

City Assessor's Office 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, MI 48335 248-474-5500, option 3 www.farmgov.com

RE: Application for 2025 Poverty Exemption

Dear Property Owner:

At your request, we are sending you the application packet you will need to complete and submit to our office in order to request a reduction in your assessment due to a financial hardship.

Forms that must be completed and returned include:

- 1. Form 5737 Application for MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption
- 2. Waiver of Confidentiality Form.
- 3. Form 5739 Affirmation of Ownership and Occupancy to Remain Exempt by Reason of Poverty.

In addition, you must attach the following:

- 2024 Michigan Income Tax Form, a copy of your 2024 Homestead Property Tax Credit Form, and a copy of your 2024 Federal Income Tax Return for all persons residing in the principal residence; OR, if you were not required to file State/Federal income tax returns, submit Form 4988 Poverty Exemption Affidavit
 - a. Copies must be of the actual form sent in to the State or Federal government.
 - b. If this is the first year you are requesting a reduction due to a hardship, we also ask that you provide the Board with copies of your income tax filings for the two previous years (2022 & 2023). Two years of income tax forms need to be submitted for all persons residing in your household.
- 2. Year-end Financial Statements if you or anyone in your household has income resulting from interest payments or dividends. You must show the source of the income

Also attached for your reference are the following documents:

1. MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption Taxpayer Fact Sheet

2. City of Farmington Poverty Exemption Resolution

Due to the Board's concern that any reductions they grant are truly deserved, we are asking you to complete the application form and return it and other required paperwork to our office before either the March Board of Review, July Board of Review or the December Board of Review.

Call our office at 248-699-5130 for dates and times of Board of Review meetings

*** THE DEADLINE FOR ALL PAPERWORK IS ONE WEEK PRIOR TO BOARD OF REVIEW DATE ***

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding your assessment, the procedures for requesting a property tax reduction, or if you need any help completing the form, please call Assessor Julian Emerson at 248-858-0777.

Sincerely,

City of Farmington Assessing Department