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CHAPTER 94: TAXATION (EFFECTIVE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016)

§ 94.03 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

(1) ADJUSTED FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME. For a person required to file as a C corporation, or for a person that has elected to be taxed as a C corporation under division 23(D) of this section, means a C corporation's federal taxable income before net operating losses and special deductions as determined under the Internal Revenue Code, adjusted as follows:

(M) Compensation paid to a person employed within the boundaries of a United States air forceAir Force base under the jurisdiction of the United States air forceAir Force that is used for the housing of members of the United States air forceAir Force and is a center for <u>Aair Fforce</u> operations, unless the person is subject to taxation because of residence or domicile. If the compensation is subject to taxation because of residence or domicile, tax on such income shall be payable only to the municipal corporation of residence or domicile.

(O) Intentionally left blank. For tax years 2024 and after, the income of individuals under 18 years of age.

(44) TAX ADMINISTRATOR <u>(Tax Commissioner)</u>. The individual charged with direct responsibility for administration of an income tax levied by a municipal corporation in accordance with this chapter, and also includes the following:

§ 94.05 COLLECTION AT SOURCE.

94.053 COLLECTION AT SOURCE; CASINO AND VLT.

(H) If a casino operator or lottery sales agent files a return late, fails to file a return, remits amounts deducted and withheld late, or fails to remit amounts deducted and withheld as required under this section, the Tax Administrator of a municipal corporation may impose the following applicable penalty:

(1) For the late remittance of, or failure to remit, tax deducted and withheld under this section, a penalty equal to 50% of the tax deducted and withheld;

(2) For the failure to file, or the late filing of, a monthly or annual return, a <u>one-time</u> penalty of 500-25 for each return not filed or filed late. Interest shall accrue on past due amounts deducted and withheld at the rate prescribed in R.C. § 5703.47.

§ 94.06 INCOME SUBJECT TO NET PROFIT TAX.

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94.062 NET PROFIT; INCOME SUBJECT TO NET PROFIT TAX; ALTERNATIVE APPORTIONMENT.

This section applies to any taxpayer engaged in a business or profession in the municipality unless the taxpayer is an individual who resides in the municipality or the taxpayer is an electric company, combined company, or telephone company that is subject to and required to file reports under R.C. Chapter 5745.

(A) <u>Except as otherwise provide in divisions (B) and (I) of this section</u>, <u>Nn</u>et profit from a business or profession conducted both within and without the boundaries of the municipality shall be considered as having a taxable situs in the municipality for purposes of municipal income taxation in the same proportion as the average ratio of the following:

(D) For the purposes of division (A)(3) of this section, and except as provided in division (I) of this section, receipts from sales and rentals made and services performed shall be sitused to a municipal corporation as follows:

(I)(1) As used in this division:

(a) "Qualifying remote employee or owner" means an individual who is an employee of a taxpayer or who is a partner or member holding an ownership interest in a taxpayer that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, provided that the individual meets both of the following criteria:

(i) The taxpayer has assigned the individual to a qualifying reporting location.

(ii) The individual is permitted or required to perform services for the taxpayer at a qualifying remote work location.

(b) "Qualifying remote work location" means a permanent or temporary location at which an employee or owner chooses or is required to perform services for the taxpayer, other than a reporting location of the taxpayer or any other location owned or controlled by a customer or client of the taxpayer. "Qualifying remote work location" may include the residence of an employee or owner and may be located outside of a municipal corporation that imposes an income tax in accordance with this chapter. An employee or owner may have more than one qualifying remote work location during a taxable year.

(c) "Reporting location" means either of the following:

(i) A permanent or temporary place of doing business, such as an office, warehouse, storefront, construction site, or similar location, that is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by the taxpayer;

(ii) Any location in this state owned or controlled by a customer or client of the taxpayer, provided that the taxpayer is required to withhold taxes under § 94.05 of this Ordinance,

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on qualifying wages paid to an employee for the performance of personal services at that location.

(d) "Qualifying reporting location" means one of the following:

(i) The reporting location in this state at which an employee or owner performs services for the taxpayer on a regular or periodic basis during the taxable year;

(ii) If no reporting location exists in this state for an employee or owner under division (I)(1)(d)(i) of this section, the reporting location in this state at which the employee's or owner's supervisor regularly or periodically reports during the taxable year;

(iii) If no reporting location exists in this state for an employee or owner under division (I)(1)(d)(i) or (ii) of this section, the location that the taxpayer otherwise assigns as the employee's or owner's qualifying reporting location, provided the assignment is made in good faith and is recorded and maintained in the taxpayer's business records. A taxpayer may change the qualifying reporting location designated for an employee or owner under this division at any time.

(2) For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2023, a taxpayer may elect to apply the provisions of this division to the apportionment of its net profit from a business or profession. For taxpayers that make this election, the provisions of division (A) of this section apply to such apportionment except as otherwise provided in this division.

A taxpayer shall make the election allowed under this division in writing on or with the taxpayer's net profit return or, if applicable, a timely filed amended net profit return or a timely filed appeal of an assessment. The election applies to the taxable year for which that return or appeal is filed and for all subsequent taxable years, until the taxpayer revokes the election.

