

As you are all undoubtedly aware, HB5 was passed by the Governor in December of last year, requiring all municipalities to adopt a revised municipal income tax code conforming to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 718 by January 1, 2016. There will be numerous revisions to the code that will directly affect you, our residents. The one thing that has not changed, however, is that your income tax return **MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15th EACH YEAR**. It will be considered late if filed after this date, and all late fees and penalties will apply.

While we are working toward the completion of incorporating the require language into legislative form, it is important that you be made aware of some of the significant changes that will be applied with filing your 2015 Monroeville income tax return. Those changes include but are not limited to:

- ❖ The new law states that the Municipality shall impose on a taxpayer, employer, any agent of the employer, or any other payer, the interest and penalties prescribed in the ORC when anyone who for any reason fails, in whole or in part, to make to the Municipality timely and full payment or remittance of income tax, estimated income tax, or withholding tax, or to file timely with the Municipality any return required to be filed.
- ❖ **Interest** shall be imposed at the federal short-term rate, plus five percent.
- ❖ With respect to unpaid income tax **and** unpaid estimated income tax, a **penalty** equal to fifteen percent of the amount not timely paid shall be imposed.
- ❖ With respect to returns other than estimated income tax returns, the Municipality shall impose a **monthly** penalty of \$25.00 for each failure to timely file a return, regardless of the liability for each month, or any fraction thereof, during which the return remains unfiled. The penalty shall not exceed a **total of \$150.00** in assessed penalty for each month of failure to file a return.
- ❖ The Municipality may impose on the taxpayer any post-judgment collection costs and fees, including attorney's fees.
- ❖ Refunds will not be issued for overpayments of less than \$10.00
- ❖ No remittance is required if the amount shown to be due is less than \$10.00
- ❖ Every taxpayer from whom taxes are not withheld shall make a declaration of estimated taxes for the current taxable year if the amount payable as estimated taxes is a least \$200.00
- ❖ Every income tax return **MUST** have a signature/signatures on it in order to be considered valid.
- ❖ **IT IS MANDATORY THAT A COPY OF YOUR IRS 1040 FORM, AND ALL SCHEDULES RELATED THERETO, BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR MONROEVILLE INCOME TAX RETURN. FAILURE TO TIMELY SUBMIT THESE DOCUMENTS WITH YOUR RETURN WILL RESULT IN A LATE FEE BEING APPLIED TO YOUR ACCOUNT.**

Again, as of January 1, 2016 these changes will be the law, and we are obligated to enforce them. The potential financial impact on you, the taxpayer, will be far greater than the current law provides. Please do not hesitate to call our office if you have any questions regarding the impact the new law may have on your Monroeville income tax filing requirements.