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Columbus extends tax filing deadline to July 15

In line with guidance issued by the IRS and Ohio Department of Taxation, the City of Columbus deadline to file and pay city income tax will be extended to July 15. City returns are normally due April 15.

Income Tax Administrator Rasheda Hansard said the city's deadlines are tied to the state's deadlines in Ohio Revised Code, so taxpayers will automatically receive this extension without having to file any additional forms. The extended deadline will not only give taxpayers relief in light of the economic impacts of COVID-19, but also will make it easier to remember that Tax Day is July 15 at all levels of government.

H.B. 197, passed by the Ohio General Assembly last week and signed by Governor Mike DeWine on Friday, waives interest charges on payments made during the extension. The city will not assess penalty amounts on payments during the extension.

The filing extension and waiver of penalty and interest will apply to individuals filing the Columbus individual income tax and businesses filing municipal net profit returns for tax year 2019. Individuals and businesses required to make quarterly estimated payments will also have additional time to make first and second quarter payments. Payments normally due on April 15 and June 15 will now be due on July 15.

The filing extension does not apply to employer deposits of withholding or returns for hotel/motel/short-term rental tax or admissions tax. The Division of Income Tax will post further guidelines to its website, www.columbus.gov/IncomeTaxDivision, in the next few days.

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