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CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS GUIDELINES TO ASSIST PROPERTY OWNERS UNABLE TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – (South Haven, Michigan) City Council approved and adopted two separate programs at their January 22, 2019 regular meeting both of which provide similar benefits to citizens: 1) the 2019 property tax poverty exemption guidelines and 2) the 2019 special assessment district poverty exemption guidelines.

Property owners who are unable to reasonably pay annual property taxes and/or special assessments may apply to the programs to seek either a partial or full exemption from property taxes for the year of application.

A requirement of the programs is that the claimant must own and occupy the homestead property for which the exemption is requested. Decisions are determined by the poverty threshold income standards along with other standards such as asset eligibility limitations that City Council sets each year.

A property owner may apply for the poverty exemption at the City Assessor's Office, City Hall, 539 Phoenix Street, South Haven. Exemptions can be approved by the March, July, or December Boards of Review. Therefore, the last date to apply for 2019 would be prior to the December Board of Review – approximately December 1st.

More information about the Special Assessment Installment Poverty Exemption Program can be found on the Assessing Page of the City's website at the link below:

<http://www.south-haven.com/assessing/index.php>

For more information regarding application to the poverty exemption program, contact Jennifer Woodley in the City of South Haven Assessor's Office at 269-637-0745; jwoodley@south-haven.com

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