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Codified Ordinances of Walton Hills, OH

CHAPTER 891

Municipal Income Tax Effective January 1, 2016

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891.011 AUTHORITY TO LEVY TAX.

(a) The tax on income and the withholding tax established by Chapters 890 and 891 of the Village of Walton Hills Codified Ordinances are authorized by Article XVIII, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution. The tax on income and the withholding tax established by Chapters 890 and 891 are deemed to be levied in accordance with, and to be consistent with, the provisions and limitations of Ohio R.C. Chapter 718. Chapters 890 and 891 are deemed to incorporate the provisions of Ohio R.C. Chapter 718. To the extent any provision of Chapters 890 and 891 conflicts with Ohio R.C. Chapter 718, said Ohio R.C. Chapter 718's provisions will prevail.

(b) The tax is an annual tax levied on the income of every person or entity residing in or earning or receiving income or net profits in the Village, and every person or entity earning or receiving income or net profits within the Village of Walton Hills - Sagamore Township Joint Economic Development District or in any joint economic development district in which the Village is a partner or participant, and shall be measured by municipal taxable income. The Village of Walton Hills ("the Village") shall tax income at a uniform rate. The tax is levied on municipal taxable income, as defined herein.

(Ord. 2015-6. Passed 11-17-15.)

891.012 PURPOSES AND IMPOSITION OF TAX; RATE.

(a) The purpose of this chapter is to provide additional funds for the discharge of general municipal functions of the Village, including, without limitation, for managing the safety needs of the Village, for street and sewer maintenance, for building maintenance, repair and construction, for existing recreational needs, and for staffing requirements of the Village.

(b) There is hereby levied a tax on municipal taxable income, to wit - salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation and all other individual income subject to tax under Section 891.05, and on net profits under Section 891.07, earned within the Village, as the Village is defined in Section 891.04(c)(49), as hereinafter provided, at the rate of 2.5% per annum.

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891.013 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

Unless otherwise provided by Village Council, the funds collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited into the Village's General Fund.

The funds received from the Village of Walton Hills - Sagamore Hills Township Joint Economic Development District shall be deposited into the Village of Walton Hills - Sagamore Hills Township Joint Economic Development District Agency Fund (JEDD). Funds received from the JEDD shall be further allocated and transferred as follows:

(a) 3.0% of the funds will be transferred into the General Fund to defray all expenses of collecting the JEDD tax and of administering and enforcing the provisions hereof;

(b) 48.5% of the gross proceeds will be transferred into the Village's General Fund; and

(c) 48.5% of the net proceeds will be remitted to Sagamore Township.

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891.02 EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) Ordinance 2015-6 applies to municipal taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016. All provisions of this Chapter 891 apply to taxable years beginning 2016 and succeeding taxable years.

(b) Ordinance 2015-6 does not repeal the existing Chapter 890 for any taxable year prior to 2016. For municipal taxable years beginning before January 1, 2016, the Village shall continue to administer, audit, and enforce its income tax under Ohio R.C. Chapter 718 and ordinances of the Village as that Chapter and those ordinances existed before January 1, 2016.

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891.03 CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PRIOR TAX ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS REMAIN EFFECTIVE FOR TAX YEARS PRIOR TO 2016.

Chapter 890 remains effective and in full force with respect to tax years prior to 2016. Section 890.14 (Board of Tax Review), which is re-stated in this Chapter 891 as Section 891.24, shall also remain effective and in full force for all tax years, both prior to 2016 and beginning in 2016.

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891.04 DEFINITIONS.

(a) Any term used in this chapter that is not otherwise defined in this chapter has the same meaning as when used in a comparable context in laws of the United States relating to Federal income taxation or in Ohio R.C. Title LVII, unless the context clearly requires or indicates a different meaning. If a term used in this chapter that is not otherwise defined in this chapter is used in a comparable context in both the laws of the United States relating to Federal income tax and in Ohio R.C. Title LVII, and the use is not consistent, then the use of the term in the laws of the United States relating to Federal income tax shall control over the use of the term in Ohio R.C. Title LVII.

(b) For purposes of this section, the singular shall include the plural, and the masculine shall include the feminine and the gender-neutral.

(c) 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 (c)(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:

A. Deduct intangible income to the extent included in Federal taxable income. The deduction shall be allowed regardless of whether the intangible income relates to assets used in a trade or business or assets held for the production of income.

B. Add an amount equal to 5% of intangible income deducted under division (c)(1)A. of this section, but excluding that portion of intangible income directly related to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of property described in Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code;

C. Add any losses allowed as a deduction in the computation of Federal taxable income if the losses directly relate to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of an asset described in Sections 1221 or 1231 of the Internal Revenue Code;

D. 1. Except as provided in Division (c)(1)D.2. of this section, deduct income and gain included in Federal taxable income to the extent the income and gain directly relate to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of an asset described in Sections 1221 or 1231 of the Internal Revenue Code;

2. Division (c)(1)D.1. of this section does not apply to the extent the income or gain is income or gain described in Sections 1245 or 1250 of the Internal Revenue Code.

E. Add taxes on or measured by net income allowed as a deduction in the computation of Federal taxable income;

F. In the case of a real estate investment trust or regulated investment company, add all amounts with respect to dividends to, distributions to, or amounts set aside for or credited to the benefit of investors and allowed as a deduction in the computation of Federal taxable income;

G. Deduct, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing Federal taxable income, any income derived from a transfer agreement or from the enterprise transferred under that agreement under Ohio R.C. 4313.02;

H. 1. Except as limited by Divisions (c)(1)H.2., 3., 4., and 5. of this section, deduct any net operating loss incurred by the person in a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2017. The amount of such net operating loss shall be deducted from net profit that is reduced by exempt income to the extent necessary to reduce municipal taxable income to zero, with any remaining unused portion of the net operating loss carried forward to not more than five consecutive taxable years following the taxable year in which the loss was incurred, but in no case for more years than necessary for the deduction to be fully utilized.

2. No person may use the deduction allowed by division (c)(1)H. of this section to offset qualifying wages.

3. a. For taxable years beginning in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, or 2022, a person may not deduct, for purposes of an income tax levied by a municipal corporation that levies an income tax before January 1, 2016, more than 50% of the amount of the deduction otherwise allowed by division (c)(1)H.1. of this section.

b. For taxable years beginning in 2023 or thereafter, a person may deduct, for purposes of an income tax levied by a municipal corporation that levies an income tax before January 1, 2016, the full amount allowed by division (c)(1)H.1. of this section.

4. Any pre-2017 net operating loss carry-forward deduction that is available must be utilized before a taxpayer may deduct any amount pursuant to division (c)(1)H. of this section.

5. Nothing in division (c)(1)H.3.a. of this section precludes a person from carrying forward, for use with respect to any return filed for a taxable year beginning after 2018, any amount of net operating loss that was not fully utilized by operation of division (c)(1)H.3.a. of this section. To the extent that an amount of net operating loss that was not fully utilized in one or more taxable years by operation of division (c)(1)H.3.a. of this section is carried forward for use with respect to a return filed for a taxable year beginning in 2019, 2020, 2021, or 2022, the limitation described in division (c)(1)H.3.a. of this section shall apply to the amount carried forward.

I. Deduct any net profit of a pass-through entity owned directly or indirectly by the taxpayer and included in the taxpayer's Federal taxable income unless an affiliated group of corporations includes that net profit in the group's Federal taxable income in accordance with Section 891.073(e)(3)B.

J. Add any loss incurred by a pass-through entity owned directly or indirectly by the taxpayer and included in the taxpayer's Federal taxable income unless an affiliated group of corporations includes that loss in the group's Federal taxable income in accordance with Section 891.073(e)(3)B.

If the taxpayer is not a C corporation, is not a disregarded entity that has made the election described in division (c)(47)B. of this section, is not a publicly traded partnership that has made the election described in division (c)(23)D. of this section, and is not an individual, the taxpayer is required to compute adjusted Federal taxable income under this section as if the taxpayer were a C corporation, except guaranteed payments and other similar amounts paid or accrued to a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member are not allowed as a deductible expense unless such payments are in consideration for the use of capital and treated as payment of interest under Section 469 of the Internal Revenue Code or United States Treasury Regulations. Amounts paid or accrued to a qualified self-employed retirement plan with respect to a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member of the taxpayer, amounts paid or accrued to or for health insurance for a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member, and amounts paid or accrued to or for life insurance for a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member is not be allowed as a deduction.

Nothing in division (c)(1) of this section permits a taxpayer to add or deduct any amount more than once or permits a taxpayer to deduct any amount paid to or accrued for purposes of Federal self-employment tax.

(2) A. "Assessment" means any of the following:

1. A written finding by the Tax Administrator that a person has underpaid municipal income tax, or owes penalty and interest, or any combination of tax, penalty, or interest, to the Village;

2. A full or partial denial of a refund request issued under Section 891.106(b)(2);

3. The Tax Administrator's denial of a taxpayer's request for use of an alternative apportionment method, issued under Section 891.072(b)(2); or

4. The Tax Administrator's requirement for a taxpayer to use an alternative apportionment method, issued under Section 891.072(b)(3).

5. For purposes of division (c)(2)A.1., 2., 3., and 4. of this section, an assessment will commence the person's time limitation for making an appeal to the Board of Tax Review pursuant to Section 891.24, and must have "ASSESSMENT" written in all capital letters at the top of such finding.

B. "Assessment" does not include notice(s) denying a request for refund issued under Section 891.106(b)(3), a billing statement notifying a taxpayer of current or past-due balances owed to the Village, the Tax Administrator's request for additional information, a notification to the taxpayer of mathematical errors, or the Tax Administrator's other written correspondence to a person or taxpayer that does not meet the criteria prescribed by division (c)(2)A. of this section.

(3) "Audit" means the examination of a person or the inspection of the books, records, memoranda, or accounts of a person, ordered to appear before the Tax Administrator, for the purpose of determining liability for the Village income tax.

(4) "Board of Tax Review" has the same meaning as "Board of Tax Review" provided by Sections 890.14 and 891.24.

(5) "Calendar quarter" means the three-month period ending on the last day of March, June, September, or December.

(6) "Employer" means a person that is an employer for Federal tax purposes.

(7) "Certified Mail," "Express Mail," "United States Mail," "Postal Service," and similar terms include any delivery service authorized pursuant to Ohio R.C. 5703.056.

(8) "Compensation" means any form of remuneration paid to an employee for personal services.

(9) "Disregarded entity" means a single member limited liability company, a qualifying subchapter S subsidiary, or another entity if the company, subsidiary, or entity is a disregarded entity for Federal income tax purposes.

(10) "Domicile" means the true, fixed and permanent home of the taxpayer to which, whenever absent, the taxpayer intends to return. A taxpayer, even if having more than one residence, may have only one domicile. This term is further defined in Section 891.052.

(11) "Exempt income" means all of the following:

A. The military pay or allowances of members of the Armed Forces of the United States or members of their reserve components, including the National Guard of any state;

B. Intangible income;

C. Social security benefits, railroad retirement benefits, unemployment compensation, welfare benefits, pensions, retirement benefit payments, payments from annuities, and similar payments made to an employee or to the beneficiary of an employee under a retirement program or plan, disability payments received from private industry or local, State, or Federal governments or from charitable, religious or educational organizations, and the proceeds of sickness, accident, or liability insurance policies. As used in division (c)(11)C. of this section,

"unemployment compensation" does not include supplemental unemployment compensation described in Section 3402(o)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

D. The income of religious, fraternal, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational institutions to the extent such income is derived from tax-exempt real estate, tax-exempt tangible or intangible property, or tax-exempt activities.

E. Compensation paid under Ohio R.C. 3501.28 or 3501.36 to a person serving as a precinct election official to the extent that such compensation does not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the taxable year. Such compensation in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the taxable year will be subject to taxation by the Village. The Village may not require the payer of such compensation to withhold any tax from that compensation.

F. Dues, contributions, and similar payments received by charitable, religious, educational, or literary organizations or labor unions, lodges, and similar organizations;

G. Alimony and child support received;

H. Awards for personal injuries or for damages to property from insurance proceeds or otherwise, excluding compensation paid for lost salaries or wages or awards for punitive damages, and further excluding compensation for loss of business income;

I. Income of a public utility when that public utility is subject to the tax levied under Ohio R.C. 5727.24 or 5727.30. This division (c)(11)I. does not apply for purposes of Ohio R.C. Chapter 5745.

J. Gains from involuntary conversions, interest on Federal obligations, items of income subject to a tax levied by the state and that a municipal corporation is specifically prohibited by law from taxing, and income of a decedent's estate during the period of administration except such income from the operation of a trade or business;

K. Compensation or allowances excluded from Federal gross income under Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code;

L. Employee compensation that is not qualifying wages as defined in division (c)(34) of this section;

M. Income the taxation of which is prohibited by the constitution or laws of the United States. Any item of income that is exempt income of a pass-through entity under division (c)(11) of this section is exempt income of each owner of the pass-through entity to the extent of that owner's distributive or proportionate share of that item of the entity's income.

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O. All of the Village taxable income earned by individuals while they are under 18 years of age.

P. 1. Except as provided in divisions (c)(11)P.2., 3., and 4. of this section, qualifying wages described in Section 891.062(b)(1) or (e) to the extent the qualifying wages are not subject to withholding for the Village under either of those divisions.

2. The exemption provided in division (c)(11)P.1. of this section does not apply with respect to the municipal corporation in which the employee resided at the time the employee earned the qualifying wages.

3. The exemption provided in division (c)(11)P.1. of this section does not apply to qualifying wages that an employer elects to withhold under Section 891.062(d)(2).

4. The exemption provided in division (c)(11)P.1. of this section does not apply to qualifying wages if both of the following conditions apply:

a. For qualifying wages described in Section 891.062(b)(1), the employee's employer withholds and remits tax on the qualifying wages to the municipal corporation in which the employee's principal place of work is situated, or, for qualifying wages described in Section 891.062(e), the employee's employer withholds and remits tax on the qualifying wages to the municipal corporation in which the employer's fixed location is located;

b. The employee receives a refund of the tax described in division (c)(11)P.4.a. of this section on the basis of the employee not performing services in that municipal corporation.

Q. 1. Except as provided in division (c)(11)Q.2. and 3. of this section, compensation that is not qualifying wages paid to a nonresident individual for personal services performed in the Village on not more than 20 days in a taxable year.

2. The exemption provided in division (c)(11)Q.1. of this section does not apply under either of the following circumstances:

a. The individual's base of operation is located in the Village.

b. The individual is a professional athlete, professional entertainer, or public figure, and the compensation is paid for the performance of services in the individual's capacity as a professional athlete, professional entertainer, or public figure. For purposes of division (c)(11)Q.2.b. of this section, "professional athlete," "professional entertainer," and "public figure" have the same meanings as in Section 891.062.

3. Compensation to which division (c)(11)Q. of this section applies will be treated as earned or received at the individual's base of operation. If the individual does not have a base of operation, the compensation will be treated as earned or received where the individual is domiciled.

4. For purposes of division (c)(11)Q. of this section, "base of operation" means the location where an individual owns or rents an office, storefront, or similar facility to which the individual regularly reports and at which the individual regularly performs personal services for compensation.

R. Compensation paid to a person for personal services performed for a political subdivision on property owned by the political subdivision, regardless of whether the compensation is received by an employee of the subdivision or another person performing services for the subdivision under a contract with the subdivision, if the property on which services are performed is annexed to a municipal corporation pursuant to Ohio R.C. 709.023 on or after March 27, 2013, unless the person is subject to such taxation because of residence. If the compensation is subject to taxation because of residence, municipal income tax is payable only to the municipal corporation of residence.

S. Receipts from seasonal or casual entertainment, amusements, sports events, and health and welfare activities when any such are conducted by bona fide charitable, religious, or educational organizations and associations.

T. Salaries of the mentally retarded or developmentally disabled while working in a government funded workshop for less than the minimum wage.

(12) "Form 2106" means Internal Revenue Service Form 2106 filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

(13) "Generic form" means an electronic or paper form that is not prescribed by a particular municipal corporation and that is designed for reporting taxes withheld by an employer, agent of an employer, or other payer, estimated municipal income taxes, or annual municipal income tax liability, including a request for refund.

(14) "Income" means the following:

A. 1. For residents, all income, salaries, qualifying wages, commissions, tips, and other compensation from whatever source earned or received by the resident, including but not limited to bonuses, incentive and profit-sharing payments, vacation pay, payments received under a wage continuation plan from an employer or third party during the period of disability or sickness, and contributions made by or on behalf of an employee from the employee's gross wages to a tax deferred plan such as a 401k, 403b, IRA, Keogh, SEP or other similar plans, separation pay of any kind, and the resident's distributive share of the net profit of pass-through entities owned directly or indirectly by the resident and any net profit of the resident, except as provided in division (c)(23)D. of this section.

