

City of Detroit Hardship Program Property Tax Exemption: Qualified homeowners can lower their taxes!



Who is Eligible?

- If you are a low-income homeowner in Detroit, **you may be eligible to have your property taxes for the upcoming year reduced through a property tax exemption.** To get an exemption, you must request an application. Applications are mailed out January-November, but for full exemptions, request an application by March. *Income guidelines are listed on the back of this flier.*
- **This program is for owner-occupied homes only, so you must also have a Principal Residence Exemption (PRE).** This means that you have a recorded deed for the house.

How to Apply!

Please read the information and follow the steps below.

- 1) **Go to the City Assessor's office, 8th floor, Room 804 of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (2 Woodward Ave) to request an application for a property tax exemption or poverty exemption.** The city will add you to the list and then mail you an application. **To have your tax bill reduced for 2015, you must request this application between Jan – March of the current year. You can still apply for the Exemption for next year's taxes if you have missed the deadline.**
- 2) An application will be mailed to you with a due date stamped on your application. United Community Housing Coalition can help you complete your application. You can visit their office at 220 Bagley, Suite 900, Detroit, MI 48226 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. for assistance. You must bring your application with you and all required documentation. Read the last page of the application to make sure you have all the documentation; documentation is also listed on the following page.
- 3) **You could be denied if you do not fill out the application correctly, so we strongly recommend that you visit United Community Housing Coalition (313-963-3310) for assistance.**
- 4) Please note that if you file a property tax exemption, you must file income taxes for this year.



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CITY OF DETROIT INCOME GUIDELINES

Here are the income guidelines for 2012. Guidelines may change in 2014. Household income is the combined income of everyone in the household.

Household Size	Full Exemption	50% Exemption
1	16,660	19,160
2	19,950	22,450
3	22,100	24,600
4	25,600	28,100
5	27,400	29,900
6	30,000	32,500
7	33,800	35,300
8	37,600	39,100

If there are over 8 people, add \$3000/ person for a full exemption and \$1500/ person for a 50% exemption

Applicants must report all household income and provide proof of income and all savings, and report all vehicles owned. Savings, vehicles, and other assets must be less than \$10,000.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

You might need the following documents. Start gathering this information and bring this to your meeting with United Community Housing Coalition.

- Income tax return
- Proof of income
- Current DTE bill
- Current water bill
- Picture id with your current address
- Report cards for school-aged children
- Other documents mentioned in application

Other Important Information

It is very important that you fill out the application correctly or you could be denied. Please visit the United Communities Housing Coalition for help at 220 Bagley, Suite 900, Detroit, MI 48226 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

While this will help you to reduce your 2013 taxes, this does not reduce any existing tax debt. **If you are facing tax foreclosure, there may be some additional resources to help you address your tax debt.** Please contact Michigan Legal Services at 313-964-4130 to learn more about resources to prevent tax foreclosure.

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