

Property Assessment Board of Review

2022 CITIZEN INFORMATION PACKET

IMPORTANT: Certain information within this packet is time sensitive and will only be relevant for the year stated on this packet.

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DETROIT BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review hears and determines appeals along with certain other matters concerning real and personal property assessments and/or classifications. The Board of Review is one of the only opportunities in which a taxpayer may appeal before taxation on their real and/or personal property. The Board of Review has three (3) periods during the year in which its work must be complete based upon statutory mandates; they are the March Board of Review, July Board of Review and December Board of Review.

The Board of Review shall represent a cross-section of the community and shall be composed of nine (9) residents of the city (one from each of the seven council districts and two at-large) who shall be appointed by a majority of the City Council members serving on the basis of their knowledge of and familiarity with real estate property values, assessment practices and taxation. As far as possible, different professions and occupations shall be represented on the Board. The Board members shall not be members of any other city agency, board, department, commission or other division of municipal government.

Valuation appeals are generally heard during the month of March only after an appeal is made to the Assessor's Office between the 1st and 15th of February. The Board of Review shall appoint special subcommittees to review and submit recommendations to the full Board of Review on appeals requesting tax exemptions on the basis of poverty under MCL211.7u and/or disabled veterans exemption under P.A. 161.

MCL211.7u: The principal residence of persons who, in the judgment of the.....Board of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under this act.

P.A. 161: Real property used and owned as a homestead by a disabled veteran who was discharged from the armed forces of the United States under honorable conditions or by an individual described in subsection (2) is exempt from the collection of taxes under this act.

If you are appealing your property tax value during the March Board of Review, it is important that you provide as much accurate information about your property as possible including photographs, estimates for repairs, sales studies, comparisons and/or any other information that you may need to present relative to the change in assessment you are requesting. Information about your neighborhood and the surrounding areas may be considered but your focus should be your primary property first.

Correspondence and Contact Information:

Property Assessment Board of Review

- District 4 Willie Donwell, Administrator
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City of Detroit: How to Appeal Your Assessment

There are three possible steps to the annual appeal process:

- 1. Assessors Review (local)
- 2. March Board of Review (local)
- 3. Michigan Tax Tribunal (state)

<u>Assessors Review</u> can take into account such circumstances as structural defects, fire damage or demolition. Property Owner/Authorized Agent may also appeal the assessed value at this time. Persons acting as the authorized agent for the property owner must submit a completed "Letter of Authorization", as prescribed by the City of Detroit. All companies, LLC's and/or Corporations must provide organization documents along with title and name of authorized person to speak on behalf of company.

To appear before the Board of Review, an appeal must be made during the Assessors Review Period February 1, 2022, thru February 22, 2022

Property Owner/Authorized Agent may Appeal online, by letter, or email <u>AssessorReview@detroitmi.gov</u>. Any appeals thru email must be received by 4:30 pm on February 22, 2022. If the appeal is in writing, the mail must be postmarked by February 22, 2022. A drop box is located outside the Woodward public entrance of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center to submit your appeal. <u>Faxed appeals will not be accepted.</u>

To service the City's taxpayers more efficiently we have initiated a process which will be required in situations involving multiple appeals. If you are filing appeals concerning more than 10 parcels, the Multiple Parcel Appeal Letter and Multiple Parcel Appeal Spreadsheet will be the ONLY manner in which you may present your appeals to both the Assessor and March board of Review.

The office address is: City of Detroit - Assessors Review Coleman A. Young Municipal Center 2 Woodward Ave., Suite 824 Detroit, MI 48226 (313) 224-3035

Taxpayers who are dissatisfied with the February Assessors Review decision may appeal to the March Board of Review:

City of Detroit - Board of Review Coleman A. Young Municipal Center 2 Woodward Ave., Suite 824 Detroit, MI 48226

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261, et seq., due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the health of the public, participants and board members, the Board of Review will be meeting in-person but strongly encourage appearing remotely due to limited space and continued health protection.

<u>March Board of Review</u> begins the Tuesday following the first Monday in March (March 8, 2022) and ends March 26, 2022. Your appeal must be received by Monday, March 21, 2022. Taxpayers will receive an appointment to appear before the Board of Review.

Michigan Tax Tribunal

Property Classified Residential Real Property

Protest at the March Board of Review is necessary to protect your rights to further appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/or State Tax Commission for classification appeals. To appeal a decision of the March Board of Review, you must write to the Michigan Tax Tribunal before July 31st of the current year. Please visit www.michigan.gov/taxtrib for the appropriate appeal form. Classification appeal deadline is June 30th

Property Classified Commercial Personal, Industrial Personal and Utility Personal

Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property Taxpayers may appeal to the City of Detroit or directly to the Michigan ax Tribunal. If they chose to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, they must do so in writing by May 31st. Additionally, Personal Property owners must have filed their Personal Property statement by February 20, 2022. **Residential Property** <u>must</u> begin appeal process **February 1st thru 22nd at the Assessors Review.**

> Michigan Tax Tribunal P.O. Box 30232 Lansing, MI 48909 (517) 335-9760 www.michigan.gov/taxtrib

2022 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review is composed of nine (9) residents of the city appointed by City Council to hear and determine appeals along with certain other matters concerning real and personal property assessments and/or classifications. The Board of Review is one of the only opportunities in which a property owner may appeal before taxation of their real and/or personal property.

- Appeals must be made to the Assessors Review before the March Board of Review may consider them.
- Appeals to the March Board of Review must be filed by the third Monday in March.
- The March Board of Review may only determine if your assessment is fair, not how much tax you will pay.
- A "Letter of Authorization" is required if you have a representative (i.e. family, tax rep, etc.)

What the March Board of Review may consider regarding value:

- Sales Approach based on a sales comparison of like properties in your area. When doing a sales comparison be fair. Do not only look at distressed sales, a fair comparison looks at the entire market with limitations on sales under duress
- Income Approach Your monthly income versus expenses. If you are going to use this approach be prepared to provide information to substantiate your claim.
- Cost Approach the new construction cost of your real property with any factors that may adjust its value (depreciation, functional obsolescence, structural, etc.)

