



Poverty Tax Exemption (PTE)

If your household income is below the poverty line, a Poverty Tax Exemption may help you dramatically reduce your property taxes for the current year.

What is it?

Poverty Tax Exemption (PTE) is an exemption that lowers current year’s property taxes for low income homeowner-occupants. Reducing this year’s taxes is part of a strategy to stay out of foreclosure. It will help you to stay current on your payment plan with the Wayne County Treasurer (if you have one) and make it easier for you to deal with delinquent property taxes.

Do I qualify?

- You must have a recorded deed, land contract, probate order, or other proof of registered ownership
- You must have a Property Transfer Affidavit (PTA) on file with the local assessor, listing you as the taxpayer.
- You must have a Principle Residence Exemption (PRE) on file with the local assessor, listing this property as your home, or primary residence.
- Have an household income at below the poverty line:

| Household Size | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Full Exemption | \$ 16,600 | \$ 19,250 | \$ 22,100 | \$ 25,600 | \$ 27,400 | \$ 30,000 | \$33,800 | \$ 37,600 |
| Half Exemption | \$ 19,160 | \$ 22,450 | \$ 24,600 | \$ 28,100 | \$ 29,900 | \$ 32,500 | \$35,300 | \$ 39,100 |

To Apply

- Get your application from the City Assessor (**Detroit: 2 Woodward Ave., Room 804**).
- Gather supporting documents that apply to your situation:
 - o Deed (or other proof of ownership)
 - o Current government ID for all adults over 18 in household
 - o Proof of all forms of income for each member of household (W-2, paystubs, SSI/SSD statement, food stamp award letter, etc.).
 - o Proof of expenses (DTE bill, water bill, tax payment plan, loan, credit card, medical bills, phone bill, cable/internet, car insurance, etc.)
 - o Proof of assets (bank statement, 401k statement, insurance settlements, etc)
 - o Report card for school-aged children
 - o If you are receiving assistance from family members/friends, you may need a notarized letter
- Bring application and supporting documents to UCHC during counseling hours
- Submit to City Assessor

Note: You must apply every year to get it every year. Even if you are granted a full exemption, you will owe some taxes (the waste fee).

Free Counseling Assistance

United Community Housing Coalition / Michigan Legal Services

Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings 9 am - noon

2727 Second Ave., Suite 313, Detroit, MI 48201

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