



## Moratorium NOW! Coalition

### Ways to reduce property taxes and fees for qualified low-income residents and seniors in the City of Detroit

#### **Poverty Tax Exemption**

Low-income homeowners in Detroit may have their property taxes reduced or waived. The City of Detroit offers a "Poverty Tax Exemption" on an annual basis but you must apply for it. Applications for this year must be submitted before December 12, 2017. The PTE is not retroactive, but it should be.

Applications are available online at [www.detroitmi.gov/How-Do-I/Appeal/Property-Assessment-Forms](http://www.detroitmi.gov/How-Do-I/Appeal/Property-Assessment-Forms) or from the Detroit Citizens Board of Review located at

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
2 Woodward Avenue  
Room 824  
Detroit, MI 48226

For assistance, see the United Community Housing Coalition, located at 2727 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Suite 313, Detroit, MI 48201. Their phone number is 313-963-3310 and website is [www.uchcdetroit.org](http://www.uchcdetroit.org). The UCHC offers counseling assistance on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9am-12pm. Also, visit [www.fromclosureddetroit.com](http://www.fromclosureddetroit.com). (This is not misspelled.)

#### **Senior Citizen 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 \$40,000.00. Effective July 1, 2009, the Solid Waste Fee is \$240.00. Qualifying seniors will receive a discount of \$120.00. For more info, visit [www.detroitmi.gov/How-Do-I/File/Senior-Citizen-Solid-Waste-Discount-Information](http://www.detroitmi.gov/How-Do-I/File/Senior-Citizen-Solid-Waste-Discount-Information).

#### **Veterans with Disabilities**

Veterans with disabilities may also qualify for an exemption and more. Please visit [www.detroitmi.gov/How-Do-I/Appeal/Property-Assessment-Forms](http://www.detroitmi.gov/How-Do-I/Appeal/Property-Assessment-Forms) for details.

#### **Disclaimer**

The position of the Moratorium NOW! Coalition is that the Hardest Hit Fund should be used to assist all residential occupants facing the loss of their homes through tax foreclosures and water shutoffs. The Hardest Hit Fund was created by the U.S. Department of Treasury through the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) to assist states such as Michigan that had been particularly hard hit by the economic and housing market downturn that began in 2007. The Hardest Hit Fund program was created in 2010 to assist states with their foreclosure prevention and neighborhood stabilization efforts. Michigan received over \$761 million to operate its Hardest Hit Fund programs. Unfortunately, since 2014, a majority of the remaining funds have been redirected toward blight removal in Detroit, resulting in criminal investigations of the Gilbert/Duggan Detroit Blight Authority and more foreclosures. Moratorium NOW! Coalition demands that the funds be redirected to their original purpose which was to help residents in danger of losing their homes.

To join our efforts, please attend the weekly organizers meetings of the Moratorium NOW! Coalition every Monday at 7 PM at 5920 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Detroit, MI 48202.