REAL TALK! WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO PREPARE

Is the property in your name? Make sure that your name is listed on the property with the Office of the Assessor. Why do you believe the assessment is not fair? – Is it because of other sales of homes like yours or is there something wrong with your home that reduces the value? You can ask the Assessor for the sales study used to value your home. What's wrong with your property? – Make a list of everything wrong with your property. Please provide photos. How much will it cost to repair? – Provide estimates if possible.

What's wrong with your neighborhood? – What is the condition of properties close to yours (provide photos)? What do you believe the assessment should be? – Tell us what you think your property is worth.

You will have a limited time to make your presentation, so provide your documentation in advance of the meeting.

Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property may file directly with the Michigan Tax Tribunal prior to May 31st. Personal Property statements must be filed with the City of Detroit by February 20th. Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property must file during the Assessor's Review if you plan to appeal to the Board of Review.

Pursuant to the City of Detroit Health Department Emergency Epidemic Order in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Per MCL 333.2453, Declaration of Continued Emergency Due to COVID-19, to Extend Remote Public Access to Open Meetings and Prohibit Gatherings at Meetings that Risk the Personal Health and Safety of Members of the Public and Public Bodies, effective from January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022, the Detroit Board of Review will be meeting in person. Virtual public attendance is strongly encouraged due to the meeting room being subject to space limitation.

If you get behind with your property taxes, call or visit the Wayne County Treasurer to find out your status.

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ARE YOUR DOING A SALES COMPARISON?

It is important that you provide as much accurate information about your property as possible including photographs, estimates for repairs, sales studies, comparisons and/or any other information that you may need to present relative to the change in assessment you are requesting. Information about your neighborhood and the surrounding areas may be considered but your focus should be your primary property first.

When you are comparing other properties to yours, you want to look for properties that are very similar to yours and then answer the following questions. First, regarding your property then each of the additional properties that you would like to use for your comparison:

Property Address: the property address allows us to identify the location of each property used in the comparison. **Distance:** from your property: you want to make sure the property is in your same neighborhood.

Type: what type of structure is the property? Brick, frame, wood, stucco, etc.

Use: what is the use of the structure, single family, two family, apartment building, etc.

Height: how tall is the structure? 1 story, 1 ½ story, 2 story, 2 story with attic, etc.

Lot Size: what are the dimensions of the land the structure is sitting? 120' x 50', 110' x 35', etc.

Square Footage: what is the square footage of the structure? 900 square feet, 1520 square feet, etc.

Garage: is there a garage? If so, what size is it? 1 car, 2 car, etc.

Year Built: when was the structure built?

How many bedrooms: How many bedrooms does the structure have

Air Conditioning: Does the structure have air conditioning?

Other (pool, sunroom, deck, etc.): What other features does the property have? Pool, sunroom, deck, etc.

How much did it sell for? What was the purchase price when the property sold?

When did it sell? What was the date of the purchase?

Was it a distressed sales (bank foreclosure, etc.)? Did the buyer see a benefit or incentive for making the purchase?

DESCRIPTION	YOUR PROPERTY	COMPARABLE 1	COMPARABLE 2	COMPARABLE 3
Property Address				
Distance from your home				
Type (Brick, Siding, Stucco, etc.)				
Use (Single, 2 Family, etc)				
Height (1 story, 1 1/2 story, 2 story)				
Lot Size				
Square Footage				
Garage (None, 1 car, 2 car, etc.)				
Year Built				
How many bedrooms				
Air Conditioning	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
Other (pool, sunroom, deck)				
How much did it sell for?				
When did it sell?				
Was it a distressed sale (bank,				
foreclosure, etc.)	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N

A General Guide To Your Property Taxes And Proposal "A"

PROPOSAL "A"; WHAT ARE PROPERTY TAXES BASED ON?

On March 15, 1994, Michigan voters approved the constitutional amendment known as Proposal "A". Prior to Proposal "A", property tax calculations were based on Assessed Value. Proposal "A" established "Taxable Value" as the basis for the calculation of property taxes. Increases in Taxable Value (following increases for additions and losses) are limited to the percent change in the rate of inflation or 5%, whichever is less.

Even in years where we have a stable or depreciating market, Taxable Value of a property will increase every year until it reaches the Assessed Value. The limit on Taxable Value does not apply to a property in the year following a transfer of ownership (sale).

Notice of Assessment

Each year, prior to the March meeting of the local boards of review, informational notices are mailed. The "Notice of Assessment, Taxable Value, and Property Classification" also includes the tentative State Equalized Value, the percent of exemption as a Principal Residence and if there was or was not a Transfer of Ownership. The Notice includes the dates and times of the March Board of Review. The Board of Review can hear appeals of the current year's Assessed and/or Tentative Taxable Value, Property Classification Appeals, Poverty Exemptions under MCL211.7u and Disabled Veterans Exemption under P.A. 161.

If you plan to appeal your property tax value, it is important that you provide as much accurate information about your property as possible including photographs, estimates for repairs, sales studies, comparisons and/or any other information that you may need to present relative to the change in assessment you are requesting. Information about your neighborhood and the surrounding areas may be considered but your focus should be your primary property first.

Principal Residence Exemption

If you own and occupy your home as your principal residence, it may be exempt from a portion of local school operating taxes. On your "Notice of Assessment" the current percentage of your principal residence exemption is listed.

WAYS TO REDUCE TAX OBLIGATION

- Principal Residence Exemption (Must apply by May 1st to be reflected on Summer Tax Bill)
- Assessment Appeal (Must appeal first to the Assessors Review during February 1-22)
- Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (New, Rehab and Homestead)
- Senior Citizen Solid Waste Fee Reduction
- HOPE Tax Exemption (MCL211.7u)
- Veterans Exemption (P.A. 161)
- Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit

All filings are time sensitive, so don't forget to file timely.

FREQUENTLY ASKED TAX QUESTIONS?

Did you know that in Michigan a transfer of ownership triggers what is called "UN-CAPPING"?

Changes of ownership may or may not affect your property taxes depending on whether the conveyance is considered a transfer of ownership. In accordance with the Michigan Constitution as amended by Proposal A of 1994, a transfer of ownership will cause the taxable value of the transferred property to uncap in the calendar year following the year of the transfer of ownership. Some exceptions apply, check with the Office of the Assessor and read the Property Transfer Affidavit carefully before filing.

Did you know that the City of Detroit has more than 150 Neighborhood Enterprise Zone – Homestead territories?

The NEZ Homestead abatement reduces both the City of Detroit and the Wayne County Operating Millage by 50 percent. This typically results in a 15 to 20 percent savings for most homeowners. Please keep in mind, the tax savings is a reduction in the City and County operating millage rates. All other millage rates and fees remain the same. In order to determine if you are eligible for the NEZ property tax abatement,

- You must have purchased your home after December 31, 1996
- You must both own and occupy your home as your primary residence. The deed or land contract must be in your name, you must have a Property Transfer Affidavit (PTA) and Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) on file with the Office of the Assessor.
- You must commit to a minimum of \$500 in repairs/improvements to your home over a two-year period.

Did you know that the difference between Homestead and Non-Homestead millage rates can be as high as \$18 per thousand?

If you own and occupy you home as your principal residence you may qualify for a reduction of the School Operating Millage of up to 18 millage points. In order to qualify for the exemption, you must file a Principal Residence Exemption affidavit with the Office of the Assessor seeking the exemption. Approved homeowners that file before June 1st will see the reduction on their summer tax bill. An adjustment of up to 3 priors may be available to homeowners that did apply for the exemption provided that proper evidence is provided.

Did you know that in Michigan you have the right to appeal the value of your real and personal property each year, even without receiving notice?

Property owners have the right to file an appeal with the local assessor even without receiving an assessment notice. In the City of Detroit the appeal must first be filed during the Assessor Review February 1st the February 22nd. Property owners not satisfied with the decision may the file an appeal with the March Board of Review. A further appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal may be filed if needed, but only after an appeal the March Board of Review has been heard.

Did you know there is a penalty for not timely filing the ownership transfer with the local assessor?

Property Transfer Affidavit (PTA) is required by law to be filed with the local assessor within 45 days of the transfer of real property in the State of Michigan or a penalty of \$5 per day will be applied with a maximum penalty of \$200 for residential and \$20 per day with a maximum of \$1,000 for commercial.

Property taxes are levied July 1st each year

Property taxes are levied July 1st each year. Summer taxes one half is due by August 15th or pay in full by August 31st to avoid interest and fees. Winter taxes are due January 15th to avoid interest and fees. Uncollected taxes are forwarded to the Wayne County Treasurer for collection on March 1st.

HELPFUL TIPS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR ASSESSMENT A to Z

Let's start from the beginning. - DID YOU KNOW?

- A. Make sure your property reflects proper ownership.
- B. Proof of ownership is required to file an appeal. (Property Transfer Affidavits are required to be filed within 45 days of the transfer. Penalty for late filing is \$5.00 per day up to a maximum of \$200 for residential. Maximum penalty starts at \$1,000.00 on commercial and industrial based on price of sale.
- C. A notarized Letter of Authorization is required if you have a representative (i.e. tax rep, family member or friend, etc.)
- D. In the City of Detroit you must appeal at the Assessor's Review prior to an appeal to the Board of Review. (Assessor's Review period is between February 1st through February 22nd)
- E. The decision of the Board of Review may be appealed to the MTT (Michigan Tax Tribunal). Residential appeals must be filed by July 31st.
- F. Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property may file directly with the MTT prior to May 31st. Personal Property statements must be filed with the City of Detroit by February 20th. Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property must file during the Assessor's Review if you plan to appeal to the Board of Review.
- G. The job of the Board of Review is to determine if your assessment is fair, not how much tax you will pay.
- H. Your Assessment is the beginning stage of property taxation.
- I. The **Assessed Value** of your property should represent 50% of the true cash value. The Assessment process is done each year under specified guidelines.
- J. State Equalized Value is a result of the County and State equalization process.
- K. The **Taxable Value** (in certain processes called **Capped Value**) is multiplied against the Millage Rate to determine your tax.
- L. The Taxable Value can never be higher than the Assessed Value.
- M. Your Taxable Value can increase yearly by the Rate of Inflation (CPI), but no more than 5%.
- N. The current years Taxable Value = (Last Year's Taxable Value Losses) x (CPI) + Additions
- O. The following year of a transfer of ownership the **Taxable Value** rises to meet the **Assessed Value**, this is called **Un-Capping**. (Proposal "A")
- P. If you own and occupy your property as your primary residence, you may receive a **Principal Residence Exemption**. (Must apply by May 1st to reflect on summer tax bill)
- Q. The Board of Review may lower your assessment and still not reduce your taxes, because millage rates and taxable value can change every year.
- R. Have you reviewed your **Record Data**; it contains information regarding your real property and is part of the assessment process. (EXAMPLE: Did you have a garage that has been torn down?)
- S. You may receive an **Assessment Notice** that reflects your current years Assessed and Taxable Values and you have a right to appeal the **Assessed Value** placed on this notice.
- T. You must appeal during the specified dates and times.
- U. You must be specific about your property issues. Bring comparisons, estimates, photos and other evidence that will support your appeal.
- V. You should do your own sales comparison, but be fair. Do not only look at distressed sales, a fair comparison looks at the entire market with limitations on sales under duress.
- W. Do you live in one of Detroit's Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Homestead Districts and purchased your home after 1997? An NEZ-H may help reduce your tax liability.
- X. If you are low income and cannot pay your property tax, assistance may be available with HOPE.
- Y. Under P.A. 161 Disabled Veterans Exemption, veterans may be able to find property tax relief.
- Z. If you get behind with your property taxes, call or visit the Wayne County Treasurer to find out your status. Board of Review has no authority outside of the law to change, adjust or eliminate back taxes.

DISABLED VETERANS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

The Governor of the State of Michigan signed into law P.A. 161 of 2013. This Act amends MCL 211.7b regarding Veterans Exemptions to read as follows:

Sec. 7b. (1) Real property used and owned as a homestead by a disabled veteran who was discharged from the armed forces of the United States under honorable conditions or by an individual described in subsection (2) is exempt from the collection of taxes under this act. To obtain the exemption, an affidavit showing the facts required by this section and a description of the real property shall be filed by the property owner or his or her legal designee with the supervisor or other assessing officer during the period beginning with the tax day for each year and ending at the time of the final adjournment of the local board of review. The affidavit when filed shall be open to inspection. The county treasurer shall cancel taxes subject to collection under this act for any year in which a disabled veteran eligible for the exemption under this section, each local taxing unit shall bear the loss of its portion of the taxes upon which the exemption has been granted.

(2) If a disabled veteran who is otherwise eligible for the exemption under this section dies, either before or after the exemption under this section is granted, the exemption shall remain available to or shall continue for his or her un-remarried surviving spouse. The surviving spouse shall comply with the requirements of subsection (1) and shall indicate on the affidavit that he or she is the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran entitled to the exemption under this section. The exemption shall continue as long as the surviving spouse remains un-remarried.

(3) As used in this section, "disabled veteran" means a person who is a resident of this state and who meets 1 of the following criteria:

(a) Has been determined by the United States department of veterans' affairs to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veteran's benefits at the 100% rate.

(b) Has a certificate from the United States veterans' administration, or its successors, certifying that he or she is receiving or has received pecuniary assistance due to disability for specially adapted housing.

(c) Has been rated by the United States department of veterans' affairs as individually unemployable.

When applying for P.A. 161 - Disabled Veterans Exemption please remember:

1. This exemption is only available to disabled veterans or, if the veteran has died, to their un-remarried surviving spouse who own and use the home as their homestead.

2. The disabled veteran or their surviving spouse must be a resident of the State of Michigan.

3. Please provide the following when applying:

a. A completed and signed State of Michigan Form 5107 – Disabled Veterans Exemption Affidavit.

b. Yearend determination statement from U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs which clearly identifies your current service connected rating.

c. Current State of Michigan Driver's License or identification card which clearly matches the property in which the exemption is being requested.

4. Exemption requests must be submitted annually prior to the last meeting of the December Board of Review.

Detroit Citizens Board of Review 2022 Process for Reviewing Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE) Applications

- 1. Each applicant must own and occupy the property as his/her primary Homestead as of December 31, 2021 and must be on file with the Office of the Assessor.
- Homeowners may be granted a full (100%), partial 50% exemption or partial 25% exemption. Regarding a Homestead Property Tax Credit that is forwarded to the City of Detroit, the proportioned amount remaining shall be exempt in whole or in part in accordance with the decision of the Board of Review.

To be considered for an exemption, the applicant is required to submit the following to the Board of Review:

- A completed and signed Application for MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption Michigan Treasury Form 5737
- Complete Federal and State Income Tax Returns filed in 2022 for 2021 (filed in 2021 for 2020 will be accepted), with all schedules, including any Homestead Property Tax Credit and Home Heating Credit returns, for ALL adults residing at the property.
 - For all adults residing at the property who were **not required** to file taxes, the Michigan Treasury Form 4988 Poverty Exemption Affidavit and IRS 4506-T must be completed and signed.
 - Additionally, all adults residing at the property who were **not required** to file taxes must provide proof of all sources of past years (2021) income for all members in the household including minor children.
- ALL other required supporting documentation. This should include:
 - \circ $\,$ Current identification for homeowner and all household members above the age of 18 $\,$
 - Proof of residency for minor children (report card, transcript, FIA Statement, etc.)
 - Recorded proof of ownership
 - Documents verifying family/household composition
 - Household debts and expenses (only if the household income exceeds the income guidelines)

The Board of Review retains the right to request additional information from the applicant.

3. Household (Related and Non-Related) Composition and Annual Income – The Detroit Board of Review has established the following maximum eligible income as a guideline and as an aid in eliminating subjective judgments for reviewing 2022 petitions. See table below:

Number in Household	Maximum Income for Full (100%) Exemption	Maximum Income for Partial (50%) Exemption	Maximum Income for Partial (25%) Exemption
1	\$17,774.00	\$20,479.00	\$23,055.00
2	\$21,427.00	\$24,040.00	\$26,478.00
3	\$23.717.00	\$26,352.00	\$28,768.00
4	\$27,560.00	\$30,210.00	\$32,860.00
5	\$31,040.00	\$33,834.00	\$36,317.00
6	\$35,580.00	\$38,426.00	\$40,917.00
7	\$40,120.00	\$42,928.00	\$45,336.00
8	\$44,660.00	\$47,340.00	\$50,019.00

Add \$4,540.00 to the income limit for each household member above eight for a full exemption. For a partial 50% exemption add \$4,812.00 to the income limit for each household member above eight. For a partial 25% exemption add \$5,085.00 to the income for each household member above eight.

In addition, the total household assets (i.e. bank accounts, other real property, boats, campers, stocks, bonds, IRA's, other assets in or out of the United States, etc.) **SHALL NOT** exceed \$12,000.00. Verification of additional assets will be done for all parties and household members applying for property tax assistance. Information not provided by applicant that is discovered by the Board of Review may cause your application to be denied. If you have assets totaling more than \$12,000.00, explain your special circumstances and why your application should be approved despite your assets.

Detroit Citizens Board of Review 2022 Process for Reviewing Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE) Applications

4. Each application is reviewed according to individual circumstances based on information submitted by the applicant. The Board of Review utilizes all information in judging the taxpayer's ability to meet the tax obligation. If the taxpayer is within the above guidelines, the taxpayer may be granted a full or partial exemption. If the taxpayer is outside the above guidelines, the exemption will usually be denied.

The Board of Review may consider a reduction as approved by the State Tax Commission. In such an instance, the taxpayer shall be advised in writing of the granting or denying of an exemption and the reason shall also be noted on the application.

The Board of Review will receive applications and supporting materials up until the day before the final date of the December Board of Review, but to ensure that the Board has adequate time to review your request, please return at least two weeks before the March, July or December meeting dates:

March BOR meeting date: April 4th, 2022 July BOR meeting date: July 19th, 2022 December BOR meeting date: December 13th, 2022.

If approved for a multi-year exemption, eligible applicants may remain exempt for up to 3 additional years without reapplication. These guidelines are in accordance with the amendments to Section 7(u) of MCL 211 *et seq.*

It should be noted that each taxpayer's circumstances are considered anew each year. An incomplete application will delay the disposition process of the application and may also cause it to be denied.

Assistance with your application is available at:

Board of Review - Coleman A. Young Municipal Center 2 Woodward Ave. - Suite 105 Detroit, Michigan 48226 313-628-0722

Applications must be submitted by December 12, 2022 to:

Office of the Assessor – Coleman A. Young Municipal Center 2 Woodward Ave. – Suite 804 Detroit, Michigan 48226

Important: Any person who knowingly makes a false statement, omission or misrepresentation may not be considered for this assistance program and may be prosecuted to the fullest extent provided by law. Any/All applicants are subject to random home inspection for compliance with the City of Detroit guidelines.

Respectfully submitted,

DETROIT CITIZENS BOARD OF REVIEW

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Jacqueline Robinson, Member – District 1	Maria Muhammad, Member – District 5
Vacant, Member – District 2	Rocio Ocampo, Member – District 6
Dianne Allen, Member – District 3	Lewis Moore, Vice Chair – District 7

Geraldine Chatman, Chair – At-Large

2022 Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE) Important information about HPTAP:

- HOPE is provided in accordance with MCL 211.7u of the General Property Tax Act.
- You must own and occupy the property as your principal residence before December 31st of the prior year.
 You must apply each year for the HOPE to be considered for an exemption.
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 You must complete the entire application and provide ALL required documentation.
- You must complete the entire application and provide ALL required documentation. Failure to do so will delay the consideration of your application and could result in a denial.
- Applications are available at the Office of the Assessor in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center or online at <u>www.detroitmi.gov/hope</u>

The Board of Review (BOR) releases decisions only three (3) times per year (after):

March BOR meeting date: April 4TH, 2022 July BOR meeting date: July 19th, 2022 December BOR meeting date: December 12th, 2022

- You are encouraged to apply at least two weeks before the March, July or December Board of Review. Applications that are submitted after December 12th, 2022 will not be considered.
- The Board of Review (BOR) will review your application and decide if an exemption will be granted. If more information or follow-up is needed, the BOR may contact you by phone or by mail.
- You will be mailed a decision letter within ten (10) business days after the close of the BOR in which your application was decided on.
- If you are granted an exemption at the March BOR, you will receive a lowered tax bill for that year.
- If you are granted an exemption at either the July or December BOR, you will receive a full property tax bill in July. An adjusted tax bill will be mailed after the July or December BOR. If you pay your tax bill and are then granted an exemption, you will be mailed a refund for the excess payment.
- If you are not granted an exemption, you will receive an explanation in your decision letter. This will include the process and timeline for appealing this decision if you choose to do so.

What you should know about your property tax obligation:

- If you are granted an exemption, it will only lower the current year's property taxes.
- Make sure you apply again every year to lower future years' taxes.
- You must pay the solid waste fee (trash pick-up), even if you are granted an exemption.
- If you owe property taxes for past years, contact the Wayne County Treasurer by phone at (313) 224-5990 or online at https://pta.waynecounty.com/. Free tax counseling is available at the United Community Housing Coalition, 9am-12pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday (2727 2nd Ave. Suite 313).

The following additional programs are available to reduce your taxes:

- Assessment Appeal (You must appeal during February 1st 22nd)
- Homestead Property Tax Credit (Michigan Treasury Form 1040CR)
- Pay As You Stay (Wayne County Treasurer)
- Interest Reduced Stipulated Payment Agreement (Wayne County Treasurer)
- Michigan Homeowners Assistance Fund (MiHAF)
- Solid Waste Reduction 65 and older with total household income of \$40,000 or less (Detroit Office of the Treasury)

Sincerely,

Detroit Board of Review

Get FREE Property Tax Assistance

Contact the organization closest to you for help on your HPTAP application.

Presented by:

ROCKET Community Fund



	ORGANIZATION NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL
1	FRIENDS OF THE ALGER THEATER	(313) 720 - 3904	friends@algertheater.org
2	EASTSIDE COMMUNITY NETWORK	(313) 364 - 9423	help@ecn-detroit.org
3	JEFFERSON EAST, INC.	(313) 314 - 6414	neighborhoodsvcshub@jeffersoneast.org
4	MACC DEVELOPMENT	(313) 731 - 2037	edythe@mackave.com
5	U-SNAP-BAC	(313) 640 - 1100	jawanaj@usnapbac.org
6	CENTRAL DETROIT CHRISTIAN	(313) 873 - 00640 ext. 22	tsmith@centraldetroitchristian.org
7	CODY ROUGE COMMUNITY ACTION ALLIANCE	(313) 397 - 9280	rbare@codyrouge.org
8	GRANDMONT ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	(313) 387 - 4732 ext. 103	kyarbrough@grandmontrosedale.com
9	BRIDGING COMMUNITIES	(313) 361 - 6377	g.white@bridgingcommunities.org
10	SOUTHWEST ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS	(313) 841 - 9641 ext. 374	kralston@swsol.org

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For additional assistance, please reach out to the following organizations:

HOUSING ASSISTANCE	UNITED COMMUNITY HOUSING COALITION	(313) 405 - 7726	uchcdetroit.org/resources
FUNDING ASSISTANCE	WAYNE METRO	(313) 388 - 9799	waynemetro.org/cares
INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE	ACCOUNTING AID SOCIETY	(313) 556 -1920	accountingaidsociety.org

For Detroit Residents Detroit Tax Relief Fund

This program is for Detroit homeowners who LIVE IN and OWN their home and are struggling with property tax debt. The first step of this program is to apply and be approved for the City of Detroit HOPE property tax exemption for current year property taxes.

Begin an eligibility review for the Detroit Tax Relief Fund online or by phone!

(313) 244-0274

Frequently Asked Questions - Detroit

What is the Detroit Tax Relief Fund?

The Detroit Tax Relief Fund was created by the Gilbert Family Foundation and Rocket Community Fund to eliminate remaining delinquent property taxes for Detroit homeowners who have been approved for Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE) program and the Pay As You Stay (PAYS) program.

Who is eligible?

If you are a Detroit homeowner struggling with your property taxes, you may be eligible. Please call 313-244-0274 to learn more.

How do I apply for HOPE and PAYS?

PAYS is available only to homeowners who have been granted an HOPE. To get help applying for the HOPE program call 313-244-0474 to be connected to organizations that can help you apply.

What are HOPE and PAYS?

The Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE) program is a City of Detroit program that helps low-income homeowners eliminate or lower their CURRENT year property taxes. The Pay As You Stay (PAYS) program is administered by the Wayne County Treasurer's office and reduces back taxes owed by homeowners who have been granted a HOPE. You must be granted a HOPE in order to be eligible for PAYS.

What if I have applied for the HOPE program but haven't received an approval letter yet? Interested residents should call 313-244-0274 to confirm eligibility.

Do I need to apply for HOPE every year?

Yes. You need to submit a HOPE application annually to remain exempt.

Provided by the Gilbert Foundation and the Rocket Community Fund



The City of Detroit Treasurer's Office offers a convenient escrow-like program that allows property owners to set money aside for their upcoming 2022 taxes!

The Plan Ahead Property Tax Savings Program starts on February 1st each year, allowing you to make daily, weekly or monthly payments towards your upcoming tax bill. Here's how it works:

- Deposits can be made using the DivDat Kiosk network or the DivdDat Mobile App
- Deposits can be made monthly, biweekly, weekly, any time of the day, any day of the week
- To participate in the program, property owners need to simply make a deposit, there is no enrollment
- The City will apply deposited funds to your tax bill when it becomes payable

Who can use The Program?

Program is available to all residential property owners whose taxes are not escrowed with a mortgage company. This applied to both owner occupied parcels and rentals. You can participate even if you have delinquent taxes at the Wayne County Treasurer's Office.

Are there any fees for using The Program?

There are no fees and no enrollment! Visit a DivDat Kiosk, select Plan Ahead Property Tax Savings Program and make your first deposit. Your funds will go into a dedicated escrow account that can only be used for your property tax bill.

How do I know how much to pay?

On February 1st, an estimated balance for both summer and winter taxes will be available for payment. The DivDat Kiosk and Mobile App will also display a monthly estimated payment amount, helping you to budget your finances throughout the year! Your balance will be updated when the tax bill is finalized or if there is an adjustment.

How do I know if I've paid my full tax balance?

You will still receive a summer and winter tax bill. You will also be able to see how much you've deposited into your account through the DivDat Kiosk and Mobile App. You will also receive email or text reminders and notifications throughout the year.

Learn more by visiting Detroitmi.gov and searching "Plan Ahead Property Tax Savings Program" or contact us. The Detroit Taxpayer Service Center is available by email, phone or in-person to address any questions you have!!

Detroit Taxpayer Service Center

Email – <u>DTSC@detroitmi.gov</u>

Phone - 313.224.3560

In Person – Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (Suite 130)



PLAN AHEAD PROPERTY TAX SAVINGS PROGRAM FAQS

- What is the Plan Ahead Property Tax Savings Program?
 - The Program gives taxpayers an option to make payments into a Savings Account throughout the year, making it easier to pay City of Detroit property taxes.
- Who can use The Program?
 - > Taxpayers with homes or rental units who pay their own taxes (not mortgage companies).
 - > Taxpayers who have paid their current year City of Detroit property taxes.
 - If you owe taxes to the Wayne County Treasurer's Office you can still participate in the program.

Do I have to live in my home or have a Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) to participate?

- No, The Program is available to all residential property owners regardless of whether they live in the home or not.
- How do I sign up for The Program?
 - > Once you make a payment into your Savings Account, you are signed up! There is no enrollment.
 - The first payment must be made on a physical kiosk.
- Are there any fees for using The Program?
 - > There is no fee for using The Program. Credit and Debit Card fees will apply.
- Where and how can I make payments into my Savings Account?
 - > All payments are made through the DivDat kiosk network or through the DivDat mobile app.
 - DivDat Kiosks are already located throughout the City, including the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (2 Woodward Ave). Go to <u>http://www.divdatkiosknetwork.com/</u> to find a Kiosk near you; you can pay by Check, Cash, Credit or Debit Card*.
 - If you have a cell phone: download the DivDat Mobile App, go to the City of Detroit Property Tax Savings Program, and enter your property's address; you can pay by E-Check, Credit or Debit Card*.
 - > You will **not** be able to mail payments into your **Savings Accounts**.
 - You will not be able to make payments into your Savings Accounts using money orders or cashiers' check.
 - * Credit and Debit Card fees may apply
- When can I start making payments into my Savings Account?
 - You can make payments into your Savings Account starting February 1st through January 15th of each year.
- What is the smallest payment I need to make to participate in the program?
 - > \$1



PLAN AHEAD PROPERTY TAX SAVINGS PROGRAM FAQS

- What is the largest payment I can make in the program?
 - The amount of your estimated Summer and Winter property taxes as stated by the program.
- Do I have to make a payment before a certain date to participate in the program?
 - At least one payment must be processed on or before May 31st to participate in the program.

• How can I find out how much money is in my Savings Account?

The DivDat Kiosks and DivDat Mobile App will have all of your Savings Account information. Allow up to 3-5 business days for your account to reflect your payment.

• What do I have to do to stay in The Program?

- Keep at least \$1 in your Savings Account.
- Pay enough money into your Savings Account to cover ½ of your Summer taxes by August 15th -AND - the second ½ of your Summer taxes by January 15th - AND - pay enough money into your Savings Account to cover all of your Winter taxes by January 15th - OR -
- Pay enough money into your Savings Account to cover all of your Summer taxes by August 31st-AND - pay enough money into your Savings Account to cover all of your Winter taxes by January 15th.

• Do I have to make payments into my Savings Account every month?

- You can make payments into your Savings Account every month, every week or even every day, at any time.
- Displayed on the DivDat Kiosks and the DivDat Mobile App will be a suggested amount that you should pay into your Savings Account every month to assist you with budgeting. This amount will be enough to cover all of your Summer and Winter property tax obligations.

• How does the City estimate my Property Taxes for The Program?

> The City starts with your prior year property tax balance and adds inflation.

• Will I still receive a Property Tax bill if I am in The Program?

Yes; the bill will be informational only, **not** for payment of Property Taxes. If you put enough money into your Savings Account, your Property Taxes will be paid through **The Program**. Your tax bill will denote if you are enrolled in the program or not.

• How will the City use money from my Savings Account to pay my property taxes?

The City will transfer money from your Savings Account on the 1st and 16th of each month starting July 1st through January 15th. The City will send you an electronic notification (email or text) when these transfers are made.



PLAN AHEAD PROPERTY TAX SAVINGS PROGRAM FAQS

- What if I still have money in my Savings Account after all my Summer and Winter property taxes have been paid?
 - Any balance in your Savings Account, after full payment of your taxes, will remain in your Savings Account and can be used for your following year Summer and Winter taxes.
- How can I take my money out of my Savings Account?*
 - Visit the Citizen Tax Help Center in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (2 Woodward Ave), Suite 136 and make a written request to take your money out of your Savings Account.
 - Bring photo identification with you:
 - Federal or state government-issued photo ID. U.S. passport. Military identification card with photo. Tribal identification card with photo City of Detroit ID card
 - > Bring bank records or receipts showing the payments you've made into your Savings Account.
 - A refund check will only be issued to the Taxpayer(s) who made the payment into your Savings Account.

*See programs' Terms and Conditions for additional information.

How do I find out more about The Program?

- Go to www.detroitmi.gov/fintreasury or -
- You can call or visit:

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center Citizen Tax Help Center 2 Woodward Ave - Suite 136 Call: (313) 224-3560 TTY: 711 or (800) 649-3777 Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm



CITY OF DETROIT Senior Citizen Application for Solid Waste Discount

The application period is July 1 thru September 15. The City of Detroit may provide a discount to homeowners who are at least 65 years old and have a household gross income below \$40,000. Effective July 1, 2009, the Solid Waste Fee is \$240.00. Qualifying Seniors will receive a discount of \$120.00. YOU MUST SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION EVERY YEAR DURING THE FILING PERIOD.

INSTRUCTIONS:

WHERE TO FILE

File this application with the City of Detroit Treasurer's Office. You must file your request for discount by September 15.

- > IN PERSON Citizen Tax Help Center, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Room 136.
- BY MAIL City of Detroit, Citizen Tax Help Center, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Avenue, Room 136, Detroit, MI 48226

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

Along with this application, please provide a copy of the following:

- PROOF OF YOUR IDENTITY, ADDRESS, AND AGE (valid driver's license, passport or other government issued photo ID)
- PROOF OF YOUR INCOME (last year's State of Michigan Property Tax Credit form, State tax return or notarized affidavit of income – see back of this form)

NOTE: Filing of this form is voluntary. Discount will not be processed unless this form is filed. The Treasurer's Office may require additional documentation to verify your claim.

PART 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name (Last, First, Initial)

Property Parcel Number (Found on a tax bill or mortgage document)

Address of Taxpayer's Principal Residence

PhoneNumber

PART 2: DISCOUNT INFORMATION

I hereby request that the Treasurer discount my solid waste fee on my principal residence identified above. By checking the box below:

□ I certify that I am the homeowner, I am at least 65 years of age, and my gross household income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed \$40,000.

PART 3: CERTIFICATION

I understand that misleading or false statements on this application may subject me to removal of discount.

Applicant's Signature_____ Date_____

For City Treasurer's Office Use Only

Discount Approval Signature

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FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER (FEC)

The Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) offers professional, one-on-one financial counseling as a free public service to enable residents to address their financial challenges, needs, and plan for their futures. The FEC is in partnership with the City of Detroit, Wayne County Treasurer's Office and Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency.

Residents receive free, one-on-one professional counseling assistance with money management, budgeting, reducing debt, establishing and improving credit, connecting to safe and affordable banking services, building savings, and referrals to other services and organizations.

FEC Counselors can help you:

- Take control of your debt
- Deal with debt collectors
- Improve your credit
- Build your savings
- Create a budget and create a plan to stick to it
- Find safe and affordable financial products
- Other services based on your needs

Professionally trained counselors support their clients in navigating complex financial challenges and choices, helping them identify and meet present challenges and future ambitions. Counseling services are integrated into other social services including housing and foreclosure prevention services, workforce development, prisoner reentry, benefits access, and more.

All counseling services, including credit report analysis, is free of charge. There are no income limits or residency requirements. Interpreting and translation services are available upon request.

The Detroit Financial Empowerment Center is funded by the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, JPMorgan Chase, Wayne County Treasurer's Office, and the Skillman Foundation.

Schedule Your Appointment:

Schedule your free, one-on-one, financial counseling session by calling 313-322-6222

Information and Program Listing COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER – 2 Woodward Av	a - Datroit MI 48226
Detroit City Council – Suite 1340	
Mayor's Office – Suite 1126	
Ombudsman – Suite 1120	
City Clerk's Office	
Property Tax Matters	
Office of the Assessor– Suite 804	313-224-3035
Board of Review – Suite 105	
Doard of Review – Suite 105	Fax: 313-224-4576
Treasury Division – Detroit Tax Service Center Suite 130	
Income Tax	
For a detailed list of City of Detroit offices visit: WWW.DETROITMI.G	
Wayne County Treasurer – 400 Monroe, 5 th Floor	313-224-5990
Wayne County Register of Deeds – 400 Monroe, 7 th Floor	
Michigan Tax Tribunal – P.O. Box 30232, Lansing, MI 48909	
Michigan Court Appeals – 3044 W. Grand Blvd # 14-300, Detroit 4820	
Detroit Police Public Safety Headquarters1301 Third Street	
Police and Fire	Emergencies Call 911
Detroit Police Department	
DPD Non-Emergency Calls	
Office of the Chief of Police	
1 st Precinct – 20 Atwater	
2 nd Precinct – 13530 Lesure	
3 rd Precinct – 2875 W. Grand Blvd	
4 th Precinct – 4700 W. Fort St	
5 th Precinct – 3500 Conner	
6 th Precinct – 11450 Warwick	
7 th Precinct – 3501 Chene St	
8 th Precinct – 21555 West McNichols	
9 th Precinct – 11187 Gratiot	
10 th Precinct – 12000 Livernois	
11 th Precinct – 5100 Nevada	
12 th Precinct – 1441 W. 7 Mile	
Report A Drug House	
Fire Department	
Arson Tip Line	
Detroit At Work (Detroit Career Center)www.detroitatwork.com	
Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency	
United Community Housing Coalition 2727 Second Ave, Suite 313	
Michigan Legal Services	
Detroit Area Agency on Aging – 1333 Brewery Park – Det, MI	313-446-4444
Animal Control	