2. For the purposes of division (c)(14)A.1. of this section:

a. Any net operating loss of the resident incurred in the taxable year and the resident's distributive share of any net operating loss generated in the same taxable year and attributable to the resident's ownership interest in a pass-through entity shall be allowed as a deduction, for that taxable year and the following five taxable years, against any other net profit of the resident or the resident's distributive share of any net profit attributable to the resident's ownership interest in a pass-through entity until fully utilized, subject to division (c)(14)A.4. of this section;

b. The resident's distributive share of the net profit of each pass-through entity owned directly or indirectly by the resident must be calculated without regard to any net operating loss that is carried forward by that entity from a prior taxable year and applied to reduce the entity's net profit for the current taxable year.

3. Division (c)(14)A.2. of this section applies with respect to any net profit or net operating loss attributable to an ownership interest in an S corporation as shareholders' distributive shares of net profits from S corporations are subject to tax in the Village as provided in division (c)(14)E. of this section.

4. Any amount of a net operating loss used to reduce a taxpayer's net profit for a taxable year will reduce the amount of net operating loss that may be carried forward to any subsequent year for use by that taxpayer. In no event will the cumulative deductions for all taxable years with respect to a taxpayer's net operating loss exceed the original amount of that net operating loss available to that taxpayer.

B. In the case of nonresidents, all income, salaries, qualifying wages, commissions, and other compensation from whatever source earned or received by the nonresident for work done, services performed or rendered, or activities conducted in the Village, including but not limited to bonuses, incentive and profit-sharing payments, vacation pay, payments received under a wage continuation plan from an employer or third party during the period of disability or

sickness, and contributions made by or on behalf of an employee from the employee's gross wages to a tax deferred plan such as a 401k, 403b, IRA, Keogh, SEP, or other similar plans, and separation pay of any kind, and including any net profit of the nonresident, but excluding the nonresident's distributive share of the net profit or loss of only pass-through entities owned directly or indirectly by the nonresident.

C. For taxpayers that are not individuals, net profit of the taxpayer.

D. Income derived from prizes, awards, gambling, wagering, lotteries, sports winnings or other similar games of chance by residents or nonresidents of the Village within the Village in an amount in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or on the basis of activities conducted within the Village. If the taxpayer is considered a professional gambler for Federal income tax purposes, related deductions as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code are allowed against gambling and sports winnings; otherwise no such deductions are allowed.

E. For residents, an S corporation shareholder's distributive share of net profits of an S corporation.

(15) "Intangible income" means income of any of the following types: income yield, interest, capital gains, dividends, or other income arising from the ownership, sale, exchange, or other disposition of intangible property other than stock options including, but not limited to, investments, deposits, money, or credits as those terms are defined in Ohio R.C. Chapter 5701, and patents, copyrights, trademarks, tradenames, investments in real estate investment trusts, investments in regulated investment companies, and appreciation on deferred compensation. "Intangible income" does not include prizes, awards, or other income associated with any lottery winnings, gambling winnings, or other similar games of chance.

(16) "Internal Revenue Code" means the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Sta. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 1, as amended.

(17) "Limited liability company" means a limited liability company formed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 1705 or under the laws of another state.

(18) "Division," unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, means part of a section of this chapter.

(19) "Municipal corporation" means, in general terms, a status conferred upon a local government unit, by State law giving the unit certain autonomous operating authority such as the power of taxation, power of eminent domain, police power and regulatory power, and includes a joint economic development district or joint economic development zone that levies an income tax or net profit tax under Ohio R.C. 718.691, 715.70, 715.71, or 715.74. The Village is a municipal corporation for purposes of this chapter.

(20) A. "Municipal taxable income" means the following:

1. For a person other than an individual, income reduced by exempt income to the extent otherwise included in income and then, as applicable, apportioned or situated to the Village under Section 891.072, and further reduced by any pre-2017 net operating loss carry-forward available to the person for the Village.

2. For an individual who is a resident of the Village, income reduced by exempt income to the extent otherwise included in income, then reduced as provided in division (c)(20)B. of this

section, and further reduced by any pre-2017 net operating loss carry-forward available to the individual for the Village.

3. For an individual who is a nonresident of the Village, income reduced by exempt income to the extent otherwise included in income and then, as applicable, apportioned or situated to the Village under Section 891.072, then reduced as provided in division (c)(20)B. of this section, and further reduced by any pre-2017 net operating loss carry-forward available to the individual for the Village.

B. In computing the municipal taxable income of a taxpayer who is an individual, the taxpayer may subtract, as provided in division (c)(20)A.2. or 3. of this section, the amount of the individual's employee business expenses reported on the individual's form 2106 that the individual deducted for Federal income tax purposes for the taxable year, subject to the limitation imposed by Section 67 of the Internal Revenue Code. For the municipal corporation in which the taxpayer is a resident, the taxpayer may deduct all such expenses allowed for Federal income tax purposes. For a municipal corporation in which the taxpayer is not a resident, the taxpayer may deduct such expenses only to the extent the expenses are related to the taxpayer's performance of personal services in that nonresident municipal corporation.

(21) "Municipality" means the Village of Walton Hills, and includes any joint economic development district or joint economic development zone that levies an income tax or net profit tax under Ohio R.C. 718.691, 715.70, 715.71, or 715.74 or within which the Village levies an income tax or net profit tax pursuant to said sections of the Ohio Revised Code, including but not limited to the Village of Walton Hills - Sagamore Hills Township Joint Economic Development District.

(22) "Net operating loss" means a loss incurred by a person in the operation of a trade or business. "Net operating loss" does not include unutilized losses resulting from basis limitations, at-risk limitations, or passive activity loss limitations.

(23) A. "Net profit" for a person other than an individual means adjusted Federal taxable income. For the purposes of this division (c)(23)A. the net operating loss carried forward will be calculated and deducted in the same manner as provided in division (c)(1)H. of this section.

B. "Net profit" for a person who is an individual means the individual's net profit required to be reported on Schedule C, Schedule E, or Schedule F reduced by any net operating loss carried forward.

C. For the purposes of this chapter, and notwithstanding division (c)(23)A. of this section, net profit of a disregarded entity is not taxable as against that disregarded entity, but will instead be included in the net profit of the owner of the disregarded entity.

D. 1. For purposes of this chapter, "publicly traded partnership" means any partnership, an interest in which is regularly traded on an established securities market. A "publicly traded partnership" may have any number of partners.

2. For the purposes of this chapter, and notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the net profit of a publicly traded partnership that makes the election described in division (c)(23)D. of this section will be taxed as if the partnership were a C corporation, and will not be treated as the net profit or income of any owner of the partnership.

3. A publicly traded partnership that is treated as a partnership for Federal income tax purposes and that is subject to tax on its net profits in one or more municipal corporations in this

State may elect to be treated as a C corporation for municipal income tax purposes. The publicly traded partnership must make the election in every municipal corporation in which the partnership is subject to taxation on its net profits. The election must be made on the annual tax return filed in each such municipal corporation. Once the election is made, the election is binding for a five-year period beginning with the first taxable year of the initial election. The election continues to be binding for each subsequent five-year period unless the taxpayer elects to discontinue filing municipal income tax returns as a C corporation under division (c)(23)D.4. of this section.

4. An election to discontinue filing as a C corporation must be made in the first year following the last year of a five-year election period in effect under division (c)(23)D.3. of this section. The election to discontinue filing as a C corporation is binding for a five-year period beginning with the first taxable year of the election and continues to be binding for each subsequent five-year period unless the taxpayer elects to discontinue filing municipal income tax returns as a partnership. An election to discontinue filing as a partnership must be made in the first year following the last year of a five-year election period.

5. The publicly traded partnership is not required to file the election with any municipal corporation in which the partnership is not subject to taxation on its net profits, but division (c)(23)D. of this section applies to all municipal corporations in which an individual owner of the partnership resides.

6. The individual owners of the partnership not filing as a C corporation are required to file with their municipal corporation of residence, and report partnership distribution of net profit.

(24) "Nonresident" means an individual that is not a resident of the Village, or other applicable municipal corporation.

(25) "Ohio Business Gateway" means the online computer network system, created under Ohio R.C. 125.30, that allows persons to electronically file business reply forms with State agencies and includes any successor electronic filing and payment system.

(26) "Other payer" means any person, other than an individual's employer or the employer's agent, who pays an individual any amount included in the Federal gross income of the individual.

(27) "Pass-through entity" means a partnership not treated as an association taxable as a C corporation for Federal income tax purposes, a limited liability company not treated as an association taxable as a C corporation for Federal income tax purposes, an S corporation, or any other class of entity from which the income or profits of the entity are given pass-through treatment for Federal income tax purposes. "Pass-through entity" does not include a trust, estate, grantor of a grantor trust, or disregarded entity.

(28) "Pension" means any amount paid to an employee or former employee that is reported to the recipient on an IRS Form 1099-R, or successor form. Pension does not include deferred compensation, or amounts attributable to nonqualified deferred compensation plans, reported as FICA/Medicare wages on an IRS form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, or successor form.

(29) "Person" includes individuals, firms, companies, joint stock companies, business trusts, estates, trusts, partnerships, limited liability partnerships, limited liability companies, associations, C corporations, S corporations, governmental entities, and any other entity.

(30) "Postal Service" means the United States Postal Service, or private delivery service delivering documents and packages within an agreed upon delivery schedule, or any other carrier service delivering the item.

(31) "Postmark date," "date of postmark," and similar terms include the date recorded and marked by a delivery service and recorded electronically to a database kept in the regular course of its business and marked on the cover in which the payment or document is enclosed, the date on which the payment or document was given to the delivery service for delivery.

(32) A. "Pre-2017 net operating loss carry-forward" means any net operating loss incurred in a taxable year beginning before January 1, 2017, to be carried forward and utilized to offset income or net profit generated in a municipality in future taxable years.

B. For the purpose of calculating municipal taxable income, any pre-2017 net operating loss carry-forward may be carried forward to any taxable year, including taxable years beginning in 2017 or thereafter, for the number of taxable years provided in the resolution or ordinance or until fully utilized, whichever is earlier.

(33) "Employee" means an individual who is an employee for Federal income tax purposes.

(34) "Qualifying wages" means wages, as defined in Section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to any wage limitations, adjusted as follows:

A. Deduct the following amounts:

1. Any amount included in wages if the amount constitutes compensation attributable to a plan or program described in Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code.

2. Any amount included in wages if the amount constitutes payment on account of a disability related to sickness or an accident paid by a party unrelated to the employer, agent of an employer, or other payer.

3. Any amount included in wages if the amount arises from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of a stock option, the exercise of a stock option, or the sale, exchange, or other disposition of stock purchased under a stock option.

4. Any amount included in wages that is exempt income.

B. Add the following amounts:

1. Any amount not included in wages solely because the employee was employed by the employer before April 1, 1986.

2. Any amount not included in wages if the amount is an amount described in Sections 401(k), 403(b), or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code. Division (c)(34)B.2. of this section applies only to employee contributions and employee deferrals.

3. Any amount that is supplemental unemployment compensation benefits described in Section 3402(o)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and not included in wages.

4. Any amount received that is treated as self-employment income for Federal tax purposes in accordance with Section 1402(a)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code.

5. Any amount not included in wages if all of the following apply:

a. For the taxable year the amount is employee compensation that is earned outside of the United States and that either is included in the taxpayer's gross income for Federal income tax purposes or would have been included in the taxpayer's gross income for such purposes if the taxpayer did not elect to exclude the income under Section 911 of the Internal Revenue Code;

b. For no preceding taxable year did the amount constitute wages as defined in Section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code;

c. For no succeeding taxable year will the amount constitute wages; and

d. For any taxable year the amount has not otherwise been added to wages pursuant to either division (c)(34)B. of this section or Ohio R.C. Section 718.03, as that section existed before March 23, 2015.

(35) "Related entity" means any of the following:

A. An individual stockholder, or a member of the stockholder's family enumerated in Section 318 of the Internal Revenue Code, if the stockholder and the members of the stockholder's family own directly, indirectly, beneficially, or constructively, in the aggregate, at least 50% of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;

B. A stockholder, or a stockholder's partnership, estate, trust, or corporation, if the stockholder and the stockholder's partnerships, estates, trusts, or corporations own directly, indirectly, beneficially, or constructively, in the aggregate, at least 50% of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;

C. A corporation, or a party related to the corporation in a manner that would require an attribution of stock from the corporation to the party or from the party to the corporation under division (c)(35)D. of this section, provided the taxpayer owns directly, indirectly, beneficially, or constructively, at least 50% of the value of the corporation's outstanding stock;

D. The attribution rules described in Section 318 of the Internal Revenue Code apply for the purpose of determining whether the ownership requirements in divisions (c)(35)A. to C. of this section have been met.

(36) "Related member" means a person that, with respect to the taxpayer during all or any portion of the taxable year, is either a related entity, a component member as defined in Section 1563(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a person to or from whom there is attribution of stock ownership in accordance with Section 1563(e) of the Internal Revenue Code except, for purposes of determining whether a person is a related member under this division, "20%" shall be substituted for "5%" wherever "5%" appears in Section 1563(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(37) "Resident" means an individual who is domiciled in the Village as determined under Section 891.052, or where the context clearly indicates, in another applicable municipal corporation.

(38) "S corporation" means a person that has made an election under subchapter S of Chapter 1 of Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code for its taxable year.

(39) "Schedule C" means Internal Revenue service Schedule C (Form 1040) filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

(40) "Schedule E" means Internal Revenue Service Schedule E (Form 1040) filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

(41) "Schedule F" means Internal Revenue Service Schedule F (Form 1040) filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

(42) "Single member limited liability company" means a limited liability company that has one direct member.

(43) "Small employer" means any employer that had total revenue of less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) during the preceding taxable year. For purposes of this division, "total revenue" means receipts of any type or kind, including, but not limited to, sales receipts; payments; rents; profits; gains, dividends, and other investment income; commissions; premiums; money; property; grants; contributions; donations; gifts; program service revenue; patient service revenue; premiums; fees, including premium fees and service fees; tuition payments; unrelated business revenue; reimbursements; any type of payment from a governmental unit, including grants and other allocations; and any other similar receipts reported for Federal income tax purposes or under generally accepted accounting principles. "Small employer" does not include the Federal government; any state government, including any state agency or instrumentality; any political subdivision; or any entity treated as a government for financial accounting and reporting purposes.

(44) "Tax Administrator" means the individual charged with direct responsibility for administration of an income tax levied by the Village in accordance with this chapter, and also includes any person retained by the Village to administer taxes levied by the Village, but only if such person is not compensated in whole or in part on a contingency basis;

(45) "Tax return preparer" means any individual described in Internal Revenue Code Section 7701(a)(36) or 26 C. F. R. 301.7701-15.

(46) "Taxable year" means the corresponding tax reporting period as prescribed for the taxpayer under the Internal Revenue Code.

(47) A. "Taxpayer" means a person subject to a tax levied on income by the Village in accordance with this chapter. "Taxpayer" does not include a grantor trust or, except as provided in division (c)(47)B.1. of this section, a disregarded entity.

B. 1. A single member limited liability company that is a disregarded entity for Federal tax purposes may be a separate taxpayer from its single member in all Ohio municipal corporations in which it either filed as a separate taxpayer or did not file for its taxable year ending in 2003, if all of the following conditions are met:

- a. The limited liability company's single member is also a limited liability company.
- b. The limited liability company and its single member were formed and doing business in one or more Ohio municipal corporations for at least five years before January 1, 2004.
- c. Not later than December 31, 2004, the limited liability company and its single member each made an election to be treated as a separate taxpayer under Ohio R.C. 718.01(L) as that section existed on December 31, 2004.
- d. The limited liability company was not formed for the purpose of evading or reducing Ohio municipal corporation income tax liability of the limited liability company or its single member.

e. The Ohio municipal corporation that was the primary place of business of the sole member of the limited liability company consented to the election.

2. For purposes of division (c)(47)B.1.e. of this section, the Village was the primary place of business of a limited liability company if, for the limited liability company's taxable year ending in 2003, its income tax liability was greater in the Village than in any other municipal corporation in Ohio, and that tax liability to the Village for its taxable year ending in 2003 was at least four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000).

(48) "Taxpayers' rights and responsibilities" means the rights provided to taxpayers in Ohio R.C. 718.11, 718.12, 718.19, 718.23, 718.36, 718.37, 718.38, 5717.011, and 5717.03 and any corresponding ordinances of the Village, and the responsibilities of taxpayers to file, report, withhold, remit, and pay municipal income tax and otherwise comply with Ohio R.C. Chapter 718 and ordinances and rules adopted by the Village for the imposition and administration of a municipal income tax.

(49) "The Village" means the Village of Walton Hills and, for all purposes in this chapter, other than where plainly stated otherwise in this chapter, a joint economic development district in which the Village is a partner or participant, including but not limited to the Village of Walton Hills - Sagamore Hills Township Joint Economic Development District.

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891.05 INCOME SUBJECT TO TAX FOR INDIVIDUALS

891.051 DETERMINING MUNICIPAL TAXABLE INCOME FOR INDIVIDUALS.

(a) "Municipal Taxable Income" for a resident of the Village is calculated as follows:

(1) "Income" reduced by "exempt income" to the extent such exempt income is otherwise included in income, reduced by allowable employee business expense deduction as found in Section 891.04(c)(20)B., further reduced by any "Pre-2017 Net Operating Loss Carry- Forward" equals "Municipal Taxable Income".

A. "Income" is defined in Section 891.04(c)(14).

1. "Qualifying Wages" is defined in Section 891.04(c)(34).

2. "Net profit" is included in "income", and is defined in Section 891.04(c)(23). The net operating loss carryforward shall be calculated and deducted in the same manner as provided in Section 891.04(c)(1)H. Treatment of net profits received by an individual taxpayer from rental real estate is provided in Section 891.072(e).

3. Section 891.04(c)(14) provides the following offsetting and net operating loss carry-forward treatment in division (c)(14)A.2.a.; resident's distributive share of net profit from pass through entity treatment in Section 891.04(c)(14)A.2.b.; treatment of S Corporation distributive share of net profit in the hands of the shareholder in Section 891.04(c)(14)A.3.; restriction of amount of loss permitted to be carried forward for use by taxpayer in a subsequent taxable year in Section 891.04(c)(14)A.4.

4. "Pass Through Entity" is defined in Section 891.04(c)(27).

B. "Exempt Income" is defined in Section 891.04(c)(11).

C. Allowable employee business expense deduction is described in Section 891.04(c)(20) B., and is subject to the limitations provided in that section.

D. "Pre-2017 Net Operating Loss Carry-Forward," is defined in Section 891.04(c)(32) of this Chapter.

(b) "Municipal Taxable Income" for a nonresident of the Village is calculated as follows:

(1) "Income" reduced by "exempt income" to the extent such exempt income is otherwise included in income, as applicable, apportioned or situated to the Village as provided in Section 891.072, reduced by allowable employee business expense deduction as found in Section 891.04(c)(20)B., further reduced by any "Pre-2017 Net Operating Loss Carry-Forward" equals "Municipal Taxable Income".

A. "Income" is defined in Section 891.04(c)(14).

1. "Qualifying wages" is defined in Section 891.04(c)(34).

2. "Net profit" is included in "income", and is defined in Section 891.04(c)(23). This section also provides that the net operating loss carry-forward shall be calculated and deducted in the same manner as provided in Section 891.04(c)(1)H. "Net profit" for a nonresident individual includes any net profit of the nonresident, but excludes the distributive share of net profit or loss of only a pass through entity owned directly or indirectly by the nonresident.

3. "Pass through entity" is defined in Section 891.04(c)(27).

B. "Exempt income" is defined in Section 891.04(c)(11).

C. "Apportioned or situated to the Village as provided in Section 891.072" includes the apportionment of net profit income attributable to work done or services performed in the Village. Treatment of net profits received by an individual taxpayer from rental real estate is provided in Section 891.072(e).

D. "Allowable employee business expense deduction" as described in Section 891.04(c)(20)B., is subject to the limitations provided in that section. For a nonresident of the Village, the deduction is limited to the extent the expenses are related to the performance of personal services by the nonresident in the Village.

E. "Pre-2017 net operating loss carry-forward" is defined in Section 891.04(c)(32).

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891.052 DOMICILE.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Domicile" means the true, fixed and permanent home of the taxpayer to which whenever absent, the taxpayer intends to return.

(2) An individual is presumed to be domiciled in the Village for all or part of a taxable year if the individual was domiciled in the Village on the last day of the immediately preceding taxable year or if the Tax Administrator reasonably concludes that the individual is domiciled in the Village for all or part of the taxable year.

(3) An individual may rebut the presumption of domicile described in division (a)(1) of this section if the individual establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that the individual was not domiciled in the Village for all or part of the taxable year.

(b) For the purpose of determining whether an individual is domiciled in the Village for all or part of a taxable year, factors that may be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) The individual's domicile in other taxable years;
- (2) The location at which the individual is registered to vote;
- (3) The address on the individual's driver's license;
- (4) The location of real estate for which the individual claimed a property tax exemption or reduction allowed on the basis of the individual's residence or domicile;
- (5) The location and value of abodes owned or leased by the individual;
- (6) Declarations, written or oral, made by the individual regarding the individual's residency;
- (7) The primary location at which the individual is employed;
- (8) The location of educational institutions attended by the individual's dependents as defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code, to the extent that tuition paid to such educational institution is based on the residency of the individual or the individual's spouse in the municipal corporation or state where the educational institution is located;
- (9) The number of contact periods the individual has with the Village. For the purposes of this division, an individual has one "contact period" with the Village if the individual is away overnight from the individual's abode located outside of the Village and while away overnight from that abode spends at least some portion, however minimal, of each of two consecutive days in the Village. For purposes of this section, the State's contact period test or bright-line test and resulting determination have no bearing on municipal residency or domicile.

(c) All applicable factors are provided in Ohio R.C. 718.012.

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891.06 COLLECTION AT SOURCE

891.061 COLLECTION AT SOURCE; WITHHOLDING FROM QUALIFYING WAGES.

(a) (1) Each employer, agent of an employer, or other payer located or doing business in the Village is required to withhold from each employee an amount equal to the qualifying wages of the employee earned by the employee in the Village multiplied by the applicable rate of the Village's income tax, except for qualifying wages for which withholding is not required under Section 891.062 or divisions (d) or (f) of this section. An employer, agent of an employer, or other payer is required to deduct and withhold the tax from qualifying wages on the date that the employer, agent, or other payer directly, indirectly, or constructively pays the qualifying wages to, or credits the qualifying wages to the benefit of, the employee.

(2) In addition to withholding the amounts required under division (a)(1) of this section, an employer, agent of an employer, or other payer may also deduct and withhold, on the request of an employee, taxes for the municipal corporation in which the employee is a resident.

(b) An employer, agent of an employer, or other payer is required to remit to the Village Tax Administrator the greater of the income taxes deducted and withheld or the income taxes required to be deducted and withheld by the employer, agent, or other payer, along with any report required by the Tax Administrator to accompany such payment, according to the following schedule:

(1) Any employer, agent of an employer, or other payer not required to make payments under division (b)(2) of this section of taxes required to be deducted and withheld is required to make quarterly payments to the Tax Administrator not later than the last day of the month following the last day of each calendar quarter.

(2) Taxes required to be deducted and withheld are required to be remitted monthly to the Tax Administrator if the total taxes deducted and withheld or required to be deducted and withheld by the employer, agent, or other payer on behalf of the Village in the preceding calendar year exceeded two thousand three hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$2,399), or if the total amount of taxes deducted and withheld or required to be deducted and withheld on behalf of the Village in any month of the preceding calendar quarter exceeded two hundred dollars (\$200.00). Payment under division (b)(2) of this section shall be made so that the payment is sent to the Tax Administrator not later than fifteen days after the last day of each month.

(3) Except as provided in division (b)(4) of this section, an employer, agent of an employer or other payer may make payment by electronic funds transfer to the Tax Administrator of all taxes deducted and withheld on behalf of the employee for remittance to the Village if the employer, agent of an employer, or other payer is required to make payments electronically for the purpose of paying Federal taxes withheld on payments to employees under Section 6302 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 C.F.R. 31.6302-1, or any other Federal statute or regulation. The payment of tax by electronic funds transfer under this division does not affect an employer's, agent's, or other payer's obligation to file any return as required under this section.

(4) An agent of an employer that is providing employee tax withholding services to employers, that provides such services to five or more employers with employees within the Village is required to make payment by electronic funds transfer to the Tax Administrator of all taxes deducted and withheld on behalf of the employee for remittance to the Village, if such agent is required to make payments electronically for the purpose of paying Federal taxes withheld on payments to employees under Section 6302 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 C.F.R. 31.6302-1, or any other Federal statute or regulation. The payment of tax by electronic funds transfer under this division does not affect an employer's, agent's, or other payer's obligation to file any return as required under this section.

(c) An employer, agent of an employer, or other payer shall make and file a return showing the amount of tax withheld by the employer, agent, or other payer from the qualifying wages of each employee and remitted to the Tax Administrator. A return filed by an employer, agent, or other payer under this division will be accepted by the Village as the return required of an employee whose sole income subject to the tax under this chapter is the qualifying wages reported by the employee's employer, agent of an employer, or other payer.

(d) An employer, agent of an employer, or other payer is not required to withhold municipal income tax with respect to an individual's disqualifying disposition of an incentive stock option

if, at the time of the disqualifying disposition, the individual is not an employee of either the corporation with respect to whose stock the option has been issued or of such corporation's successor entity.

(e) (1) An employee is not relieved from liability for a tax by the failure of the employer, agent of an employer, or other payer to withhold the tax as required under this chapter or by the employer's, agent's, or other payer's exemption from the requirement to withhold the tax.

(2) The failure of an employer, agent of an employer, or other payer to remit to the Village the tax withheld relieves the employee from liability for that tax unless the employee colluded with the employer, agent, or other payer in connection with the failure to remit the tax withheld.

(f) Compensation deferred before June 26, 2003, is not subject to the Village's income tax or income tax withholding requirement to the extent the deferred compensation does not constitute qualifying wages at the time the deferred compensation is paid or distributed.

(g) Each employer, agent of an employer, or other payer required to withhold taxes is liable for the payment of that amount required to be withheld, whether or not such taxes have been withheld, and such amount shall be deemed to be held in trust for the Village until such time as the withheld amount is remitted to the Tax Administrator.

(h) On or before the last day of February of each year, an employer shall file a Withholding Reconciliation Return with the Tax Administrator listing the names, addresses, and social security numbers of all employees from whose qualifying wages tax was withheld or should have been withheld for the Village during the preceding calendar year, the amount of tax withheld, if any, from each such employee's qualifying wage, the total amount of qualifying wages paid to such employee during the preceding calendar year, the name of every other municipal corporation for which tax was withheld or should have been withheld from such employee during the preceding calendar year, any other information required for Federal income tax reporting purposes on Internal Revenue Service Form W-2 or its equivalent form with respect to such employee, and other information as may be required by the Tax Administrator.

(i) The officer or the employee of the employer, agent of an employer, or other payer with control or direct supervision of or charged with the responsibility for withholding the tax or filing the reports and making payments as required by this section, is personally liable for a failure to file a report or pay the tax due as required by this section. The dissolution of an employer, agent of an employer, or other payer does not discharge the officer's or employee's liability for a failure of the employer, agent of an employer, or other payer to file returns or pay any tax due.

(j) An employer is required to deduct and withhold municipal income tax on tips and gratuities received by the employer's employees and constituting qualifying wages only to the extent that the tips and gratuities are under the employer's control. For the purposes of this division, a tip or gratuity is under the employer's control if the tip or gratuity is paid by the customer to the employer for subsequent remittance to the employee, or if the customer pays the tip or gratuity by credit card, debit card, or other electronic means.

(k) The Tax Administrator shall consider any tax withheld by an employer at the request of an employee when such tax is not otherwise required to be withheld by this chapter to be tax required to be withheld and remitted for the purposes of this section.

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891.062 COLLECTION AT SOURCE; OCCASIONAL ENTRANT.

(a) The following terms as used in this section:

- (1) "Employer" includes a person that is a related member to or of an employer.
- (2) "Professional athlete" means an athlete who performs services in a professional athletic event for wages or other remuneration.
- (3) "Professional entertainer" means a person who performs services in the professional performing arts for wages or other remuneration on a per-event basis.
- (4) "Public figure" means a person of prominence who performs services at discrete events, such as speeches, public appearances, or similar events, for wages or other remuneration on a per-event basis.
- (5) "Fixed location" means a permanent place of doing business in this State, such as an office, warehouse, storefront, or similar location owned or controlled by an employer.
- (6) "Worksite location" means a construction site or other temporary worksite in this State at which the employer provides services for more than 20 days during the calendar year. "Worksite location" does not include the home of an employee.
- (7) "Principal place of work" means the fixed location to which an employee is required to report for employment duties on a regular and ordinary basis. If the employee is not required to report for employment duties on a regular and ordinary basis to a fixed location, "principal place of work" means the worksite location in this State to which the employee is required to report for employment duties on a regular and ordinary basis. If the employee is not required to report for employment duties on a regular and ordinary basis to a fixed location or worksite location, "principal place of work" means the location in this State at which the employee spends the greatest number of days in a calendar year performing services for or on behalf of the employee's employer.

If there is not a single municipal corporation in which the employee spent the "greatest number of days in a calendar year" performing services for or on behalf of the employer, but instead there are two or more municipal corporations in which the employee spent an identical number of days that is greater than the number of days the employee spent in any other municipal corporation, the employer shall allocate any of the employee's qualifying wages subject to division (b)(1) of this section among those two or more municipal corporations. The allocation shall be made using any fair and reasonable method, including, but not limited to, an equal allocation among such municipal corporations or an allocation based upon the time spent or sales made by the employee in each such municipal corporation. A municipal corporation to which qualifying wages are allocated under this division shall be the employee's "principal place of work" with respect to those qualifying wages for the purposes of this section.

For the purposes of this division, the location at which an employee spends a particular day shall be deemed in accordance with division (b)(2) of this section, except that "location" shall be substituted for "the Village" wherever "the Village" appears in that division.

(B) (1) Subject to divisions (c), (e), and (f) of this section, an employer is not required to withhold municipal income tax on qualifying wages paid to an employee for the performance of personal services in the Village if the employee performed such services in the Village on 20 or fewer days in a calendar year, unless one of the following conditions applies:

A. The employee's principal place of work is located in the Village.

B. The employee performed services at one or more presumed worksite locations in the Village. For the purposes of this division, "presumed worksite location" means a construction site or other temporary worksite in this State at which the employer provides services that can reasonably be expected by the employer to last more than 20 days in a calendar year. Services can "reasonably be expected by the employer to last more than 20 days" if either of the following applies at the time the services commence:

1. The nature of the services are such that it will require more than 20 days of actual services to complete the services;

2. The agreement between the employer and its customer to perform services at a location requires the employer to perform actual services at the location for more than 20 days.

C. The employee is a resident of the Village and has requested that the employer withhold tax from the employee's qualifying wages as provided in Section 891.061.

(d) The employee is a professional athlete, professional entertainer, or public figure, and the qualifying wages are paid for the performance of services in the employee's capacity as a professional athlete, professional entertainer, or public figure within the Village.

(2) For the purposes of division (b)(1) of this section, an employee shall be considered to have spent a day performing services in the Village only if the employee spent more time performing services for or on behalf of the employer in the Village than in any other municipal corporation on that day. For the purposes of determining the amount of time an employee spent in a particular location, the time spent performing one or more of the following activities shall be considered to have been spent at the employee's principal place of work:

A. Traveling to the location at which the employee will first perform services for the employer for the day;

B. Traveling from a location at which the employee was performing services for the employer to any other location;

C. Traveling from any location to another location in order to pick up or load, for the purpose of transportation or delivery, property that has been purchased, sold, assembled, fabricated, repaired, refurbished, processed, remanufactured, or improved by the employee's employer;

D. Transporting or delivering property described in division (b)(2)C. of this section, provided that, upon delivery of the property, the employee does not temporarily or permanently affix the property to real estate owned, used, or controlled by a person other than the employee's employer;

E. Traveling from the location at which the employee makes the employee's final delivery or pick-up for the day to either the employee's principal place of work or a location at which the employee will not perform services for the employer.

(c) If the principal place of work of an employee is located in another municipal corporation that imposes an income tax, the exception from withholding requirements described in division (b)(1) of this section shall apply only if, with respect to the employee's qualifying wages

described in that division, the employer withholds and remits tax on such qualifying wages to the other municipal corporation.

(d) (1) Except as provided in division (d)(2) of this section, if, during a calendar year, the number of days an employee spends performing personal services in the Village exceeds the 20-day threshold described in division (b)(1) of this section, the employer shall withhold and remit tax to the Village for any subsequent days in that calendar year on which the employer pays qualifying wages to the employee for personal services performed in the Village.

(2) An employer required to begin withholding tax for the Village under division (d)(1) of this section may elect to withhold tax for the Village for the first 20 days on which the employer paid qualifying wages to the employee for personal services performed in the Village.

(3) If an employer makes the election described in division (d)(2) of this section, the taxes withheld and paid by such an employer during those first 20 days to the Village are refundable to the employee.

(e) Without regard to the number of days in a calendar year on which an employee performs personal services in the Village, an employer shall withhold municipal income tax on all of the employee's qualifying wages for a taxable year and remit that tax only to the municipal corporation in which the employer's fixed location is located if the employer qualifies as a small employer as defined in Section 891.04. To determine whether an employer qualifies as a small employer for a taxable year, the Tax Administrator may require the employer to provide the Tax Administrator with the employer's Federal income tax return for the preceding taxable year.

