

**Town of Marshfield**  
**Department of Public Works**  
DPW – 2015-01

**Guidelines Covering Abatements for Financial Hardship Within the Current Federal  
Non-Farm Poverty Income Levels**

**EFFECTIVE 1/22/15**

The Department of Public Works Commissioners voted to use the following family income levels in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) poverty guidelines in considering abatements for water, sewer and trash fees. This information is available in the DHHS website at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/15poverty.shtml> that is linked to the DPW website.

| <u>FAMILY SIZE:</u>                | <u>TOTAL FAMILY INCOME MINIMUM (200%)</u> |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 1                                  | \$23,540.                                 |
| 2                                  | 31,860.                                   |
| 3                                  | 40,180.                                   |
| 4                                  | 48,500.                                   |
| 5                                  | 56,820.                                   |
| 6                                  | 65,140.                                   |
| 7                                  | 73,460.                                   |
| 8                                  | 81,780.                                   |
| For Each Additional Family Member: | 8,320.                                    |

*SOURCE:* The following figures are the 2015 HHS poverty guidelines that are scheduled to be published in the *Federal Register* on January 22, 2015.  
(Additional information will be posted after the guidelines are published.)

The Board of Public Works requires that any applicant for financial hardship must be age sixty-five (65) or older and meet the following criteria when filing for an abatement for financial assistance and all proof of total annual household family income must be substantiated. The following forms of proof are acceptable for substantiating applicant's total household income and must be included for each member of the applicant's household:

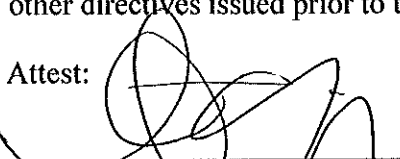
- a. A current statement of social security benefits received annually;
- b. A current statement of any welfare benefits received;
- c. A copy of the current signed 1040 Tax Return;
- d. A copy of the annual statement for any pension benefits received;
- e. Proof of any other income received by the applying household.

In addition, the applicant should also provide a telephone number where they can be contacted should more information be required.

All financial assistance abatements are approved or denied on an individual eligibility basis. Information is kept strictly confidential. All abatement applications must be submitted within 90 days of the bill due date to be considered by the DPW Superintendent or the Board of Public Works.

This document is hereby accepted by majority vote of the Board of Public Works and shall supersede any other directives issued prior to this date which are in conflict with its contents.

Attest:

  
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Stephen Hocking, Chair