED October 11, 2022

CLERK: Janice LaRose  
Janice LaRose

In order to be considered for poverty exemption, you must meet the following income and asset test:

1. Own and occupy the same principal residence as the tax collector's office and the county auditor's office. No other residence may be claimed for tax purposes.
2. Income, including income from any other source, may not be more than 150% of the poverty line, as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
3. Household income or funds available for household expenses must not exceed the maximum amount of income allowed for a household of the size of the household.
4. Household income must be an allowable amount as determined by the Federal Tax Service.
5. Provide a list of assets and debts.
6. Provide a signed affidavit of poverty.
7. Meet the following income and asset test for the household size and type as listed below: