

**MANCELONA TOWNSHIP  
2026 PROPERTY TAX POVERTY EXEMPTION**

**Applicant Submission Checklist**

Use this checklist to make sure your Poverty Exemption Application is complete before submitting it to the Custer Township Assessor's Office.

Incomplete applications may delay review by the Board of Review.

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**✓ Application Checklist**

**1. Required Forms**

- State of Michigan Poverty Exemption Application (Form 5737) completed and signed (attached)
  - Custer Township Poverty Exemption Policy Acknowledgment (attached)
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**2. Income Documentation**

Provide documentation for ALL household members living in the home.

- Federal Income Tax Return (most recent year)
  - Michigan Income Tax Return (if filed)
  - If you did not file taxes, provide a signed explanation
  - Social Security income statements (SSA-1099)
  - Pension or retirement income statements
  - Unemployment income documentation
  - Disability income documentation
  - Any other household income documentation
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**3. Asset Information**

- Bank account statements (3 Months but more may be requested)
  - Investment or retirement account information
  - Vehicle ownership information
  - Additional property ownership information (if applicable)
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**4. Property Ownership and Residency**

- Property must be your Principal Residence
  - Proof of ownership if requested (such as deed or property record)
  - Property must be owned and occupied by the applicant
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**5. Application Signature**

- Application signed and dated
  - All information provided is true and complete
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Submission Deadline for 2026 assessment Roll:

Applications should be submitted before the March Board of Review, July Board of Review or December Board of Review as permitted by law.

## **Federal Poverty Guidelines Used in the Determination of Poverty Exemptions for 2026**

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## Application and Affirmation for MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption

This form is issued under the authority of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, MCL 211.7u.

MCL 211.7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, provides a property tax exemption for the principal residence of persons who, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute toward the public charges. This application is to be used to apply for the exemption and must be filed with the Board of Review where the property is located. This application may be submitted to the city or township where the property is located in each year on or after January 1 but before the day prior to the last day of the board of review. Poverty Exemptions may be heard by the Board of Review during its March, July, and December sessions.

**To be considered complete, this application must:** 1) be completed in its entirety, 2) include information regarding all members residing within the household, and 3) include all required documentation as listed within the application. Please write legibly and attach additional pages as necessary.

<b>PART 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION</b> — Petitioner must list all required personal information.				
Petitioner's Name			Daytime Phone Number	
Age of Petitioner	Marital Status	Age of Spouse	Number of Legal Dependents	
Property Address of Principal Residence		City	State	ZIP Code
<b>PART 2: REAL ESTATE INFORMATION</b>				
List the real estate information related to your principal residence. Be prepared to provide a deed, land contract or other evidence of ownership of the property at the Board of Review meeting.				
Property Parcel Identification Number		Name of Mortgage Company		
Unpaid Balance Owed on Principal Residence	Monthly Payment	Length of Time at this Residence		
Property Description				
<b>PART 3: AFFIRMATION OF OWNERSHIP, OCCUPANCY, AND INCOME STATUS</b> (Check all boxes that apply.)				
<input type="checkbox"/> I own the property in which the exemption is being claimed.				
<input type="checkbox"/> The property in which the exemption is being claimed is used as my homestead. Homestead is generally defined as any dwelling with its land and buildings where a family makes its home.				
<b>PART 4: ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION</b>				
List information related to any other property owned by you or any member residing in the household.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if you own, or are buying, other property. If checked, complete the information below.			Amount of Income Earned from other Property	
1	Property Address	City	State	ZIP Code
	Name of Owner(s)	Assessed Value	Date of Last Taxes Paid	Amount of Taxes Paid
2	Property Address	City	State	ZIP Code
	Name of Owner(s)	Assessed Value	Date of Last Taxes Paid	Amount of Taxes Paid

**PART 5: EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION** — List your current employment information.

Name of Employer			
Address of Employer	City	State	ZIP Code
Contact Person	Employer Telephone Number		

**PART 6: INCOME SOURCES**

List all income sources, including but not limited to: salaries, Social Security, rents, pensions, IRAs (individual retirement accounts), unemployment compensation, disability, government pensions, worker's compensation, dividends, claims and judgments from lawsuits, alimony, child support, friend or family contribution, reverse mortgage, or any other source of income, for all persons residing at the property.

Source of Income	Monthly or Annual Income (indicate which)

**PART 7: CHECKING, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT INFORMATION**

List any and all savings owned by all household members, including but not limited to: checking accounts, savings accounts, postal savings, credit union shares, certificates of deposit, cash, stocks, bonds, or similar investments, for all persons residing at the property.

Name of Financial Institution or Investments	Amount on Deposit	Current Interest Rate	Name on Account	Value of Investment

**PART 8: LIFE INSURANCE** — List all policies held by all household members.

Name of Insured	Amount of Policy	Monthly Payments	Policy Paid in Full	Name of Beneficiary	Relationship to Insured

**PART 9: MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION**

All motor vehicles (including motorcycles, motor homes, camper trailers, etc.) held or owned by any person residing within the household must be listed.

Make	Year	Monthly Payment	Balance Owed

<b>PART 10: HOUSEHOLD OCCUPANTS</b> — List all persons living in the household.				
First and Last Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant	Place of Employment	\$ Contribution to Family Income

<b>PART 11: PERSONAL DEBT</b> — List all personal debt for all household members.					
Creditor	Purpose of Debt	Date of Debt	Original Balance	Monthly Payment	Balance Owed

<b>PART 12: MONTHLY EXPENSE INFORMATION</b>			
The amount of monthly expenses related to the principal residence for each category must be listed. Indicate N/A as necessary.			
Heating	Electric	Water	Phone
Cable	Food	Clothing	Health Insurance
Garbage	Daycare	Car Expense (gas, repair, etc.)	
Other (type and amount)	Other (type and amount)	Other (type and amount)	
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**NOTICE:** Per MCL 211.7u(2)(b), 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 must be submitted with this application. 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.

### PART 13: POLICY AND GUIDELINES ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The governing body of the local assessing unit shall determine and make available to the public the policy and guidelines used for the granting of exemptions under MCL 211.7u. In order to be eligible for the exemption, the applicant must meet the federal poverty guidelines published in the prior calendar year in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under its authority to revise the poverty line under 42 USC 9902, or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body of the local assessing unit so long as the alternative guidelines do not provide income eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines. The policy and guidelines must include, but are not limited to, the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and total household income and assets. The combined assets of all persons must not exceed the limits set forth in the guidelines adopted by the local assessing unit.

The applicant has reviewed the applicable policy and guidelines adopted by the city or township, including the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and total household income and assets.

### PART 14: LEGAL DESIGNEE INFORMATION (Complete if applicable.)

Legal Designee Name		Daytime Telephone Number	
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code

### PART 15: CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that the information provided in this form is complete, accurate and I am eligible for the exemption from property taxes pursuant to Michigan Compiled Law, Section 211.7u.

Printed Name	Signature	Date
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**This application shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of the local unit's December Board of Review.**

**Decision of the March Board of Review may be appealed by petition to the Michigan Tax Tribunal by July 31 of the current year. A July or December Board of Review decision may be appealed to the Michigan Tax Tribunal by petition within 30 days of decision. A copy of the Board of Review decision must be included with the petition.**

Michigan Tax Tribunal  
PO Box 30232  
Lansing MI 48909

Phone: 517-335-9760  
Email: [taxtrib@michigan.gov](mailto:taxtrib@michigan.gov)

## Poverty Exemption Affidavit

This form is issued under authority of Public Act 206 of 1893; MCL 211.7u.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** When completed, this document must accompany a taxpayer's Application for Poverty Exemption filed with the supervisor or the board of review of the local unit where the property is located. MCL 211.7u provides for a whole or partial property tax exemption on the principal residence of an owner of the property by reason of poverty and the inability to contribute toward the public charges. MCL 211.7u(2)(b) requires proof of eligibility for the exemption be provided to the board of review by supplying copies of federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including property tax credit returns, or by filing an affidavit for all persons residing in the residence who were not required to file federal or state income tax returns for the current or preceding tax year.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear and affirm by my signature below that I reside in the principal residence that is the subject of this Application for Poverty Exemption and that for the current tax year and the preceding tax year, I was not required to file a federal or state income tax return.