(f) Divisions (b)(1) and (d) of this section shall not apply to the extent that the Tax Administrator and an employer enter into an agreement regarding the manner in which the employer shall comply with the requirements of Section 891.061.

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891.063 COLLECTION AT SOURCE; CASINO AND VLT.

(a) A casino facility or a casino operator, as defined in Section 6(C)(9) of Article XV, Ohio Constitution, and Ohio R.C. 3772.01, respectively, located within the Village, or a lottery sales agent conducting video lottery terminals sales on behalf of the State located within the Village, must withhold and remit municipal income tax to the Tax Administrator with respect to amounts other than qualifying wages as provided in this section.

(b) If a person's winnings at such a casino facility are an amount for which reporting to the Internal Revenue Service of the amount is required by Section 6041 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, the casino operator must deduct and withhold municipal income tax from the person's winnings at the rate of the tax imposed by the Village.

(c) Amounts deducted and withheld by a casino operator hereunder are held in trust for the benefit of the Village.

(1) On or before the tenth day of each month, the casino operator shall file a return electronically with the Tax Administrator, providing the name, address, and social security number of the person from whose winnings amounts were deducted and withheld, the amount of each such deduction and withholding during the preceding calendar month, the amount of the winnings from which each such amount was withheld, the type of casino gaming that resulted in such winnings, and any other information required by the Tax Administrator. With this return,

the casino operator shall remit electronically to the Tax Administrator all amounts deducted and withheld during the preceding month.

(2) Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of January, a casino operator located in the Village must shall file an annual return electronically with the Tax Administrator, indicating the total amount deducted and withheld during the preceding calendar year. The casino operator shall remit electronically with the annual return any amount that was deducted and withheld and that was not previously remitted. If the name, address, or social security number of a person or the amount deducted and withheld with respect to that person was omitted on a monthly return for that reporting period, that information shall be indicated on the annual return.

(3) Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of January, a casino operator shall issue an information return to each person with respect to whom an amount has been deducted and withheld during the preceding calendar year. The information return shall show the total amount of municipal income tax deducted from the person's winnings during the preceding year. The casino operator shall provide to the Tax Administrator a copy of each information return issued under this Division. The Tax Administrator may require that such copies be transmitted electronically.

(4) A casino operator that fails to file a return and remit the amounts deducted and withheld shall be personally liable for the amount withheld and not remitted. Such personal liability extends to any penalty and interest imposed for the late filing of a return or the late payment of tax deducted and withheld.

(5) If a casino operator sells the casino facility or otherwise quits the casino business, the amounts deducted and withheld along with any penalties and interest thereon are immediately due and payable. The successor shall withhold an amount of the purchase money that is sufficient to cover the amounts deducted and withheld along with any penalties and interest thereon until the predecessor casino operator produces either of the following:

A. A receipt from the Tax Administrator showing that the amounts deducted and withheld and penalties and interest thereon have been paid;

B. A certificate from the Tax Administrator indicating that no amounts are due. If the successor fails to withhold purchase money, the successor is personally liable for the payment of the amounts deducted and withheld and penalties and interest thereon.

(6) The failure of a casino operator to deduct and withhold the required amount from a person's winnings does not relieve that person from liability for the municipal income tax with respect to those winnings.

(d) If a person's prize award from a video lottery terminal is an amount for which reporting to the Internal Revenue Service is required by Section 6041 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, the video lottery sales agent shall deduct and withhold municipal income tax from the person's prize award at the rate of the tax imposed by the municipal corporation in which the video lottery terminal facility is located.

(e) Amounts deducted and withheld by a video lottery sales agent are held in trust for the benefit of the municipal corporation to which the tax is owed.

(1) The video lottery sales agent shall issue to a person from whose prize award an amount has been deducted and withheld a receipt for the amount deducted and withheld, and shall obtain

from the person receiving a prize award the person's name, address, and social security number in order to facilitate the preparation of returns required by this section.

(2) On or before the tenth day of each month, the video lottery sales agent shall file a return electronically with the Tax Administrator providing the names, addresses, and social security numbers of the persons from whose prize awards amounts were deducted and withheld, the amount of each such deduction and withholding during the preceding calendar month, the amount of the prize award from which each such amount was withheld, and any other information required by the Tax Administrator. With the return, the video lottery sales agent shall remit electronically to the Tax Administrator all amounts deducted and withheld during the preceding month.

(3) A video lottery sales agent shall maintain a record of all receipts issued under division (e) of this section and shall make those records available to the Tax Administrator upon request. Such records shall be maintained in accordance with Ohio R.C. 5747.17 and any rules adopted pursuant thereto.

(4) Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of January, each video lottery terminal sales agent shall file an annual return electronically with the Tax Administrator of the municipal corporation in which the facility is located indicating the total amount deducted and withheld during the preceding calendar year. The video lottery sales agent shall remit electronically with the annual return any amount that was deducted and withheld and that was not previously remitted. If the name, address, or social security number of a person or the amount deducted and withheld with respect to that person was omitted on a monthly return for that reporting period, that information shall be indicated on the annual return.

(5) Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of January, a video lottery sales agent shall issue an information return to each person with respect to whom an amount has been deducted and withheld during the preceding calendar year. The information return shall show the total amount of municipal income tax deducted and withheld from the person's prize award by the video lottery sales agent during the preceding year. A video lottery sales agent shall provide to the Tax Administrator a copy of each information return issued under this division. The Tax Administrator may require that such copies be transmitted electronically.

(6) A video lottery sales agent who fails to file a return and remit the amounts deducted and withheld is personally liable for the amount deducted and withheld and not remitted. Such personal liability extends to any penalty and interest imposed for the late filing of a return or the late payment of tax deducted and withheld.

(f) If a video lottery sales agent ceases to operate video lottery terminals, the amounts deducted and withheld along with any penalties and interest thereon are immediately due and payable. The successor of the video lottery sales agent that purchases the video lottery terminals from the agent shall withhold an amount from the purchase money that is sufficient to cover the amounts deducted and withheld and any penalties and interest thereon until the predecessor video lottery sales agent operator produces either of the following:

(1) A receipt from the Tax Administrator showing that the amounts deducted and withheld and penalties and interest thereon have been paid; or

(2) A certificate from the Tax Administrator indicating that no amounts are due. If the successor fails to withhold purchase money, the successor is personally liable for the payment of the amounts deducted and withheld and penalties and interest thereon.

(g) The failure of a video lottery sales agent to deduct and withhold the required amount from a person's prize award does not relieve that person from liability for the municipal income tax with respect to that prize award.

(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 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; or

(2) For the failure to file, or the late filing of, a monthly or annual return, a penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each return not filed or filed late. Interest shall accrue on past due amounts deducted and withheld at the rate prescribed in Ohio R.C. 5703.47.

(i) Amounts deducted and withheld on behalf of the Village shall be allowed as a credit against payment of the tax imposed by the Village and shall be treated as taxes paid for purposes of this chapter. This division applies only to the person for whom the amount is deducted and withheld.

(j) The Tax Administrator shall prescribe the forms of the receipts and returns required under this section.

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891.07 INCOME SUBJECT TO NET PROFIT TAX

891.071 DETERMINING MUNICIPAL TAXABLE INCOME FOR TAXPAYERS WHO ARE NOT INDIVIDUALS.

"Municipal Taxable Income" for a taxpayer, who is not an individual, for the Village is calculated as follows:

(a) "Income" reduced by "exempt income" to the extent otherwise included in income, multiplied by apportionment, further reduced by any "Pre-2017 net operating loss carry-forward" equals "municipal taxable income".

(1) "Income" for a taxpayer that is not an individual means the "net profit" of the taxpayer.

A. "Net profit" for a person other than an individual is defined in Section 891.04(c)(23).

B. "Adjusted Federal taxable income" is defined in Section 891.04(c)(1).

(2) "Exempt income" is defined in Section 891.04(c)(11).

(3) "Apportionment" means the apportionment as determined by Section 891.072.

(4) "Pre-2017 net operating loss carry-forward" is defined in Section 891.04(c)(32).

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

This section applies to any taxpayer engaged in a business or profession in the Village, unless the taxpayer is an individual who resides in the Village or the taxpayer is an electric company, combined company, or telephone company that is subject to and required to file reports under Ohio R.C. Chapter 5745. For purposes of this section, the Village is defined in Section 891.04 (c)(49), and the net profit calculated herein shall apply as set forth in Sections 891.071 and 891.072.

(a) Net profit from a business or profession conducted both within and without the boundaries of the Village shall be considered as having a taxable situs in the Village for purposes of municipal income taxation in the same proportion as the average ratio of the following:

(1) The average original cost of the real property and tangible personal property owned or used by the taxpayer in the business or profession in the Village during the taxable period to the average original cost of all of the real and tangible personal property owned or used by the taxpayer in the business or profession during the same period, wherever situated.

As used in the preceding paragraph, tangible personal or real property shall include property rented or leased by the taxpayer and the value of such property shall be determined by multiplying the annual rental thereon by eight;

(2) Wages, salaries, and other compensation paid during the taxable period to individuals employed in the business or profession for services performed in the Village to wages, salaries, and other compensation paid during the same period to individuals employed in the business or profession, wherever the individual's services are performed, excluding compensation from which taxes are not required to be withheld under Section 891.062;

(3) Total gross receipts of the business or profession from sales and rentals made and services performed during the taxable period in the Village to total gross receipts of the business or profession during the same period from sales, rentals, and services, wherever made or performed.

(b) (1) If the apportionment factors described in division (a) of this section do not fairly represent the extent of a taxpayer's business activity in the Village, the taxpayer may request, or the Tax Administrator may require, that the taxpayer use, with respect to all or any portion of the income of the taxpayer, an alternative apportionment method involving one or more of the following:

- A. Separate accounting;
- B. The exclusion of one or more of the factors;
- C. The inclusion of one or more additional factors that would provide for a more fair apportionment of the income of the taxpayer to the Village;
- D. A modification of one or more of the factors.

(2) A taxpayer request to use an alternative apportionment method must be in writing and shall accompany a tax return, timely filed appeal of an assessment, or timely filed amended tax return. The taxpayer may use the requested alternative method unless the Tax Administrator denies the request in an assessment issued within the period prescribed by Section 891.19(a).

(3) The Tax Administrator may require a taxpayer to use an alternative apportionment method as described in division (b)(1) of this section only by issuing an assessment to the taxpayer within the period prescribed by Section 891.19(a).

(4) Nothing in division (b) of this section nullifies or otherwise affects any alternative apportionment arrangement approved by the Tax Administrator or otherwise agreed upon by both the Tax Administrator and taxpayer before January 1, 2016.

(c) As used in division (a)(2) of this section, "wages, salaries, and other compensation" includes only wages, salaries, or other compensation paid to an employee for services performed at any of the following locations:

(1) A location that is owned, controlled, or used by, rented to, or under the possession of one of the following:

A. The employer;

B. A vendor, customer, client, or patient of the employer, or a related member of such a vendor, customer, client, or patient;

C. A vendor, customer, client, or patient of a person described in division (c)(1)B. of this section, or a related member of such a vendor, customer, client, or patient.

(2) Any location at which a trial, appeal, hearing, investigation, inquiry, review, court-martial, or similar administrative, judicial, or legislative matter or proceeding is being conducted, provided that the compensation is paid for services performed for, or on behalf of, the employer or that the employee's presence at the location directly or indirectly benefits the employer;

(3) Any other location, if the Tax Administrator determines that the employer directed the employee to perform the services at the other location in lieu of a location described in division (c)(1) or (2) of this section solely in order to avoid or reduce the employer's municipal income tax liability. If the Tax Administrator makes such a determination, the employer may dispute the determination by establishing, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the Tax Administrator's determination was unreasonable.

(d) For the purposes of division (a)(3) of this section, receipts from sales and rentals made and services performed are situated to the Village as follows:

(1) Gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property are situated to the municipal corporation in which the sale originated. For the purposes of this division, a sale of property originates in the Village if, regardless of where title passes, the property meets any of the following criteria:

A. The property is shipped to or delivered within the Village from a stock of goods located within the Village.

B. The property is delivered within the Village from a location outside the Village, provided the taxpayer is regularly engaged through its own employees in the solicitation or promotion of sales within the Village and the sales result from such solicitation or promotion.

C. The property is shipped from a place within the Village to purchasers outside the Village, provided that the taxpayer is not, through its own employees, regularly engaged in the solicitation or promotion of sales at the place where delivery is made.

(2) Gross receipts from the sale of services are situated to the Village to the extent that such services are performed in the Village.

(3) To the extent included in income, gross receipts from the sale of real property located in the Village are situated to the Village.

(4) To the extent included in income, gross receipts from rents and royalties from real property located in the Village are situated to the Village.

(5) Gross receipts from rents and royalties from tangible personal property are situated to the Village based upon the extent to which the tangible personal property is used in the Village.

(e) The net profit received by an individual taxpayer from the rental of real estate owned directly by the individual or by a disregarded entity owned by the individual is subject to tax only by the municipal corporation in which the property generating the net profit is located and the municipal corporation in which the individual taxpayer that receives the net profit resides. The Village will allow such taxpayers to elect to use separate accounting for the purpose of calculating net profit situated under this division to the municipal corporation in which the property is located.

(f) (1) Except as provided in division (f)(2) of this section, commissions received by a real estate agent or broker relating to the sale, purchase, or lease of real estate are situated to the municipal corporation in which the real estate is located. Net profit reported by the real estate agent or broker will be allocated to the Village based upon the ratio of the commissions the agent or broker received from the sale, purchase, or lease of real estate located in the Village to the commissions received from the sale, purchase, or lease of real estate everywhere in the taxable year.

(2) An individual who is a resident of the Village shall report the individual's net profit from all real estate activity on the individual's annual tax return for the Village. Such an individual may claim a credit for taxes the individual paid on such net profit to another municipal corporation to the extent that such credit is allowed under Section 891.091.

(g) If, in computing a taxpayer's adjusted Federal taxable income, the taxpayer deducted any amount with respect to a stock option granted to an employee, the taxpayer shall add the amount that is exempt from taxation to the taxpayer's net profit that was apportioned to that municipal corporation. In no case shall a taxpayer be required to add to its net profit that was apportioned to the Village any amount other than the amount upon which the employee would be required to pay tax were the amount related to the stock option not exempted from taxation. This division applies solely for the purpose of making an adjustment to the amount of a taxpayer's net profit that was apportioned to the Village under this section.

(h) When calculating the ratios described in division (a) of this section for the purposes of that division or division (b) of this section, the owner of a disregarded entity shall include in the owner's ratios the property, payroll, and gross receipts of such disregarded entity.

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891.073 CONSOLIDATED FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Affiliated group of corporations" means an affiliated group as defined in Section 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code, except that, if such a group includes at least one incumbent local exchange carrier that is primarily engaged in the business of providing local exchange telephone service in this State, the affiliated group shall not include any incumbent local exchange carrier that would otherwise be included in the group.

(2) "Consolidated Federal income tax return" means a consolidated return filed for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 1501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(3) "Consolidated Federal taxable income" means the consolidated taxable income of an affiliated group of corporations, as computed for the purposes of filing a consolidated Federal income tax return, before consideration of net operating losses or special deductions. "Consolidated Federal taxable income" does not include income or loss of an incumbent local exchange carrier that is excluded from the affiliated group under division (a)(1) of this section.

(4) "Incumbent local exchange carrier" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4927.01.

(5) "Local exchange telephone service" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 5727.01.

(b) (1) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, a taxpayer that is a member of an affiliated group of corporations may elect to file a consolidated municipal income tax return for a taxable year if at least one member of the affiliated group of corporations is subject to the municipal income tax in that taxable year and if the affiliated group of corporations filed a consolidated Federal income tax return with respect to that taxable year.

A. The election is binding for a five-year period beginning with the first taxable year of the initial election unless a change in the reporting method is required under Federal law.

B. The election continues to be binding for each subsequent five-year period unless the taxpayer elects to discontinue filing consolidated municipal income tax returns under division (b) (2) of this section; or

C. A taxpayer receives permission from the Tax Administrator. The Tax Administrator will approve such a request for good cause shown.

(2) An election to discontinue filing consolidated municipal income tax returns under this section must be made in the first year following the last year of a five-year consolidated municipal income tax return election period in effect under division (b)(1) of this section. The election to discontinue filing a consolidated municipal income tax return is binding for a five-year period beginning with the first taxable year of the election.

(3) An election made under divisions (b)(1) or (2) of this section is binding on all members of the affiliated group of corporations subject to a municipal income tax.

