

CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP
CEDAR, MICHIGAN 49621
Township Board Resolution to
Permit the Continuation of a Poverty Exemption
without Subsequent Reapplication as allowed by Public Act 253 of 2020
Resolution # 2021 - 03
Adopted February, 3 2021

WHEREAS, the principle residence of person a who, as determined by the Board of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is exempt in whole or part from taxation under the General Property Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, the township board is under Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 (MCL 211.7u), may permit continuation of that exemption without subsequent reapplication;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, that Centerville Township, Leelanau County, adopts the following guidelines to permit such a continuation.


1. If the person who establishes initial eligibility under MCL 211.7u receives a fixed income solely from public assistance that is not subject to significant annual increases beyond the rate of inflation, such as federal Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability or retirement they are eligible for continuation of a poverty exemption without subsequent reapplication under either of the two following guidelines.
2. For a principal residence of a person exempt from the collection of taxes under MCL 211.7u in tax year 2019 or 2020, or both, may remain exempt by reason of poverty in tax years 2021, 2022, and 2023 without subsequent reapplication for the exemption, provided there has not been a change in ownership or occupancy status.
3. For a principal residence of a person for the first time in tax year 2021, 2022, or 2023 may remain exempt for up to three additional years after its initial year of exempt status without subsequent reapplication for the exemption, provided there has not been a change in ownership or occupancy status.
4. The owner of a principal residence exempt from the collection of taxes under MCL 211.7u and not required to reapply under this policy shall annually file with the township the form affirming ownership, poverty and occupancy and therefore continued eligibility.
5. The person determined to be exempt from the collection of taxes under MCL 211.7u shall file an affidavit with the township rescinding the exemption within 45 days of either of the following occurring.
 - The person ceases to own or occupy the principal residence for which the exemption is extended
 - The person has a change in household assets or income that defeats eligibility for the exemption.
6. If the person fails to file a rescission as required and the property is determined to be ineligible for the exemption, the person is subject to repayment of any additional taxes with interest.

Adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Schwantes and supported by Schaub.

Roll Call Vote: Chiles: Yes Hubbell: Yes Pleva: Yes Schaub: Yes Schwantes: Yes

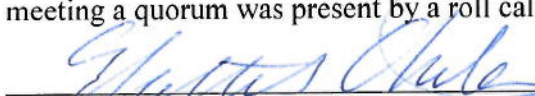
Vote Count: Yes: 5 No: 0

The Township Supervisor declared the resolution passed.


James Schwantes, Supervisor

CERTIFICATION

I, Elizabeth Chiles, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Centerville Township hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board at the regular meeting of said board held on February 3, 2021 at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as herein before set forth.


Elizabeth Chiles, Clerk