The taxpayer shall make the initial election with the tax administrator of each municipal corporation with which, after applying the apportionment provisions authorized in this division, the taxpayer is required to file a net profit tax return for that taxable year. A taxpayer shall not be required to notify the tax administrator of a municipal corporation in which a qualifying remote employee's or owner's qualifying remote work location is located, unless the taxpayer is otherwise required to file a net profit return with that municipal corporation due to business operations that are unrelated to the employee's or owner's activity at the qualifying remote work location.

After the taxpayer makes the initial election, the election applies to every municipal corporation in which the taxpayer conducts business. The taxpayer shall not be required to file a net profit return with a municipal corporation solely because a qualifying remote employee's or owner's qualifying remote work location is located in such municipal corporation.

Nothing in this division prohibits a taxpayer from making a new election under this division after properly revoking a prior election.

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(3) For the purpose of calculating the ratios described in division (A) of this section, all of the following apply to a taxpayer that has made the election described in division (I)(2):

(a) For the purpose of division (A)(1) of this section, the average original cost of any tangible personal property used by a qualifying remote employee or owner at that individual's qualifying remote work location shall be sitused to that individual's qualifying reporting location.

(b) For the purpose of division (A)(2) of this section, any wages, salaries, and other compensation paid during the taxable period to a qualifying remote employee or owner for services performed at that individual's qualifying remote work location shall be sitused to that individual's qualifying reporting location.

(c) For the purpose of division (A)(3) of this section, and notwithstanding division (D) of this section, any gross receipts of the business or profession from services performed during the taxable period by a qualifying remote employee or owner for services performed at that individual's qualifying remote work location shall be sitused to that individual's qualifying reporting location.

(4) Nothing in this division prevents a taxpayer from requesting, or a tax administrator from requiring, that the taxpayer use, with respect to all or a portion of the income of the taxpayer, an alternative apportionment method as described in division (B) of this section. However, a tax administrator shall not require an alternative apportionment method in such a manner that it would require a taxpayer to file a net profit return with a municipal corporation solely because a qualifying remote employee's or owner's qualifying remote work location is located in that municipal corporation.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in this division, nothing in this division is intended to affect the withholding of taxes on qualifying wages pursuant to § 94.05 of this Ordinance.

94.094 EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE.

(A) Any taxpayer that has duly requested an automatic six-month extension for filing the taxpayer's federal income tax return shall automatically receive an extension for the filing of a municipal income tax return. The extended due date of the municipal income tax return shall be the 15th day of the tenth month after the last day of the taxable year to which the return relates. For tax years ending on or after January 1, 2023, the extended due date of the municipal income tax return for a taxpayer that is not an individual shall be the 15th day of the eleventh month after the last day of the taxable year to which the return the last day of the taxable year to which the return tax return for a taxpayer that is not an individual shall be the 15th day of the eleventh month after the last day of the taxable year to which the return date relates

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(F) If a taxpayer receives an extension for the filing of a municipal income tax return under division (A), (B), or (C) of this section, the Tax Administrator shall not make any inquiry or send any notice to the taxpayer with regard to the return on or before the date the taxpayer files the return or on or before the extended due date to file the return, whichever occurs first.

If a Tax Administrator violates division (F) of this section, the municipal corporation shall reimburse the taxpayer for any reasonable costs incurred to respond to such inquiry or notice, up to \$150.

Division (F) of this section does not apply to an extension received under division (A) of this section if the Tax Administrator has actual knowledge that the taxpayer failed to file for a federal extension as required to receive the extension under division (A) of this section or failed to file for an extension under division (A) of this section.

§ 94.10 PENALTY, INTEREST, FEES, AND CHARGES.

(C) The municipality shall impose on a taxpayer, employer, any agent of the employer, and any other payer, and will attempt to collect, the interest amounts and penalties prescribed in this section when the taxpayer, employer, any agent of the employer, or any other payer 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.

(4) (a) For tax years ending on or before December 31, 2022, <u>With-with</u> respect to returns other than estimated income tax returns, the municipality shall impose a <u>monthly_one-time</u> penalty of \$25 for each failure to timely file each return, regardless of the liability shown thereon for each month, or any fraction thereof, during which the return remains unfiled regardless of the liability shown thereon. The penalty shall not exceed a total of \$150 in assessed penalty for each failure to timely file a return.

(b) For tax years ending on or after January 1, 2023, with respect to returns other than estimated income tax returns, the municipality may impose a penalty not exceeding \$25 for each failure to timely file each return, regardless of the liability shown thereon, except that the municipality shall abate or refund the penalty assessed on a taxpayer's first failure to timely file a return after the taxpayer files that return.

§ 94.13 AUTHORITY AND POWERS OF THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR.

94.131 AUTHORITY OF TAX ADMINISTRATOR; ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS OF THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR.

The Tax Administrator <u>(Tax Commissioner)</u> has the authority to perform all duties and functions necessary and appropriate to implement the provisions of this chapter, including without limitation: