

**RESOLUTION # 2022-08  
TOWNSHIP OF BUCHANAN, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POVERTY EXEMPTION INCOME GUIDELINES AND ASSET TEST**

Board member Huebner, supported by Board member Ferris, moved the adoption of the following:

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the Township Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, Buchanan Township, Berrien 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;

| Size of Family Unit | Poverty Guidelines<br>(gross income) |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1                   | \$12,880                             |
| 2                   | \$17,420                             |
| 3                   | \$21,960                             |
| 4                   | \$26,500                             |
| 5                   | \$31,040                             |
| 6                   | \$35,580                             |
| 7                   | \$40,120                             |
| 8                   | \$44,660                             |

For each additional person, add \$4,540.

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**Asset Level Test**

1. Claimant may not own more than one (1) vehicle per licensed driver in the household.
2. Claimant may not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of value of assets, excluding homestead.
3. The Buchanan Township Board of Review may grant the percentage of the exemption based on ability to pay.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and Federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and Federal guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

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**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

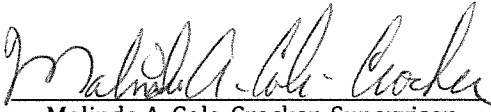
**AYES: Cole-Crocker, Plank, Ferris,  
Huebner**


**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:Heyliger**

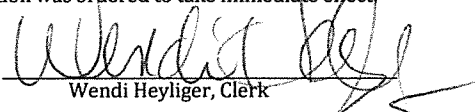
**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2022.**

  
Malinda A. Cole-Crocker, Supervisor

  
Wendi Heyliger, Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Wendi Heyliger, duly appointed and acting Clerk of Buchanan Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees at a regular meeting of said board held on Thursday, March 3, 2022, 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.

  
Wendi Heyliger, Clerk

