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Sidwell # _____

2008 POVERTY EXEMPTION APPLICATION

PETITIONER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Age: _____

Property Address: _____

Homestead %: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Marital Status

- Married
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Separated
- Single

Employment Status

- Employed Full-time
- Employed Part-time
- Retired
- Unemployed

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Monthly House Payment : _____ Taxes included? Yes No

2. Number of years remaining on the mortgage/land contract: _____

3. Are your property taxes paid? Yes No

4. Did you apply for a poverty exemption last year? Yes No If Yes, how many years have you received a poverty exemption: _____

5. Do you have an ownership interest in any other real estate?
 Yes No Location: _____

6. Have any improvements, changes or additions been made to the property in the last two years?

Yes No If yes, explain:

7. Does anyone contribute to your support? () Yes – Amount \$ _____ () No

Explain: _____

INCOME/EXPENSE INFORMATION

Please list all sources of your personal income. Please indicate the amount from each source on an annual basis.

Employment	
Pension	
Social Security/SSI	
Rental Income	
Unemployment/Workers Compensation	
Capital Gains/Losses	
General Assistance	
ADC	
Interest (Taxable and Non-Taxable)	
Dividends	
Child Support	
Other Income (Food Stamps, etc.)	
TOTAL INCOME	

What was the total income from all sources of everyone living in your household for the past two years?

Last year: _____ Prior year: _____

Any major expenses?

Medical Premiums: _____

Out-of-Pocket Medical: _____

Other Expenses: _____

RESIDENT STATUS

Please list all people currently living in your household other than yourself and spouse:

	1	2	3	4
Name				
Age				
Relationship				
Occupation				
Annual Income				
Claimed as Dependent?	() Yes () No			

ASSET INFORMATION

1. What are your current assets in addition to the real estate noted previously?

Cash	\$ _____
Saving Accounts/Certificates & Money Markets	\$ _____
Checking Accounts	\$ _____
Stocks/Bonds/Treasury Bills	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
Investments	\$ _____
IRS/Keogh Annuities/Deferred Compensation	\$ _____
Personal property held as investment (i.e., gems, jewelry, coin collections, etc.)	\$ _____
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ _____

2. Vehicles, Cars, Trucks, Boats, Trailers, Etc.

	#1	#2	#3
Make			
Model			
Year			
Value			
Balance Owed			

LOAN DEBT

Do you have other loans or land contracts outstanding? (Attach additional sheet if necessary)

To Whom	
Address	
Monthly Payment	
Current Balance	

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Address	
Monthly Payment	
Current Balance	

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

I/We, am/are, unable to pay the full property taxes on the above described property and hereby make this application for the property tax relief in accordance with Section 211.7u of the Michigan Compiled Laws. I/We have read this application and fully understand the contents thereof. I/We declare that the statements made herein are complete, true, and correct to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We further understand that if any information contained herein is found to be false or incomplete, any and all relief granted by this application will be forfeited and placed back on the assessment roll with penalties and interest occurring on the additional tax liability in accordance with Section 211.119 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Petitioner's Signature: _____

Spouse's Signature: _____

BOARD OF REVIEW

CITY COUNCIL POLICY FOR APPLICANTS REQUESTING CONSIDERATION UNDER SEC. 211.7u OF THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX ACT OF 1893 THE MICHIGAN HOMESTEAD POVERTY EXEMPTION

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. All applicants must obtain the proper application form from the City Office. Physically disabled or infirmed applicants may call the City Office to make necessary arrangements for assistance. Applications will be accepted after January 1, through the day prior to the last day of the Board of Review.
2. Applicants will not be eligible for consideration if the income as reported on their income tax forms is greater than the Federal poverty income standards.
3. All applicants must be the property owners and reside therein.
 - A. Must produce a driver's license or other acceptable method of identification, if requested by the Board of Review.
 - B. Must produce a deed, land contract or other evidence of ownership if requested by the Board of Review.
4. All applicants must fill out application form in its entirety and return it, in person, to this office, except as noted in item 1 above.
5. All applicants must submit last year's copies of the following for all persons residing in the homestead:
 - A. Federal Income Tax Return - 1040 or 1040A
 - B. W-2 Forms
 - C. Senior Citizens Homestead Property Tax Form MI-1040 CR-1
 - D. General Homestead Property Tax Claim MI-1040-CR-4
 - E. Statement from Social Security Administration and/or Michigan Social Services as to monies paid to you during previous year.
6. Applications may be filed with this office beginning January 1, 2008, but, in no event no later than the day prior to the last day of the Board of Review.

**FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES USED IN THE
DETERMINATION OF PVERTY EXEMPTIONS FOR 2008**

The following are the federal poverty income standards which the United States Office of Management and Budget recommends that federal departments and agencies use. The standards are actually compiled and published by the Bureau of the Census which refers to them a “Poverty Thresholds.”

The following are the Poverty Thresholds as of 12-31-2007.

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$10,210
2	\$13,690
3	\$17,170
4	\$20,650
5	\$24,130
6	\$27,610
7	\$31,090
8	\$34,570
For each additional person, add	\$3,480