

Leoni Township 913 Fifth Street Michigan Center, Michigan 49254

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.7u, states that 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, a township board has the option under MCL 211.7u(6) to permit by resolution a principal residence granted poverty exemption from the collection of taxes in tax year 2019 or 2020, or both, to remain exempt 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 of the person eligible for exemption, and may permit a principal residence granted poverty exemption for the first time from the collection of taxes in tax year 2021, 2022, or 2023 to remain exempt for up to 3 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 of the person eligible for exemption, if the person who establishes initial eligibility 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 benefits; and

WHEREAS, a township board also has the option under MCL 211.7u(8) to continue poverty exemptions granted for 2019 or 2020, or both, through 2021, if the assessor determines that a principal residence of a person by reason of poverty is still eligible for this exemption if, on or before February 15, 2021, the township board adopts a resolution that continues the exemption through tax year 2021 for all principal residences within the local assessing unit that were exempt in tax year 2019 or 2020, or both; and

WHEREAS a township board may require the owner of a principal residence exempt from the collection of taxes to affirm ownership, poverty, and occupancy status in writing by filing Treasury Form 5739—Affirmation of Ownership and Occupancy to Remain Exempt by Reason of Poverty with the township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u(6), that Leoni Township, Jackson County, permits a principal residence granted poverty exemption from the collection of taxes in tax year 2019 or 2020, or both, to remain exempt 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 of the person eligible for exemption, and permit a principal residence granted a poverty exemption for the first time from the collection of taxes in tax year 2021, 2022, or 2023 to remain exempt for up to 3 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 of the person eligible for exemption, if the person who establishes initial eligibility 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 benefits.

ALSO, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u(8), that Leoni Township, Jackson County, continues the poverty exemption through tax year 2021 for all principal residences within the township that were exempt in tax year 2019 or 2020, or both. The township board requires owners of a principal residence exempt from the collection of taxes pursuant to this provision to affirm ownership, poverty, and occupancy status in writing by filing Treasury Form 5739—Affirmation of Ownership and Occupancy to Remain Exempt by Reason of Poverty with the township.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Kinch and supported by Board Member Hill. Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye: 7: Linnabary, Norris, King, Kinch, Hill, Cox, and Horning" "Nay 0:" The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted. Leoni Township Clerk I, Cindy Norris, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Leoni 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.



Clerk

Affirmation of Ownership and Occupancy to Remain Exempt by Reason of Poverty

This form is issued under the authority of Public Act 253 of 2020.

This form is to be used to affirm ownership, occupancy, and income status. MCL 211.7u(2) provides that, to be eligible for exemption under this section, a person shall, subject to subsection (6) and (8), annually affirm that the applicant owns and occupies, as a principal residence, the property for which an exemption is requested.

PART 1: OWNER INFORMATION — Enter information for the person owning and occupying the residence.			
Owner Name		Owner Telephone Number	
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code
PART 2: LEGAL DESIGNEE INFORMATION (Complete if applicable.)			
Legal Designee Name		Daytime Telephone Number	
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code
PART 3: HOMESTEAD PROPERTY INFORMATION — Enter information for property in which the exemption is being claimed.			
City or Township (check the appropriate box and enter name) <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Township <input type="checkbox"/> Village		County	
Name of Local School District			
Parcel Identification Number		Year(s) Exemption Previously Granted by Board of Review	
Homestead Property Address	City	State	ZIP Code
PART 4: AFFIRMATION OF OWNERSHIP, OCCUPANCY, AND INCOME STATUS (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. <input type="checkbox"/> After establishing initial eligibility for the exemption, my income and asset status has remained unchanged and/or I receive 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 benefits.			
PART 5: CERTIFICATION			
I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that the information provided on this form is true and I am eligible to receive an exemption from property taxes by reason of poverty pursuant to Michigan Compiled Law, Section 211.7u.			
Owner or Legal Designee Name (print)		Signature of Owner or Legal Designee	Date
Designee must attach a letter of authority.			
LOCAL GOVERNMENT USE ONLY (DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied (Attach appeal instructions and provide to owner.)		Tax Year(s) exemption will be posted to tax roll	
CERTIFICATION — I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this form is complete and accurate.			
Assessor Signature		Date Certified by Assessor	