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City of South Haven Property Tax and Special Assessment Exemption Guidelines

The South Haven City Council approved and adopted two separate programs at their January 15th, 2018 regular meeting, both of which provide similar benefits to citizens. Those programs are: 1) the 2018 property tax poverty exemption guidelines, and the special assessment district guidelines.

Property owners who are unable to reasonably pay annual property taxes and/or special assessments may apply to the programs to seek either a partial or full exemption from property taxes for the year of application.

A requirement of the programs is that the claimant must own and occupy the homestead property for which the exemption is requested. Decisions are determined by the poverty threshold income standards along with other standards such as asset eligibility limitations that City Council sets each year.

A property owner may apply for the poverty exemption at the City Assessor's Office, City Hall, 539 Phoenix Street, South Haven. Exemptions can be approved by the March, July, or December Boards of Review. Therefore, the last date to apply for 2018 would be prior to the December Board of Review—approximately December 1.

For more information regarding application to the poverty exemption program, contact the City of South Haven Assessor's Office at (269) 637-0747, or by email at cphilips@south-haven.com.

THIS MONTH



February:

Meetings

1	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
5	City Council	7:00 pm
7	DDA	12:00 pm
12	LDFA and Brownfield	4:00 pm
13	Parks Commission	6:00 pm
19	City Council	7:00 pm
20	Harbor Commission	5:30 pm
26	BPU / SHAWSA	4:00 pm
26	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm

**Please confirm dates, times

NEXT MONTH



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& location before attending.

**March 20 - First Day of
Spring**



Just a few reminders...

- Beginning on November 15th, no parking is allowed on any City street between 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. to allow for snow removal. This parking restriction will be in effect until March 15, 2017.
- The City of South Haven mailed the Winter 2017 Property Tax bills the first week of December. If you have not received your bill please call (269) 637-0700 or visit the Parcel Records area of the City's website at www.south-haven.com. **Winter taxes are due on February 14th.**
- The Assessing Office will be mailing assessment notices to each property owner within the City limits at the end of February. The assessment notices show several important figures. These include the State Equalized Value, the Assessed Value, and the Taxable Value of your property for the 2017 tax years. For more information, contact the assessing office at (269) 637-0745.
- Trash containers should not be placed in the parkway more than 24 hours before pick-up. Also, the containers shall be removed no more than 24 hours following pick-up.

Electronic Utility Bills and Automatic Payment

The City of South Haven is now offering Utility Customers the opportunity to receive their utility bills by email each month. If you are interested, a sign up form is available at the Customer Service Office at City Hall or on the City's website at:

http://www.south-haven.com/utility_billing/index.php

The City of South Haven also offers an Automatic Payment Plan to its Utility Customers. On this plan, the City will automatically withdraw your bill from your checking or savings account on the due date each month. Please visit the email sign up address above and follow the link to "Sign Up for the Automatic Bill Payment Plan for Utilities."



Please contact the City of South Haven Customer Service Office at (269) 637-0710 or customerservice@south-haven.com if you have any questions.

Visit the City of South Haven website at www.south-haven.com