Address of Principal Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Making Affidavit

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Township of Mancelona  
Antrim County, Michigan  
Resolution No. 10-26 of 2026**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT CURRENT YEAR'S FEDERAL  
POVERTY GUIDELINES**

WHEARAS, the federal government establishes updated federal poverty income guidelines when determining poverty exemptions;

WHEREAS, the township board of review must follow the current federal poverty income guidelines when determining poverty exemptions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of review shall follow the current attached poverty income guidelines in determining this year's poverty exemptions.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board member Rod Vesey

Second offered by Board member Chuck Johnson

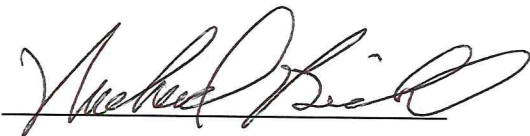
Upon roll call vote: Yes 5

No 0

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Clerk

I, Michael Biehl, the duly elected and acting clerk of Mancelona Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board of said Township at the special meeting of the said Board held on March 7, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present and by a roll call vote said members as herein before set forth; that said resolution was order to take immediate effect.



Clerk



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY  
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

RACHAEL EUBANKS  
STATE TREASURER

**Bulletin 15 of 2025**  
**November 18, 2025**  
**Procedural Changes for 2026**

**TO:** Assessing Officers and County Equalization Directors  
**FROM:** Michigan State Tax Commission  
**SUBJECT:** Procedural Changes for the 2026 Assessment Year

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide information on statutory changes, procedural changes and reminders for the 2026 assessment year. Additional guidance may be issued later if any pending legislation is enacted by the end of the year.

**A. Inflation Rate Used in the 2026 Capped Value Formula**

The inflation rate, expressed as a multiplier, to be used in the 2026 Capped Value Formula is 1.027.

The 2026 Capped Value Formula is as follows:

$$\text{2026 CAPPED VALUE} = (\text{2025 Taxable Value} - \text{LOSSES}) \times 1.027 + \text{ADDITIONS}$$

The formula above does not include 1.05 because the inflation rate multiplier of 1.027 is lower than 1.05.

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**Note:** MCL 211.7u requires that the poverty exemption guidelines established by the governing body of the local assessing unit shall include an asset level test. An asset test means the amount of cash, fixed assets or other property that could be used, or converted to cash to pay property taxes.

The asset test should establish a maximum amount and any assets exceeding that amount is considered available. Please refer to STC Bulletin 17 of 2025 for additional information.

**MANCELONA TOWNSHIP  
COUNTY OF ANTRIM, MICHIGAN  
RESOLUTION NO. 16-20**

**Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test**

WHEREAS, the principal residence 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 Mancelona Township, Antrim 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 principal residence 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 principal residence, 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.
- 5) Meet federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the State of Michigan Department of Treasury or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than federal guidelines.
- 6) Meet additional eligibility requirements as determined by the township board, including: file an application reporting combined assets of all persons residing in the principal residence do not exceed \$10,000 excluding one car, the principal residence and any tools/equipment related to one's employment BUT TO INCLUDE additional real estate, land, vehicles, recreational vehicles, equipment, bank accounts, stock, IRAs, gifts, alimony, child support, food or housing in lieu of wages, food stamps, school lunches and similar assets.
- 7) The application for the exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before 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.

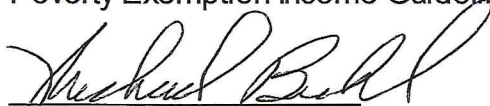
The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Donna Grindle Krieg and supported by Board Member Jessie Ayoub .

Upon roll call vote, the following voted: "yes" all in favor, Jessie Ayoub, Chuck Johnson, Donna Grindle Krieg, and Mike Biehl.

"Nay" None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

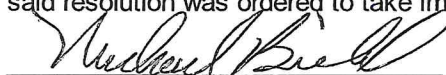
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Clerk

I, Michael Biehl, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Manvelona 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 February 9, 2021 , 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