Birth and Death Records313-224-2117
Building Safety Engineering and Environmental Department
Business License Center
Abandoned / Dangerous Building
Dangerous Buildings / Open Homes / Demolition
Environmental Affairs
Public Lighting Authority313-324-8290
Public Lighting Department (Street Lights Out)313-267-8140 or Email <u>ligthsout@detroitmi.gov</u>
Department of Elections
Detroit Economic Growth Corporation
Detroit Water and Sewerage Department
Emergency Line
Bill Payment Assistance and Options
Water Shut Off313-224-4784
Detroit Housing and Revitalization Department InformationCAYMC 9th Floor
Home Repair Grant (Waiting List)
Zero Percent Home Loans
Detroit Housing Commission – 2211 Orleans
Detroit Land Bank Authority
Lots & Home Sales
Detroit Recreation Centers Include: Recreation Department
West:Northwest Activity Center18100 Meyers(313) 578-7500East:Butzel Family Center7737 Kercheval(313) 628-2170Central:Williams Community Center8431 Rosa Parks(313) 224-2989Southwest:Patton Recreation Center2301 Woodmere(313) 628-2180TTY: 711 or (800) 649-3777Contact recreation center for hours of operation
Department of Neighborhoods District 1 – Howard Hardy Crowell Recreation Center, 16630 Lahser
District 4 – Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner Ave

Department of Public Works Advanced Disposal (Trash)www.AdvanceDis	
Green For Life (Trash)www.gflenv.com	n586-772-8900
Sidewalk Repair	
Illegal Dumping/Blight	
Street Maintenance/Pot Holes	
Department of Transportation	
DDOT and Senior Transit	
General Services Department (GSD)	
Trees & Forestry	313-871-5461/ 24-hour 313-590-3336
Vacant Lot Maintenance / Grass Cutting	
Health Department	
Municipal Parking	
Auto Recovery	
Office of Sustainability	
Special Events	
DTE Energy	
T.H.A.W	800-866-8429 & 313-226-9465
W.A.V.E. Payments	
Salvation Army	
Operation Get Down	
Mother Waddles	
United Way	.211 & 313-226-9888 &313-226-9200
Detroit Urban League	
Catholic Social Services	
Clear Corps Detroit – 11148 Harper	
St. Vincent De Paul	
St. Jude Catholic Church	
St. Michael Poverty Program	
St. Dominic's Outreach Center 4835 Lincoln	
St. Leo Parish 4860 15 th Street	
Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries 150 Stimson	
St. Frances Cabrini Free Clinic 1234 Porter	

Traveler's Aide Society313-962-6740
Veterans Trust Fund313-576-100
Volunteer Accounting Aid Society (Tax Preparation)313-556-1920 & 313-647-9620
AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Locator
Tax-Aide locations include: Farewell Recreation Center 2711 E Outer Drive313-628-2028 St. Vincent De Paul 3000 Gratiot
Williams Senior Center 8431 Rosa Parks
ACCESS
Southwest Solutions – 1920 25 th Street
Covenant Community Care313-554-1095
Dominican Literacy Center (www.dlcliteracy.org) 5555 Conner, Suite 1414313-267-1000
American Red Cross (FREE Smoke Alarms)
Institute for Population Health Call Center
Substance Abuse800-467-2452
Small Business Assistance
M-DOT (all freeways)www.michigan.gov
SMART Transportation
State of Michigan DNR / Belle Isle Park
Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation

Applications and Forms

Applications and forms regarding real and personal property including the Homeowners Property Exemption applications are available online and during normal business hours Monday thru Thursday at the:

Tax Help Center Coleman A. Young Municipal Center 2 Woodward Ave Suite 136 Detroit, Michigan 48226

Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund (MIHAF)

The Homeowner Assistance Fund was established under section 3206 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the ARP) to mitigate hardships associated with the coronavirus pandemic by providing funds to prevent homeowner mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosure, loss of utilities or home energy services and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial hardship on or after January 21, 2020 or for those homeowners who experience a coronavirus pandemic financial hardship that began before January 21, 2020 but continued after that date.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury notified MSHDA on April 14, 2021 that it will allocate \$242,812,277 to the State of Michigan. This number was based on unemployed individuals and the number of mortgagors with delinquent mortgage payments.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has designated the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (the Authority or MSHDA) as the operating agency to set up the Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund (MIHAF) program in accordance with the guidance provided by the Treasury.

MSHDA opened the MIHAF program to the public on February 14, 2022

Who Is Eligible?

- Homeowners with household incomes less than 150% of Area Median Income (AMI)
- Homeowners who own and occupy the property as their primary residence
- Homeowners must have and explain a financial hardship directly related to COVID-19 on or after **January 21, 2020**

Up to \$25,000 Grant Per Household to Pay:

- Delinquent mortgage/housing expenses, including property tax and insurance escrow shortages
- Delinquent land contract payments, mobile home consumer loan payments or mobile home park lot payments
- Delinquent property taxes
- Delinquent condominium/homeowners' association fees
- Delinquent homeowner's insurance,
- Delinquent utilities, gas, electric, water, sewer
- Delinquent internet broadband services

How Do I Apply?

- Go to www.Michigan.gov/MiHAF
- First review the <u>Acceptable Documentation List</u> and be prepared to provide supporting documentation, such as photo ID, social security number, monthly income/benefit statement, and delinquent housing expense statements.
- Program questions please call Customer Service 844-756-4423 or email <u>MSHDA-HO-HAF-Program@michigan.gov</u>

WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER



400 Monroe 5th Floor Detroit, Michigan 48226

Call to make an appointment at: 313-224-5990

If you have delinquent property taxes for years 2019 or prior, you must be enrolled in a payment plan by March 14, 2022, or pay your taxes in full by March 31, 2022.

THE WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE PRESENTS

Ask the Treasurer

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File your HOPE application with the City of Detroit. Approved homeowners may be eligible for the PAYS program with the Wayne County Treasurer! To find out more visit www.detroitmi.gov/hope

> COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER 2 WOODWARD AVE. SUITE 105 DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226 PHONE: 313-628-0722 FAX: 313-224-4576 BOARDOFREVIEW@DETROITMI.GOV