(c) A taxpayer that is a member of an affiliated group of corporations that filed a consolidated Federal income tax return for a taxable year is required to file a consolidated municipal income tax return for that taxable year if the Tax Administrator determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that intercompany transactions have not been conducted at arm's length and that there has been a distortive shifting of income or expenses with regard to allocation of net profits to the Village. A taxpayer that is required to file a consolidated municipal income tax return for a taxable year is also required to file a consolidated municipal income tax return for all subsequent taxable years unless the taxpayer requests and receives written permission from the Tax Administrator to file a separate return or a taxpayer has experienced a change in circumstances.

(d) A taxpayer is required to prepare a consolidated municipal income tax return in the same manner as is required under the United States Department of Treasury regulations that prescribe procedures for the preparation of the consolidated Federal income tax return required to be filed by the common parent of the affiliated group of which the taxpayer is a member.

(e) (1) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (e)(2), (3), and (4) of this section, corporations that file a consolidated municipal income tax return must compute adjusted Federal taxable income, as defined in Section 891.04(c)(1), by substituting "consolidated Federal taxable income" for "Federal taxable income" wherever "Federal taxable income" appears in that division and by substituting "an affiliated group of corporation's" for "a C corporation's" wherever "a C corporation's" appears in that division.

(2) No corporation filing a consolidated municipal income tax return shall make any adjustment otherwise required under Section 891.04(c)(1) to the extent that the item of income or deduction otherwise subject to the adjustment has been eliminated or consolidated in the computation of consolidated Federal taxable income.

(3) If the net profit or loss of a pass-through entity having at least 80% of the value of its ownership interest owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by an affiliated group of corporations is included in that affiliated group's consolidated Federal taxable income for a taxable year, the corporation filing a consolidated municipal income tax return must do one of the following with respect to that pass-through entity's net profit or loss for that taxable year:

A. Exclude the pass-through entity's net profit or loss from the consolidated Federal taxable income of the affiliated group and, for the purpose of making the computations required in Section 891.072, exclude the property, payroll, and gross receipts of the pass-through entity in the computation of the affiliated group's net profit situated to a municipal corporation. If the entity's net profit or loss is so excluded, the entity is subject to taxation as a separate taxpayer on the basis of the entity's net profits that would otherwise be included in the consolidated Federal taxable income of the affiliated group.

B. Include the pass-through entity's net profit or loss in the consolidated Federal taxable income of the affiliated group and, for the purpose of making the computations required in Section 891.072, include the property, payroll, and gross receipts of the pass-through entity in the computation of the affiliated group's net profit situated to the Village. If the entity's net profit or loss is so included, the entity is not subject to taxation as a separate taxpayer on the basis of the entity's net profits that are included in the consolidated Federal taxable income of the affiliated group.

(4) If the net profit or loss of a pass-through entity having less than 80% of the value of its ownership interest owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by an affiliated group of corporations, is included in that affiliated group's consolidated Federal taxable income for a taxable year, all of the following shall apply:

A. The corporation filing the consolidated municipal income tax return must exclude the pass-through entity's net profit or loss from the consolidated Federal taxable income of the affiliated group and, for the purposes of making the computations required in Section 891.072, exclude the property, payroll, and gross receipts of the pass-through entity in the computation of the affiliated group's net profit situated to a municipal corporation;

B. The pass-through entity is subject to municipal income taxation as a separate taxpayer in accordance with this chapter on the basis of the entity's net profits that would otherwise be included in the consolidated Federal taxable income of the affiliated group.

(f) Corporations filing a consolidated municipal income tax return must make the computations required under Section 891.072 by substituting "consolidated Federal taxable income attributable to" for "net profit from" wherever "net profit from" appears in that section and by substituting "affiliated group of corporations" for "taxpayer" wherever "taxpayer" appears in that section.

(g) Each corporation filing a consolidated municipal income tax return is jointly and severally liable for any tax, interest, penalties, fines, charges, or other amounts imposed by a municipal corporation in accordance with this chapter on the corporation, an affiliated group of which the corporation is a member for any portion of the taxable year, or any one or more members of such an affiliated group.

(h) Corporations and their affiliates that made an election or entered into an agreement with the Village before January 1, 2016, to file a consolidated or combined tax return with the Village may continue to file consolidated or combined tax returns in accordance with such election or agreement for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2016.

891.074 TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT FOSTER NEW JOBS IN OHIO.

The Village, by ordinance, may grant a refundable or non-refundable credit against its tax on income to a taxpayer to foster job creation in the Village. If a credit is granted under this Section, it will be measured as a percentage of the new income tax revenue the Village derives from new employees of the taxpayer and shall be for a term not exceeding fifteen years. Before the Village passes an ordinance granting a credit, the Village and the taxpayer must enter into an agreement specifying all the conditions of the credit.

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891.075 TAX CREDITS TO FOSTER JOB RETENTION.

The Village, by ordinance, may grant a refundable or nonrefundable credit against its tax on income to a taxpayer for the purpose of fostering job retention in the Village. If a credit is granted under this section, it will be measured as a percentage of the income tax revenue the Village derives from the retained employees of the taxpayer, and may not be for a term exceeding 15 years. Before the Village passes an ordinance allowing such a credit, the Village and the taxpayer must enter into an agreement specifying all the conditions of the credit.

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891.08 DECLARATION OF ESTIMATED TAX

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Estimated taxes" means the amount a taxpayer reasonably estimates to be the taxpayer's income tax liability to the Village for the current taxable year.

(2) "Tax liability" means the total taxes due to the Village for the taxable year, after allowing any credit to which the taxpayer is entitled, and after applying any estimated tax payment, withholding payment, or credit from another taxable year.

(b) (1) Every taxpayer must make a declaration of estimated taxes for the current taxable year, on the form prescribed by the Tax Administrator, if the amount payable as estimated taxes is at least two hundred dollars (\$200.00). For the purposes of this section:

A. Taxes withheld from qualifying wages will be considered as paid to the Village when such taxes were withheld in equal amounts on each payment date. If the taxpayer establishes the dates on which all amounts were actually withheld, the amounts withheld will be considered as paid on the dates on which the amounts were actually withheld.

B. An overpayment of tax applied as a credit to a subsequent taxable year is deemed to be paid on the date of the postmark stamped on the cover in which the payment is mailed or, if the payment is made by electronic funds transfer, the date the payment is submitted. As used in this division, "date of the postmark" means, in the event there is more than one date on the cover, the earliest date imprinted on the cover by the Postal Service.

C. A taxpayer having a taxable year of less than 12 months must make a declaration under rules prescribed by the Tax Administrator.

(2) Taxpayers filing joint returns must file joint declarations of estimated taxes.

(3) The declaration of estimated taxes must be filed on or before the date prescribed for the filing of municipal income tax returns under Section 891.101(g) or on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month of the first taxable year after the taxpayer becomes subject to tax for the first time.

(4) Taxpayers reporting on a fiscal year basis must file a declaration on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month after the beginning of each fiscal year or period.

(5) The original declaration or any subsequent amendment may be increased or decreased on or before any subsequent quarterly payment day as provided in this section.

(c) (1) The required portion of the tax liability for the taxable year that is payable through estimated taxes made payable to the Village or Tax Administrator, including the application of tax refunds to estimated taxes and withholding on or before the applicable payment date, is as follows:

A. On or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month after the beginning of the taxable year, 22.5% of the tax liability for the taxable year;

B. On or before the fifteenth day of the sixth month after the beginning of the taxable year, 45% of the tax liability for the taxable year;

C. On or before the fifteenth day of the ninth month after the beginning of the taxable year, 67.5% of the tax liability for the taxable year;

D. On or before the fifteenth day of the twelfth month of the taxable year, 90% of the tax liability for the taxable year.

(2) A taxpayer may amend a declaration under rules prescribed by the Tax Administrator, as provided in Section 891.20. When an amended declaration has been filed, the unpaid balance

shown due on the amended declaration must be paid in equal installments on or before the remaining payment dates. The amended declaration must be filed on the next applicable due date as outlined in (c)(1)A. through D. of this section.

(3) On or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month of the year following that for which the declaration or amended declaration was filed, an annual return is required to be filed and any balance which may be due must be paid with the return in accordance with Section 891.101.

A. For taxpayers who are individuals, or who are not individuals and are reporting and filing on a calendar year basis, the annual tax return is due on the same date as the filing of the Federal tax return, unless extended pursuant to Ohio R.C. 5747.08(G).

B. For taxpayers who are not individuals, and are reporting and filing on a fiscal year basis or any period other than a calendar year, the annual return is due on the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the end of the taxable year or period.

(4) An amended declaration is required whenever the taxpayer's estimated tax liability changes during the taxable year. A change in estimated tax liability may either increase or decrease the estimated tax liability for the taxable year.

(d) (1) In the case of any underpayment of any portion of a tax liability, a penalty and interest may be imposed pursuant to Section 891.11 of this chapter upon the amount of underpayment for the period of underpayment, unless the underpayment is due to reasonable cause as described in division (e) of this section. The amount of the underpayment shall be determined as follows:

A. For the first payment of estimated taxes each year, 22.5% of the tax liability, less the amount of taxes paid by the date prescribed for that payment;

B. For the second payment of estimated taxes each year, 45% of the tax liability, less the amount of taxes paid by the date prescribed for that payment;

C. For the third payment of estimated taxes each year, 67.5% of the tax liability, less the amount of taxes paid by the date prescribed for that payment;

D. For the fourth payment of estimated taxes each year, 90% of the tax liability, less the amount of taxes paid by the date prescribed for that payment.

(2) The period of the underpayment shall run from the day the estimated payment was required to be made to the date on which the payment is made. For purposes of this section, a payment of estimated taxes on or before any payment date shall be considered a payment of any previous underpayment only to the extent the payment of estimated taxes exceeds the amount of the payment presently required to be paid to avoid any penalty.

(e) An underpayment of any portion of tax liability determined under division (d) of this section will be deemed to be due to reasonable cause and the penalty imposed by this section will not be added to the taxes for the taxable year if any of the following apply:

(1) The amount of estimated taxes that were paid equals at least 90% of the tax liability for the current taxable year, determined by annualizing the income received during the year up to the end of the month immediately preceding the month in which the payment is due.

(2) The amount of estimated taxes that were paid equals at least 100% of the tax liability shown on the return of the taxpayer for the preceding taxable year, provided that the immediately

preceding taxable year reflected a period of 12 months and the taxpayer filed a return with the Village under Section 891.101 for that year.

(3) The taxpayer is an individual who resides in the Village but was not domiciled there on the first day of January of the calendar year that includes the first day of the taxable year.

(f) The Tax Administrator may waive the requirement for filing a declaration of estimated taxes for any class of taxpayers after finding that the waiver is reasonable and proper in view of administrative costs and other factors.

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891.09 CREDIT FOR TAX PAID

891.091 CREDIT FOR TAX PAID TO ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY.

(a) Where a resident of the Village is subject to a municipal income tax in another municipality, that resident may not be required to pay a total municipal income tax on the same income greater than the tax imposed at the higher rate.

(b) Every individual taxpayer who resides in the Village but who receives net profits, salaries, wages, commissions, or other personal service compensation for work done outside the Village, if it is made to appear that the taxpayer has paid a municipal income tax on the same income taxable under this chapter to another municipality, will be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter of the amount so paid by the taxpayer or on the taxpayer's behalf to such other municipality. The credit may not exceed the tax assessed by this chapter on such income earned in such other municipality or municipalities where that tax is paid.

(c) A claim for refund or credit under this section shall be made as provided elsewhere in this chapter.

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891.092 REFUNDABLE CREDIT FOR QUALIFYING LOSS.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Nonqualified deferred compensation plan" means a compensation plan described in Section 3121(v)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) A. Except as provided in division (a)(2)B. of this section, "qualifying loss" means the excess, if any, of the total amount of compensation the payment of which is deferred pursuant to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan over the total amount of income the taxpayer has recognized for Federal income tax purposes for all taxable years on a cumulative basis as compensation with respect to the taxpayer's receipt of money and property attributable to distributions in connection with the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

B. If, for one or more taxable years, the taxpayer has not paid to one or more municipal corporations income tax imposed on the entire amount of compensation the payment of which is deferred pursuant to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan, then the "qualifying loss" is the product of the amount resulting from the calculation described in division (a)(2)A. of this section computed without regard to division (a)(2)B. of this section and a fraction the numerator of

which is the portion of such compensation on which the taxpayer has paid income tax to one or more municipal corporations and the denominator of which is the total amount of compensation the payment of which is deferred pursuant to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

C. With respect to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan, the taxpayer sustains a qualifying loss only in the taxable year in which the taxpayer receives the final distribution of money and property pursuant to that nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

(3) "Qualifying tax rate" means the applicable tax rate for the taxable year for the which the taxpayer paid income tax to a municipal corporation with respect to any portion of the total amount of compensation the payment of which is deferred pursuant to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan. If different tax rates applied for different taxable years, then the "qualifying tax rate" is a weighted average of those different tax rates. The weighted average will be based upon the tax paid to the municipal corporation each year with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

(b) (1) Except as provided in division (d) of this section, a refundable credit is allowed against the income tax imposed by the Village for each qualifying loss sustained by a taxpayer during the taxable year. The amount of the credit will be equal to the product of the qualifying loss and the qualifying tax rate.

(2) A taxpayer may claim the credit allowed under this section from each municipal corporation, including the Village to which the taxpayer paid municipal income tax with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan in one or more taxable years.

(3) If a taxpayer has paid tax to more than one municipal corporation with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan, the amount of the credit that a taxpayer may claim from each municipal corporation will be calculated on the basis of each municipal corporation's proportionate share of the total municipal corporation income tax paid by the taxpayer to all municipal corporations with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

(4) In no case may the amount of the credit allowed under this section exceed the cumulative income tax that a taxpayer has paid to a municipal corporation for all taxable years with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

(c) (1) For purposes of this section, municipal income tax that has been withheld with respect to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan will be considered to have been paid by the taxpayer with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

(2) Any municipal income tax that has been refunded or otherwise credited for the benefit of the taxpayer with respect to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan will not be considered to have been paid to the municipal corporation by the taxpayer.

(d) The credit allowed under this section is allowed only to the extent the taxpayer's qualifying loss is attributable to:

(1) The insolvency or bankruptcy of the employer who had established the nonqualified deferred compensation plan; or

(2) The employee's failure or inability to satisfy all of the employer's terms and conditions necessary to receive the nonqualified deferred compensation.

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891.093 CREDIT FOR PERSON WORKING IN JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OR ZONE.

The Village will grant a credit against its tax on income to a resident of the Village who works in a joint economic development zone created under Ohio R.C. 715.691 or a joint economic development district created under Ohio R.C. 715.71, or 715.72 to the same extent that it grants a credit against its tax on income to its residents who are employed in another municipal corporation, pursuant to Section 891.091. This credit is not applicable to residents of the Village working in the Village of Walton Hills - Sagamore Hills Township Joint Economic Development District or any other joint economic development district in which the Village is a partner or participant, as such joint economic development districts are considered part of the Village for purposes of this chapter, thus not subjecting residents of the Village to multiple municipal income taxes on said income.

(Ord. 2015-6. Passed 11-17-15.)

891.094 CREDIT FOR TAX BEYOND STATUTE FOR OBTAINING REFUND.

(a) Income tax that has been deposited or paid to the Village, but should have been deposited or paid to another municipal corporation, is allowable by the Village as a refund, but is subject to the three-year limitation on refunds as provided in Section 891.106.

(b) Income tax that should have been deposited or paid to the Village, but was deposited or paid to another municipal corporation, is subject to collection and recovery by the Village. To the extent a refund of such tax or withholding is barred by the limitation on refunds as provided in Section 891.106, the Village will allow a non-refundable credit equal to the tax or withholding paid to the other municipality against the income tax the Village claims is due. If the Village's tax rate is higher, the tax representing the net difference of the tax rates is also subject to collection by the Village, along with any penalty and interest accruing during the period of nonpayment.

(c) No carry-forward of credit will be permitted when the overpayment is beyond the three-year limitation for refunding of same as provided in Section 891.106.

(d) Nothing in this section requires the Village to allow credit for tax paid to another municipal corporation if the Village has reduced credit for tax paid to another municipal corporation. Section 891.091 regarding any limitation on credit shall prevail.

(Ord. 2015-6. Passed 11-17-15.)

891.10 ANNUAL RETURN**891.101 RETURN AND PAYMENT OF TAX.**

(a) (1) A. An annual Village municipal income tax return must be completed and filed by every taxpayer for any taxable year for which the taxpayer is subject to the tax, regardless of whether or not income tax is due.

B. Any person who has no income taxable by the Village need not file an annual return and shall be considered exempt. Any person who has exempt income must certify on a form to be prescribed by the Tax Administrator that such person's income is exempt and declare the

nature of the exemption. The person that is exempt, and thereafter begins receiving income subject to taxation by the Village, must inform the Tax Administrator, in writing, within 30 days of beginning to receive such income.

(2) The Tax Administrator will accept on behalf of all nonresident and resident individual taxpayers a return filed by an employer, agent of an employer, or other payer located in the Village under Section 891.061(c) when the nonresident or resident individual taxpayer's sole income subject to the tax is the qualifying wages reported by the employer, agent of an employer, or other payer, and no additional tax is due to the Village.

(3) All resident individual taxpayers, who turn 18 years of age during the tax year or are older than 18, are required to file an annual municipal income tax return with the Village, regardless of income or liability.

(b) If an individual is deceased, any return or notice required of that individual must be completed and filed by that decedent's executor, administrator, or other person charged with the property of that decedent.

(c) If an individual is unable to complete and file a return or notice required by the Village in accordance with this chapter, the return or notice required of that individual must be completed and filed by the individual's duly authorized agent, guardian, conservator, fiduciary, or other person charged with the care of the person or property of that individual. Such duly authorized agent, guardian, conservator, fiduciary, or other person charged with the care of the person or property of that individual must provide, with the filing of the return, appropriate documentation to support that such representative is authorized to file a return or notice on behalf of the taxpayer. This notice shall include any legally binding authorizations, and contact information including name, address, and phone number of the duly authorized agent, guardian, conservator, fiduciary, or other person.

(d) Returns or notices required of an estate or a trust shall be completed and filed by the fiduciary of the estate or trust. Such fiduciary shall provide, with the filing of the return, appropriate documentation to support that they are authorized to file a return or notice on behalf of the taxpayer. This notice must include any legally binding authorizations, and contact information, including name, address, and phone number of the fiduciary.

(e) Spouses may file a joint return.

(f) (1) Each return required to be filed under this section must contain the signature of the taxpayer or the taxpayer's duly authorized agent and of the person who prepared the return for the taxpayer, and must include the taxpayer's social security number or taxpayer identification number. Each return must be verified by a declaration under penalty of perjury.

(2) A taxpayer who is an individual is required to include, with each annual return, amended return, or request for refund required under this section, copies of only the following documents: all of the taxpayer's Internal Revenue Service Form W-2, "Wage and Tax Statements," including all information reported on the taxpayer's Federal W-2, as well as taxable wages reported or withheld for any municipal corporation; the taxpayer's Internal Revenue Service Form 1040; and, with respect to an amended tax return or refund request, any other documentation necessary to support the refund request or the adjustments made in the amended return. An individual taxpayer who files the annual return required by this section electronically is not required to provide paper copies of any of the foregoing to the Tax Administrator unless the Tax Administrator requests such copies after the return has been filed.

(3) A taxpayer that is not an individual is required to include, with each annual net profit return, amended net profit return, or request for refund required under this section, copies of only the following documents: the taxpayer's Internal Revenue Service Form 1041, Form 1065, Form 1120, Form 1120-REIT, Form 1120F, or Form 1120S, and, with respect to an amended tax return or refund request, any other documentation necessary to support the refund request or the adjustments made in the amended return.

(4) A taxpayer that is not an individual and that files an annual net profit return electronically through the Ohio Business Gateway or in some other manner shall either mail the documents required under this division to the Tax Administrator at the time of filing or, if electronic submission is available, submit the documents electronically through the Ohio Business Gateway or a portal provided by the Village.

(5) After a taxpayer files a tax return, the Tax Administrator will request, and the taxpayer must provide, any information, statements, or documents required by the Village to determine and verify the taxpayer's municipal income tax liability. The requirements imposed under division (f) of this section apply regardless of whether the taxpayer files on a generic form or on a form prescribed by the Tax Administrator.

(6) Any other documentation, including schedules, other municipal income tax returns, or other supporting documentation necessary to verify credits, income, losses, or other pertinent factors on the return must also be included to avoid delay in processing, or disallowance by the Tax Administrator of undocumented credits or losses.

(g) (1) A. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, each individual income tax return required to be filed under this section shall be completed and filed as required by the Tax Administrator on or before the date prescribed for the filing of State individual income tax returns under Ohio R.C. 5747.08(G). The taxpayer shall complete and file the return or notice on forms prescribed by the Tax Administrator or on generic forms, together with remittance made payable to the Village.

B. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, each annual net profit income tax return required to be filed under this section by a taxpayer that is not an individual must be completed and filed as required by the Tax Administrator on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the end of the taxpayer's taxable year or period. The taxpayer must complete and file the return or notice on forms prescribed by the Tax Administrator or on generic forms, together with remittance made payable to the Village.

C. In the case of individual income tax return required to be filed by an individual, and net profit income tax return required to be filed by a taxpayer who is not an individual, no remittance is required if the amount shown to be due is ten dollars (\$10.00) or less.

(2) If the Tax Administrator considers it necessary in order to ensure the payment of the tax imposed by the Village in accordance with this chapter, the Tax Administrator may require taxpayers to file returns and make payments otherwise than as provided in this section, including taxpayers not otherwise required to file annual returns.

(3) With respect to taxpayers to whom Section 891.102 applies, to the extent that any provision in this division conflicts with any provision in Section 891.102, the provision in Section 891.102 prevails.

(h) (1) For taxable years beginning after 2015, the Village shall not require a taxpayer to remit tax with respect to net profits if the amount due is ten dollars (\$10.00) or less.

(2) Any taxpayer not required to remit tax to the Village for a taxable year pursuant to division (h)(1) of this section is required to file with the Village an annual net profit return under divisions (f)(3) and (4) of this section.

(i) (1) The date of the postmark on the cover of any report, claim, statement, or other document required to be filed, or any payment required to be made, to or with the Tax Administrator or the Village, will be deemed the date of delivery or payment. "The date of postmark" means, in the event there is more than one date on the cover, the earliest date imprinted on the cover by the Postal Service.

(2) If a payment is made by electronic funds transfer, the payment is considered to be made when the payment is credited to an account designated by the Tax Administrator for the receipt of tax payments, except that, when a payment made by electronic funds transfer is delayed due to circumstances not under the control of the taxpayer, the payment is considered to be made when the taxpayer submitted the payment. For purposes of this section, "submitted the payment" means the date which the taxpayer has designated for the delivery of payment, which may or may not be the same date as the date the payment was initiated by the taxpayer.

(j) The amounts withheld for the Village by an employer, the agent of an employer, or other payer as described in Section 891.061 will be allowed to the recipient of the compensation as credits against payment of the tax imposed on the recipient unless the amounts withheld were not remitted to the Village and the recipient colluded with the employer, agent, or other payer in connection with the failure to remit the amounts withheld.

(k) Each return required by the Village to be filed in accordance with this section will include a box that the taxpayer may check to authorize another person, including a tax return preparer who prepared the return, to communicate with the Tax Administrator about matters pertaining to the return. The return or instructions accompanying the return will state that by checking the box the taxpayer authorizes the Tax Administrator to contact the preparer or other person concerning questions that arise during the examination or other review of the return and authorizes the preparer or other person only to provide the Tax Administrator with information that is missing from the return, to contact the Tax Administrator for information about the examination or other review of the return or the status of the taxpayer's refund or payments, and to respond to notices about mathematical errors, offsets, or return preparation that the taxpayer has received from the Tax Administrator and has shown to the preparer or other person. Authorization by the taxpayer of another person to communicate with the Tax Administrator about matters pertaining to the return does not preclude the Tax Administrator from contacting the taxpayer regarding such matters.

(l) The Tax Administrator will accept for filing a generic form of any income tax return, report, or document required by the Village in accordance with this chapter, provided that the generic form, once completed and filed, contains all of the information required by ordinances, resolutions, or rules adopted by the Village under this chapter, and provided that the taxpayer or tax return preparer filing the generic form otherwise complies with the provisions of this chapter governing the filing of returns, reports, or documents.

(m) When income tax returns, reports, or other documents require the signature of a tax return preparer, the Tax Administrator will accept a facsimile of such a signature in lieu of a manual signature.

(n) (1) As used in this division, "worksite location" has the same meaning as in Section 891.062.

(2) A person may notify the Tax Administrator that the person does not expect to be a taxpayer with respect to the Village for a taxable year if both of the following conditions apply:

A. The person was required to file a tax return with the Village for the immediately preceding taxable year because the person performed services at a worksite location within the Village, and the person has filed all appropriate and required returns and remitted all applicable income tax and withholding payments as provided by this chapter. The Tax Administrator is not required to accept an affidavit from a taxpayer who has not complied with the provisions of this chapter.

B. The person no longer provides services in the Village, and does not expect to be subject to the Village's income tax for the taxable year. The person must provide the notice in a signed affidavit that briefly explains the person's circumstances, including the location of the previous worksite location and the last date on which the person performed services or made any sales within the Village. The affidavit also must include the following statement: "The affiant has no plans to perform any services within the Village, make any sales in the Village, or otherwise become subject to the tax levied by the Village during the taxable year. If the affiant does become subject to the tax levied by the Village for the taxable year, the affiant agrees to be considered a taxpayer and to properly register as a taxpayer with the Village, if such a registration is required by the Village's resolutions, ordinances, or rules." The person must sign the affidavit under penalty of perjury.

C. If a person submits an affidavit described in division (n)(2) of this section, the Tax Administrator shall not require the person to file any tax return for the taxable year unless the Tax Administrator possesses information that conflicts with the affidavit or if the circumstances described in the affidavit change, or the taxpayer has engaged in activity which results in work being performed, services provided, sales made, or other activity that results in municipal taxable income reportable to the Village in the taxable year. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to comply with the provisions of this chapter relating to the reporting and filing of municipal taxable income on an annual municipal income tax return, even if an affidavit has been filed with the Tax Administrator for the taxable year. Nothing in division (n) of this section prohibits the Tax Administrator from performing an audit of the person.

(o) If a payment under this chapter is made by electronic funds transfer, the payment shall be considered to be made on the date of the timestamp assigned by the first electronic system receiving that payment.

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891.102 RETURN AND PAYMENT OF TAX; INDIVIDUALS SERVING IN COMBAT ZONE.

(a) Each member of the national guard of any state and each member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States called to active duty pursuant to an executive order issued by the President of the United States or an act of the Congress of the United States, and each civilian serving as support personnel in a combat zone or contingency operation in support of the Armed Forces, may apply to the Tax Administrator for both an extension of time for filing of the return and an extension of time for payment of taxes required by the Village in accordance with this chapter during the period of the member's or civilian's duty service and for 180 days

thereafter. The application shall be filed on or before the one hundred eightieth day after the member's or civilian's duty terminates. An applicant shall provide such evidence as the Tax Administrator considers necessary to demonstrate eligibility for the extension.

(b) (1) If the Tax Administrator ascertains that an applicant is qualified for an extension under this section, the Tax Administrator will enter into a contract with the applicant for the payment of the tax in installments that begin on the one hundred eighty-first day after the applicant's active duty or service terminates. Except as provided in division (b)(3) of this section, the Tax Administrator may prescribe such contract terms as the Tax Administrator considers appropriate.

(2) If the Tax Administrator ascertains that an applicant is qualified for an extension under this section, the applicant may not be required to file any return, report, or other tax document nor be required to pay any tax otherwise due to the Village before the one hundred eighty-first day after the applicant's active duty or service terminates.

(3) Taxes paid pursuant to a contract entered into under division (b)(1) of this section are not delinquent. The Tax Administrator may not require any payments of penalties or interest in connection with those taxes for the extension period.

(c) (1) Nothing in this division denies to any person described in this division the application of divisions (a) and (b) of this section.

(2) A. A qualifying taxpayer who is eligible for an extension under the Internal Revenue Code will receive both an extension of time in which to file any return, report, or other tax document and an extension of time in which to make any payment of taxes required by the Village in accordance with this chapter. The length of any extension granted under division (c) (2)A. of this section shall be equal to the length of the corresponding extension that the taxpayer receives under the Internal Revenue Code. As used in this section, "qualifying taxpayer" means a member of the national guard or a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States called to active duty pursuant to either an executive order issued by the President of the United States or an act of the Congress of the United States, or a civilian serving as support personnel in a combat zone or contingency operation in support of the Armed Forces.

B. Taxes the payment of which is extended in accordance with division (c)(2)A. of this section are not delinquent during the extension period. Such taxes become delinquent on the first day after the expiration of the extension period if the taxes are not paid prior to that date. The Tax Administrator may not require any payment of penalties or interest in connection with those taxes for the extension period. The Tax Administrator may not include any period of extension granted under division (c)(2)A. of this section in calculating the penalty or interest due on any unpaid tax.

(d) For each taxable year to which divisions (a), (b), or (c) of this section may apply to a taxpayer, the provisions of divisions (b)(2) and (3) or (c) of this section, as applicable, apply to the spouse of that taxpayer if the filing status of the spouse and the taxpayer is married filing jointly for that year.

(Ord. 2015-6. Passed 11-17-15.)

891.103 USE OF OHIO BUSINESS GATEWAY; TYPES OF FILINGS AUTHORIZED.

(a) Any taxpayer subject to municipal income taxation on the taxpayer's net profit from a business or profession may file any municipal income tax return or, estimated municipal income tax return, or extension for filing a municipal income tax return, and may make payment of amounts shown to be due on such returns, by using the Ohio Business Gateway.

(b) Any employer, agent of an employer, or other payer may report the amount of municipal income tax withheld from qualifying wages, and may make remittance of such amounts, by using the Ohio Business Gateway.

(c) This section does not affect the due dates for filing employer withholding tax returns or deposit of any required tax.

(d) The use of the Ohio Business Gateway by the Village, taxpayers, or other persons does not affect the legal rights of the Village or taxpayers as otherwise permitted by law.

(e) This section does not limit or remove the Village's authority to administer, audit, and enforce the provisions of its municipal income tax.

(Ord. 2015-6. Passed 11-17-15.)

891.104 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 will automatically receive an extension for the filing of a municipal income tax return. The extended due date of the municipal income tax return will be the fifteenth day of the tenth month after the last day of the taxable year to which the return relates.

(b) Any taxpayer that qualifies for an automatic Federal extension for a period other than six months 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 will be the same as that of the extended Federal income tax return.

(c) A taxpayer that has not requested or received a six-month extension for filing the taxpayer's Federal income tax return may request that the Tax Administrator grant the taxpayer a six-month extension of the date for filing the taxpayer's municipal income tax return. If the request is received by the Tax Administrator on or before the date the municipal income tax return is due, the Tax Administrator must grant the taxpayer's requested extension.

(d) An extension of time to file under this chapter is not an extension of the time to pay any tax due unless the Tax Administrator grants an extension of that date.

(e) If the State Tax Commissioner extends for all taxpayers the date for filing State income tax returns under Ohio R.C. 5747.08(G), a taxpayer will 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 same as the extended due date of the State income tax return.

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891.105 AMENDED RETURNS.

(a) (1) A taxpayer is required to file an amended return with the Tax Administrator in such form as the Tax Administrator requires if any of the facts, figures, computations, or attachments required in the taxpayer's annual return to determine the tax due levied by the Village in accordance with this chapter must be altered.

(2) Within 60 days after the final determination of any Federal or State tax liability affecting the taxpayer's municipal tax liability, that taxpayer shall make and file an amended municipal return showing income subject to the municipal income tax based upon such final determination of Federal or State tax liability, and pay any additional municipal income tax shown due thereon or make a claim for refund of any overpayment, unless the tax or overpayment is ten dollars (\$10.00) or less.

(3) If a taxpayer, who is otherwise permitted to do so under this chapter or under Ohio R.C. Chapter 718, intends to file an amended consolidated municipal income tax return, or to amend its type of return from a separate return to a consolidated return, based on the taxpayer's consolidated Federal income tax return, the taxpayer shall notify the Tax Administrator before filing the amended return.

(b) (1) In the case of an underpayment, the amended return must be accompanied by payment of any combined additional tax due together with any penalty and interest thereon. If the combined tax shown to be due is ten dollars (\$10.00) or less, such amount need not accompany the amended return. Except as provided under division (b)(2) of this section, the amended return shall not reopen those facts, figures, computations, or attachments from a previously filed return that are not affected, either directly or indirectly, by the adjustment to the taxpayer's Federal or State income tax return unless the applicable statute of limitations for civil actions or prosecutions under Section 891.19 has not expired for a previously filed return.

(2) The additional tax to be paid may not exceed the amount of tax that would be due if all facts, figures, computations, and attachments were reopened.

(c) (1) In the case of an overpayment, a request for refund may be filed under this division within the period prescribed by Section 891.19(a)(1) for filing the amended return even if it is filed beyond the period prescribed in that division if it otherwise conforms to the requirements of that division. If the amount of the refund is ten dollars (\$10.00) or less, no refund need be paid by the Village to the taxpayer. Except as set forth in division (c)(2) of this section, a request filed under this division shall claim refund of overpayments resulting from alterations to only those facts, figures, computations, or attachments required in the taxpayer's annual return that are affected, either directly or indirectly, by the adjustment to the taxpayer's Federal or State income tax return unless it is also filed within the time prescribed in Section 891.106. Except as set forth in division (c)(2) of this section, the request may not reopen those facts, figures, computations, or attachments that are not affected, either directly or indirectly, by the adjustment to the taxpayer's Federal or State income tax return.

(2) The amount to be refunded may not exceed the amount of refund that would be due if all facts, figures, computations, and attachments were reopened.

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891.106 REFUNDS.

(a) Upon receipt of a request for a refund, the Tax Administrator, in accordance with this section, shall refund to employers, agents of employers, other payers, or taxpayers, with respect to any income or withholding tax levied by the Village:

(1) Overpayments of more than ten dollars (\$10.00);

(2) Amounts paid erroneously if the refund requested exceeds ten dollars (\$10.00).

(b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, returns setting forth a request for refund must be filed with the Tax Administrator, within three years after the tax was due or paid, whichever is later. Any documentation that substantiates the taxpayer's claim for a refund must be included with the return filing. Failure to remit all documentation, including schedules, other municipal income tax returns, or other supporting documentation necessary to verify credits, income, losses or other pertinent factors on the return will cause delay in processing, and/or disallowance of undocumented credits or losses.

(2) On filing of the refund request, the Tax Administrator will determine the amount of refund due and certify such amount to the appropriate Village official for payment. Except as provided in division (b)(3) of this section, the Tax Administrator will issue an assessment to any taxpayer whose request for refund is fully or partially denied. The assessment will state the amount of the refund that was denied, the reasons for the denial, and instructions for appealing the assessment.

(3) If the Tax Administrator denies in whole or in part a refund request included within the taxpayer's originally filed annual income tax return, the Tax Administrator will notify the taxpayer, in writing, of the amount of the refund that was denied, the reasons for the denial, and instructions for requesting an assessment that may be appealed under Section 891.24.

(c) A request for a refund that is received after the last day for filing specified in division (b) of this section will be considered to have been filed in a timely manner if any of the following situations exist:

(1) The request is delivered by the postal service, and the earliest postal service postmark on the cover in which the request is enclosed is not later than the last day for filing the request.

(2) The request is delivered by the postal service, the only postmark on the cover in which the request is enclosed was affixed by a private postal meter, the date of that postmark is not later than the last day for filing the request, and the request is received within seven days of such last day.

(3) The request is delivered by the Postal Service, no postmark date was affixed to the cover in which the request is enclosed or the date of the postmark so affixed is not legible, and the request is received within seven days of the last day for making the request.

(d) Interest will be allowed and paid on any overpayment by a taxpayer of any municipal income tax obligation from the date of the overpayment until the date of the refund of the overpayment, except that if any overpayment is refunded within 90 days after the final filing date of the annual return or 90 days after the completed return is filed, whichever is later, no interest will be allowed on the refund. For the purpose of computing the payment of interest on amounts overpaid, no amount of tax for any taxable year will be considered to have been paid before the date on which the return on which the tax is reported is due, without regard to any extension of time for filing that return. Interest will be paid at the interest rate described in Section 891.11(a) (4).

- (e) As used in this section, "withholding tax" has the same meaning as in Section 891.11.
(Ord. 2015-6. Passed 11-17-15.)

891.11 PENALTY, INTEREST, FEES, AND CHARGES.

- (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Applicable law" means this chapter, the resolutions, ordinances, codes, directives, instructions, and rules adopted by the Village provided such resolutions, ordinances, codes, directives, instructions, and rules impose or directly or indirectly address the levy, payment, remittance, or filing requirements of a municipal income tax.

(2) "Federal short-term rate" means the rate of the average market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States with remaining periods to maturity of three years or less, as determined under Section 1274 of the Internal Revenue Code, for July of the current year.

(3) "Income tax," "estimated income tax," and "withholding tax" mean any income tax, estimated income tax, and withholding tax imposed by the Village pursuant to applicable law, including at any time before January 1, 2016.

(4) "Interest rate as described in division (a) of this section" means the Federal short-term rate, rounded to the nearest whole number per cent, plus 5%. The rate will apply for the calendar year next following the July of the year in which the Federal short-term rate is determined in accordance with division (a)(2) of this section.

(5) "Return" includes any tax return, report, reconciliation, schedule, and other document required to be filed with the Tax Administrator or the Village by a taxpayer, employer, any agent of the employer, or any other payer pursuant to applicable law, including at any time before January 1, 2016.

(6) "Unpaid estimated income tax" means estimated income tax due but not paid by the date the tax is required to be paid under applicable law.

(7) "Unpaid income tax" means income tax due but not paid by the date the income tax is required to be paid under applicable law.

(8) "Unpaid withholding tax" means withholding tax due but not paid by the date the withholding tax is required to be paid under applicable law.

(9) "Withholding tax" includes amounts an employer, any agent of an employer, or any other payer did not withhold in whole or in part from an employee's qualifying wages, but that, under applicable law, the employer, agent, or other payer is required to withhold from an employee's qualifying wages.

- (b) (1) This section applies to the following:

A. Any return required to be filed under applicable law for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016;

B. Income tax, estimated income tax, and withholding tax required to be paid or remitted to the Village on or after January 1, 2016 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

(2) This section does not apply to returns required to be filed or payments required to be made before January 1, 2016, regardless of the filing or payment date. Returns required to be filed or payments required to be made before January 1, 2016, but filed or paid after that date are subject to the Village's ordinances that were effective before January 1, 2016.

(c) The Village will impose on a taxpayer, employer, 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, agent of the employer, or any other payer for any reason fails, in whole or in part, to make to the Village timely and full payment or remittance of income tax, estimated income tax, or withholding tax or to file timely with the Village any return required to be filed.

(1) Interest will be imposed at the rate defined as "interest rate as described in division (a) of this section," per annum, on all unpaid income tax, unpaid estimated income tax, and unpaid withholding tax. This imposition of interest shall be assessed per month, or fraction of a month.

(2) With respect to unpaid income tax and unpaid estimated income tax, a penalty equal to 15% of the amount not timely paid shall be imposed.

(3) With respect to any unpaid withholding tax, a penalty equal to 50% of the amount not timely paid shall be imposed.

(4) With respect to returns other than estimated income tax returns, the Village shall impose a monthly penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) 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 one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) in assessed penalty for each failure to timely file a return.

(d) With respect to income taxes, estimated income taxes, withholding taxes, and returns, the Village will not refund or credit any penalty, amount of interest, charges, or additional fees that were properly imposed or collected before January 1, 2016.

(e) The Tax Administrator may, in the Tax Administrator's sole discretion, abate or partially abate penalties or interest imposed under this section when the Tax Administrator deems such abatement or partial abatement to be appropriate. Such abatement or partial abatement shall be properly documented and maintained on the record of the taxpayer who received benefit of such abatement or partial abatement.

(f) The Village may impose on the taxpayer, employer, agent of the employer, or any other payer the Village's post-judgment collection costs and fees, including attorney's fees.

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891.12 AUDIT.

(a) At or before the commencement of an audit, as defined in Section 891.04(c)(3), the Tax Administrator will provide to the taxpayer a written description of the roles of the Tax

Administrator and of the taxpayer during an audit and a statement of the taxpayer's rights, including any right to obtain a refund of an overpayment of tax. At or before the commencement of an audit, the Tax Administrator will inform the taxpayer when the audit is considered to have commenced.

(b) Except in cases involving suspected criminal activity, the Tax Administrator is required to conduct an audit of a taxpayer during regular business hours and after providing reasonable notice to the taxpayer. A taxpayer who is unable to comply with a proposed time for an audit must offer reasonable alternative dates for the audit.

(c) At all stages of an audit by the Tax Administrator, a taxpayer is entitled to be assisted or represented by an attorney, accountant, bookkeeper, or other tax practitioner. The Tax Administrator will prescribe a form by which a taxpayer may designate such a person to assist or represent the taxpayer in the conduct of any proceedings resulting from actions by the Tax Administrator. If a taxpayer has not submitted such a form, the Tax Administrator may accept other evidence, as the Tax Administrator considers appropriate, that a person is the authorized representative of a taxpayer.

A taxpayer may refuse to answer any questions asked by the person conducting an audit until the taxpayer has an opportunity to consult with the taxpayer's attorney, accountant, bookkeeper, or other tax practitioner. This division does not authorize the practice of law by a person who is not an attorney.

(d) A taxpayer may record, electronically or otherwise, the audit examination.

(e) The failure of the Tax Administrator to comply with a provision of this section does not excuse a taxpayer from payment of any taxes owed by the taxpayer or cure any procedural defect in a taxpayer's case.

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891.13 ROUNDING.

A person may round to the nearest whole dollar all amounts the person is required to enter on any return, report, voucher, or other document required under this chapter. Any fractional part of a dollar that equals or exceeds fifty cents (\$0.50) shall be rounded to the next whole dollar, and any fractional part of a dollar that is less than fifty cents (\$0.50) will be dropped, rounding down to the nearest whole dollar. If a person chooses to round amounts entered on a document, the person must round all amounts entered on the document.

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891.14 AUTHORITY AND POWERS OF THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR

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

The Tax Administrator has the authority to perform all duties and functions necessary and appropriate to implement the provisions of this chapter, including without limitation:

(a) Exercise all powers whatsoever of an inquisitorial nature as provided by law, including, the right to inspect books, accounts, records, memorandums, and Federal and State income tax returns, to examine persons under oath, to issue orders or subpoenas for the production of books, accounts, papers, records, documents, and testimony, to take depositions, to apply to a court for attachment proceedings as for contempt, to approve vouchers for the fees of officers and witnesses, and to administer oaths; provided that the powers referred to in this division shall be exercised by the Tax Administrator only in connection with the performance of the duties respectively assigned to the Tax Administrator under the Village's income tax ordinance;

(b) Appoint agents and prescribe their powers and duties;

(c) Confer and meet with officers of other municipal corporations and states and officers of the United States on any matters pertaining to their respective official duties as provided by law;

(d) Exercise the authority provided by law, including orders from bankruptcy courts, relative to remitting or refunding taxes, including penalties and interest thereon, illegally or erroneously imposed or collected, or for any other reason overpaid, and, in addition, the Tax Administrator may investigate any claim of overpayment and make a written statement of the Tax Administrator's findings, and, if the Tax Administrator finds that there has been an overpayment, approve and issue a refund payable to the taxpayer, the taxpayer's assigns, or legal representative as provided in this chapter;

(e) Exercise the authority provided by law relative to consenting to the compromise and settlement of tax claims;

(f) Exercise the authority provided by law relative to the use of alternative apportionment methods by taxpayers in accordance with Section 891.062;

(g) Make all tax findings, determinations, computations, assessments and orders the Tax Administrator is by law authorized and required to make pursuant to time limitations provided by law, on the Tax Administrator's own motion or initiative, review, redetermine, or correct any tax findings, determinations, computations, assessments or orders the Tax Administrator has made. However, the Tax Administrator shall not review, redetermine, or correct any tax finding, determination, computation, assessment or order which the Tax Administrator has made for which an appeal has been filed with the Board of Tax Review or other appropriate tribunal, unless such appeal or application is withdrawn by the appellant or applicant, is dismissed, or is otherwise final;

(h) Destroy any or all returns or other tax documents in a manner authorized by law;

(i) Enter into an agreement with a taxpayer to simplify the withholding obligations described in Section 891.061.

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891.142 AUTHORITY OF TAX ADMINISTRATOR; COMPROMISE OF CLAIM AND PAYMENT OVER TIME.

(a) As used in this section, "claim" means a claim for an amount payable to the Village that arises pursuant to the municipal income tax imposed in accordance with this chapter.

(b) The Tax Administrator may do either of the following if such action is in the best interests of the Village:

- (1) Compromise a claim;
 - (2) Extend for a reasonable period the time for payment of a claim by agreeing to accept monthly or other periodic payments, upon such terms and conditions as the Tax Administrator requires.
- (c) The Tax Administrator's rejection of a compromise or payment plan proposed by a person with respect to a claim is not appealable.
- (d) A compromise or payment plan with respect to a claim shall be binding upon and shall operate for the benefit of only the parties to the compromise or agreement, and does not extinguish or otherwise affect the liability of any other person.
- (e) (1) A compromise or payment plan with respect to a claim shall be void if the taxpayer defaults under the compromise or agreement or if the compromise or agreement was obtained by fraud or by misrepresentation of a material fact. Any amount that was due before the compromise or agreement and that is unpaid shall remain due, and any penalties or interest that would have accrued in the absence of the compromise or agreement shall continue to accrue and be due.
- (2) The Tax Administrator shall have sole discretion to determine whether or not penalty, interest, charges or applicable fees will be assessed through the duration of any compromise or payment plan.
- (f) The Tax Administrator may require that the taxpayer provide detailed financial documentation and information, in order to determine whether or not a payment-over-time agreement will be authorized. The taxpayer's failure to provide the necessary and required information by the Tax Administrator shall preclude consideration of a payment plan.

(Ord. 2015-6. Passed 11-17-15.)

891.143 AUTHORITY OF TAX ADMINISTRATOR; RIGHT TO EXAMINE.

- (a) The Tax Administrator, or any authorized agent or employee thereof may examine the books, papers, records, and Federal and State income tax returns of any employer, taxpayer, or other person that is subject to, or that the Tax Administrator believes is subject to, the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of any return made or, if no return was filed, to ascertain the tax due under this chapter. Upon written request by the Tax Administrator or a duly authorized agent or employee thereof, every employer, taxpayer, or other person subject to this section is required to furnish the opportunity for the Tax Administrator, authorized agent, or employee to investigate and examine such books, papers, records, and Federal and State income tax returns at a reasonable time and place designated in the request.
- (b) The records and other documents of any taxpayer, employer, or other person that is subject to, or that a Tax Administrator believes is subject to, the provisions of this chapter shall be open to the Tax Administrator's inspection during business hours and shall be preserved for a period of six years following the end of the taxable year to which the records or documents relate, unless the Tax Administrator, in writing, consents to their destruction within that period, or by order requires that they be kept longer. The Tax Administrator may require any person, by notice served on that person, to keep such records as the Tax Administrator determines necessary to show whether or not that person is liable, and the extent of such liability, for the income tax levied by the Village or for the withholding of such tax.

(c) The Tax Administrator may examine under oath any person that the Tax Administrator reasonably believes has knowledge concerning any income that was or would have been returned for taxation or any transaction tending to affect such income. The Tax Administrator may, for this purpose, compel any such person to attend a hearing or examination and to produce any books, papers, records, and Federal and State income tax returns in such person's possession or control. The person may be assisted or represented by an attorney, accountant, bookkeeper, or other tax practitioner at any such hearing or examination. This division does not authorize the practice of law by a person who is not an attorney.

(d) No person issued written notice by the Tax Administrator compelling attendance at a hearing or examination or the production of books, papers, records, or Federal and State income tax returns under this section shall fail to comply.

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891.144 AUTHORITY OF TAX ADMINISTRATOR; REQUIRING IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

(a) The Tax Administrator may require any person filing a tax document with the Tax Administrator to provide identifying information, which may include the person's social security number, Federal employer identification number, or other identification number requested by the Tax Administrator. A person required by the Tax Administrator to provide identifying information that has experienced any change with respect to that information shall notify the Tax Administrator of the change before, or upon, filing the next tax document requiring the identifying information.

(b) (1) If the Tax Administrator makes a request for identifying information and the Tax Administrator does not receive valid identifying information within 30 days of making the request, the Tax Administrator may seek to impose a penalty upon the person to whom the request was directed pursuant to Section 891.11, in addition to any applicable penalty described in Section 891.99.

(2) If a person required by the Tax Administrator to provide identifying information does not notify the Tax Administrator of a change with respect to that information as required under division (a) of this section within 30 days after filing the next tax document requiring such identifying information, the Tax Administrator may seek to impose a penalty pursuant to Section 891.11.

(3) The penalties provided for under divisions (b)(1) and (2) of this section may be billed and imposed in the same manner as the tax or fee with respect to which the identifying information is sought and are in addition to any applicable criminal penalties described in Section 891.99 for a violation of Section 891.16, and any other penalties that may be imposed by the Tax Administrator by law.

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891.15 CONFIDENTIALITY.

(a) Any information gained as a result of returns, investigations, hearings, or verifications required or authorized by Ohio R.C. Chapter 718 or by the charter or ordinances of the Village is confidential, and no person shall access or disclose such information except in accordance with a

proper judicial order or in connection with the performance of that person's official duties or the official business of the Village as authorized by Ohio R.C. Chapter 718 or under this chapter. The Village Tax Administrator or a designee thereof may furnish copies of returns filed or otherwise received under this chapter and other related tax information to the Internal Revenue Service, the State Tax Commissioner, and tax administrators of other municipal corporations.

(b) This section does not prohibit the Village from publishing or disclosing statistics in a form that does not disclose information with respect to particular taxpayers.

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891.16 FRAUD.

No person shall knowingly make, present, aid, or assist in the preparation or presentation of a false or fraudulent report, return, schedule, statement, claim, or document authorized or required by this chapter or State law to be filed with the Tax Administrator, or knowingly procure, counsel, or advise the preparation or presentation of such report, return, schedule, statement, claim, or document, or knowingly change, alter, or amend, or shall knowingly procure, counsel or advise such change, alteration, or amendment of the records upon which such report, return, schedule, statement, claim, or document is based with intent to defraud the Village or the Tax Administrator.

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891.17 OPINION OF THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR.

(a) An "opinion of the Tax Administrator" means an opinion issued under this section with respect to prospective municipal income tax liability. It does not include ordinary correspondence of the Tax Administrator.

(b) A taxpayer may submit a written request for an opinion of the Tax Administrator as to whether or how certain income, source of income, or a certain activity or transaction will be taxed. The written response of the Tax Administrator will be an "opinion of the Tax Administrator" and shall bind the Tax Administrator, in accordance with divisions (c), (g), and (h) of this section, provided all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) The taxpayer's request fully and accurately describes the specific facts or circumstances relevant to a determination of the taxability of the income, source of income, activity, or transaction, and, if an activity or transaction, all parties involved in the activity or transaction are clearly identified by name, location, or other pertinent facts.

(2) The request relates to a tax imposed by the Village in accordance with this chapter.

(3) The Tax Administrator's response is signed by the Tax Administrator and designated as an "opinion of the Tax Administrator."

(c) An opinion of the Tax Administrator will remain in effect and will protect the taxpayer for whom the opinion was prepared and who reasonably relies on it from liability for any taxes, penalty, or interest otherwise chargeable on the activity or transaction specifically held by the Tax Administrator's opinion to be taxable in a particular manner or not to be subject to taxation

for any taxable years that may be specified in the opinion, or until the earliest of the following dates:

(1) The effective date of a written revocation by the Tax Administrator sent to the taxpayer by certified mail, return receipt requested. The effective date of the revocation shall be the taxpayer's date of receipt or one year after the issuance of the opinion, whichever is later;

(2) The effective date of any amendment or enactment of a relevant section of the Ohio Revised Code, uncodified State law, or this chapter that would substantially change the analysis and conclusion of the opinion of the Tax Administrator;

(3) The date on which a court issues an opinion establishing or changing relevant case law with respect to the Ohio Revised Code, uncodified State law, or this chapter;

(4) If the opinion of the Tax Administrator was based on the interpretation of Federal law, the effective date of any change in the relevant Federal statutes or regulations, or the date on which a court issues an opinion establishing or changing relevant case law with respect to Federal statutes or regulations;

(5) The effective date of any change in the taxpayer's material facts or circumstances;

(6) The effective date of the expiration of the opinion, if specified in the opinion.

(d) (1) A taxpayer is not relieved of tax liability for any activity or transaction related to a request for an opinion that contained any misrepresentation or omission of one or more material facts.

(2) If the taxpayer knowingly has misrepresented the pertinent facts or omitted material facts with intent to defraud the Village in order to obtain a more favorable opinion, the taxpayer may be in violation of Section 891.16.

(e) If the Tax Administrator provides written advice under this section, the opinion will include a statement that:

(1) The tax consequences stated in the opinion may be subject to change for any of the reasons stated in division (c) of this section;

(2) It is the duty of the taxpayer to be aware of such changes.

(f) The Tax Administrator may refuse to offer an opinion on any request received under this section.

(g) This section binds the Tax Administrator only with respect to opinions of the Tax Administrator issued on or after January 1, 2016.

(h) An opinion of the Tax Administrator binds the Tax Administrator only with respect to the taxpayer for whom the opinion was prepared. An opinion of a tax administrator of another municipal corporation does not bind the Village Tax Administrator.

(i) The Tax Administrator will make available the text of all opinions issued under this section, except those opinions prepared for a taxpayer who has requested that the text of the opinion remain confidential. In no event will the text of an opinion be made available until the Tax Administrator has removed all information that identifies the taxpayer and any other parties involved in the activity or transaction.

(j) An opinion of the Tax Administrator issued under this section or a refusal to offer an opinion under division (f) of this section may not be appealed.

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891.18 ASSESSMENT; APPEAL BASED ON PRESUMPTION OF DELIVERY.

(A) (1) The Tax Administrator shall serve an assessment either by personal service, by certified mail, or by a delivery service authorized under Ohio R.C. 5703.056. Where the Tax Administrator attempts service by certified mail and that service is unsuccessful, the Administrator may serve an assessment by ordinary mail in compliance with Ohio R.C. 718.18, the effective date of which service shall be governed by that section of the Ohio Revised Code.

(2) The Tax Administrator may deliver the assessment through alternative means as provided in this section, including, but not limited to, delivery by secure electronic mail. Such alternative delivery method must be authorized by the person subject to the assessment.

(3) Once service of the assessment has been made by the Tax Administrator or other municipal official, or the designee of either, the person to whom the assessment is directed may protest the ruling of that assessment by filing an appeal with the Board of Tax Review within 60 days after the receipt of service. The delivery of an assessment of the Tax Administrator as prescribed in Ohio R.C. 718.18 is prima facie evidence that delivery is complete and that the assessment is served.

(b) (1) A person may challenge the presumption of delivery and service as set forth in this division. A person disputing the presumption of delivery and service under this section bears the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the address to which the assessment was sent was not an address with which the person was associated at the time the Tax Administrator originally mailed the assessment by certified mail. For the purposes of this section, a person is associated with an address at the time the Tax Administrator originally mailed the assessment if, at that time, the person was residing, receiving legal documents, or conducting business at the address; or if, before that time, the person had conducted business at the address and, when the assessment was mailed, the person's agent or the person's affiliate was conducting business at the address. For the purposes of this section, a person's affiliate is any other person that, at the time the assessment was mailed, owned or controlled at least 20%, as determined by voting rights, of the addressee's business.

(2) If a person elects to appeal an assessment on the basis described in division (b)(1) of this section, and if that assessment is subject to collection and is not otherwise appealable, the person must do so within 60 days after the initial contact by the Tax Administrator or other municipal official, or the designee of either, with the person. Nothing in this division prevents the Tax Administrator or other official from entering into a compromise with the person if the person does not actually file such an appeal with the Board of Tax Review.

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891.19 ACTIONS TO RECOVER; STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.

(a) (1) A. Civil actions to recover municipal income taxes and penalties and interest on municipal income taxes must be brought within the latter of:

1. Three years after the tax was due or the return was filed, whichever is later; or
2. One year after the conclusion of the qualifying deferral period, if any.

B. The time limit described in division (a)(1)A. of this section may be extended at any time if both the Tax Administrator and the employer, agent of the employer, other payer, or taxpayer consent in writing to the extension. Any extension also extends for the same period of time the time limit described in division (c) of this section.

(2) As used in this section, "qualifying deferral period" means a period of time beginning and ending as follows:

A. Beginning on the date a person who is aggrieved by an assessment files with the Board of Tax Review the request described in Section 891.24. That date shall not be affected by any subsequent decision, finding, or holding by any administrative body or court that the Board of Tax Review with which the aggrieved person filed the request did not have jurisdiction to affirm, reverse, or modify the assessment or any part of that assessment.

B. Ending the later of the sixtieth day after the date on which the final determination of the Board of Tax Review becomes final or, if any party appeals from the determination of the Board of Tax Review, the sixtieth day after the date on which the final determination of the Board of Tax Review is either ultimately affirmed in whole or in part or ultimately reversed and no further appeal of either that affirmation, in whole or in part, or that reversal is available or taken.

(b) Prosecutions for an offense made punishable under a resolution or ordinance imposing an income tax must be commenced within three years after the commission of the offense, provided that in the case of fraud, failure to file a return, or the omission of 25% or more of income required to be reported, prosecutions may be commenced within six years after the commission of the offense.

(c) A claim for a refund of municipal income taxes shall be brought within the time limitation provided in Section 891.106.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding the fact that an appeal is pending, the petitioner may pay all or a portion of the assessment that is the subject of the appeal. The acceptance of a payment by the Village does not prejudice any claim for refund upon final determination of the appeal.

(2) A refund shall be issued to the appellant or the appellant's representative upon final determination of any such appeal where and to the extent the appellant is successful, in the amount of the overpayment, with interest.

(e) No civil action to recover municipal income tax or related penalties or interest shall be brought during either of the following time periods:

- (1) The period during which a taxpayer has a right to appeal the imposition of that tax or interest or those penalties;
- (2) The period during which an appeal related to the imposition of that tax or interest or those penalties is pending.

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891.20 ADOPTION OF RULES.

(a) Pursuant to Ohio R.C. 718.30, the Village Council has the authority, by ordinance, to adopt rules to administer the income tax imposed by the Village. The Tax Administrator may prescribe such rules, which if approved by a majority of the Board of Tax Review, shall become effective under this chapter, but in case of conflicts between any such rule and this chapter, the provisions of this chapter prevail.

(b) All rules adopted under this section shall be published and posted on the internet.

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891.21 COLLECTION AFTER TERMINATION OF CHAPTER.

(a) This chapter shall continue in full force and effect insofar as the levy of taxes is concerned until repealed, and insofar as the collection of taxes levied hereunder and actions and proceedings for collecting any tax so levied or enforcing any provisions of this chapter are concerned, it shall continue in full force and effect until all of the taxes levied in the aforesaid period are fully paid and any and all suits and prosecutions for the collection of taxes or for the punishment of violations of this chapter have been fully terminated, subject to the limitations contained in Section 891.19.

(b) Annual returns due for all or any part of the last effective year of this chapter remain due on the date provided in Section 891.101 as though the same were continuing.

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891.22 SAVINGS CLAUSE.

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this chapter, or any tax imposed against, or exemption from tax granted to, any taxpayer or forms of income specified herein is found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall affect only such clause, sentence, section or part of this chapter so found and not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or other parts of this chapter. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Village Council and Mayor that this chapter would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included in this chapter.

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891.23 TENANT REPORTS.

(a) Within 30 days after a new tenant occupies residential real property, all property owners of rental or leased residential property who rent to tenants shall file with the Tax Administrator a

report showing the names and addresses of each such tenant who occupies residential premises within the Village corporation limits.

(b) Within 30 days after a tenant vacates a rental or leased residential property within the Village, the owner of such vacated rental or leased property shall file with the Tax Administrator a report showing the date of vacating from the rental or leased residential property and identifying the vacating tenant.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "tenant" means: (i) if there is a written lease or rental agreement, the person or persons who sign the written lease or rental agreement with the owner; and (ii) if there is an oral lease or rental agreement, the person or persons with whom the owner enters into the oral lease or rental agreement.

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891.24 BOARD OF TAX REVIEW.

(a) The Village Board of Tax Review, created under Section 890.14, shall hear appeals as hereinafter provided.

(b) The Board of Tax Review shall consist of three members. Two members shall be appointed by Village Council, but such appointees may not be employees, elected officials, or contractors with the Village at any time during their term or in the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment. The third member shall be appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Ohio R.C. 735.273. The third member may be an employee of the Village, but may not be the Fiscal Officer or Tax Administrator, or any direct subordinate of either of them.

(c) The members appointed by Village Council shall have two year terms, and there is no limit to the number of terms to which each may be so appointed by Village Council. The third member shall serve at the discretion of the Mayor.

(d) The members appointed by Village Council may be removed by a majority vote of Village Council for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office. To remove such a member, Village Council must give the member a copy of the charges against said member and afford the member an opportunity to be publicly heard in person or by counsel in the member's own defense upon not less than ten days notice. The decision of Village Council on the charges is final and nonappealable.

(e) A member of the Board of Tax Review who, for any reason, ceases to meet the qualification for the position prescribed by this section, shall resign immediately by operation of law.

(f) A vacancy in an unexpired term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment within 60 days of when the vacancy was created. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of such term. No vacancy on the Board of Tax Review shall impair the power and authority of the remaining members to exercise all the powers of the Board of Tax Review.

(g) If a member is temporarily unable to serve on the Board of Tax Review due to a conflict of interest, illness, absence, or similar reason, the body or person that appointed the member

shall appoint another individual temporarily to serve on the Board of Tax Review in the member's place. The appointment shall be subject to the same requirements and limitations as are applicable to the appointment of the member temporarily unable to serve.

(h) Whenever the Tax Administrator issues an assessment regarding an underpayment of Village income tax or denies a refund claim, the Tax Administrator shall notify the taxpayer in writing at the same time of the taxpayer's right to appeal the assessment or denial, the manner in which the taxpayer may appeal the assessment or denial, and the address to which the appeal should be directed.

(i) Any person who has been issued an assessment or denial of refund may appeal the assessment or denial of refund to the Board of Tax Review by filing a request with the Board of Tax Review. The request shall be in writing, shall specify the reason or reasons why the assessment or denial of refund should be deemed incorrect or unlawful, and shall be filed within 60 days after the taxpayer receives the assessment or denial of refund.

(j) The Board of Tax Review shall schedule a hearing to be held within 60 days after receipt of appeal of an assessment or denial of refund, unless the taxpayer requests additional time to prepare or waives a hearing. If the taxpayer does not waive the hearing, the taxpayer may appear before the Board of Tax Review and be represented by an attorney at law, certified public accountant, or other representative. The Board of Tax Review may allow a hearing to be continued as jointly agreed to by the parties. In such a case, the hearing must be completed within 120 days after the first day of the hearing unless the parties agree otherwise.

(k) The Board of Tax Review may affirm, reverse, or modify the Tax Administrator's assessment or denial of refund or any part thereof. The Board of Tax Review shall issue a final determination on the appeal within 90 days after the Board's final hearing on the appeal, and send a copy of its final determination by ordinary mail to all of the parties to the appeal within 15 days after issuing the final determination. The taxpayer or the Tax Administrator may appeal the final determination of the Board of Tax Review as provided in Ohio R.C. 5717.011.

(l) The Board of Tax Review shall adopt rules governing its procedures and shall keep a record of its transaction. Such records are not public records available for inspection under Ohio R.C. 149.43. Hearings requested by a taxpayer before the Board of Tax Review are not meetings of a public body subject to Ohio R.C. 121.22. Such hearings may be conducted privately and Section 891.15 of this chapter with reference to the confidential character of information required to be provided by Chapters 890 or 891 shall apply to such matters as may be heard before the Board of Tax Review.

(m) All rules and regulations and amendments or changes thereto which are adopted by the Tax Administrator under the authority of Chapter 891 must be approved by the Board of Tax Review before they become effective. Meetings or hearings with respect to rules and regulations and amendment or changes thereto are public meetings of a public body subject to Ohio R.C. 121.22.

(n) All powers and duties vested by ordinance in the Village's Board of Review prior to enactment of this section are vested in this Board of Tax Review with respect to tax years 2015 and earlier.

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891.99 VIOLATIONS; PENALTY.

(a) Except as provided in division (b) of this section, whoever violates Section 891.061, 891.16, or 891.15(a) by failing to remit municipal income taxes deducted and withheld from an employee, is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and is subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and imprisonment for a term of up to six months, or both. In addition, the violation, if committed by a Village employee, is punishable by dismissal from office or discharge from employment, or both.

(b) Any person who discloses information received from the Internal Revenue Service in violation of Internal Revenue Code, Sections 7213(a), 7213A, or 7431 is guilty of a violation of Ohio R.C. 718.99(B), and may be liable for punishment as provided therein. In addition, the violation is punishable by dismissal from office or discharge from employment, or both.

(c) Each instance of access or disclosure in violation of Section 891.15(a) constitutes a separate offense.

(d) Whoever violates any provision of this chapter for which violation no penalty is otherwise provided, is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree on a first offense; and is subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment for a term of up to 60 days, or both. Subsequent violations of any provision of this chapter for which violation no penalty is otherwise provided, are a first degree misdemeanor, subjecting the violator to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisonment for a term of up to six months, or both. By way of an illustrative enumeration, violations of this chapter include but are not limited to the following acts, conduct, and/or omissions:

- (1) Fail, neglect or refuse to make any return or declaration required by this chapter; or
- (2) Knowingly make any incomplete return; or
- (3) Willfully fail, neglect, or refuse to pay the tax, penalties, and interest, or any combination thereof, imposed by this chapter; or
- (4) Cause to not be remitted the municipal income tax withheld from qualifying wages of employees to the Village as required by Section 891.101; or
- (5) Neglect or refuse to withhold or remit municipal income tax from employees; or
- (6) Refuse to permit the Tax Administrator or any duly authorized agent or employee to examine his or her books, records, papers, Federal and State income tax returns, or any documentation relating to the income or net profits of a taxpayer; or
- (7) Fail to appear before the Tax Administrator and to produce his or her books, records, papers, Federal and State income tax returns, or any documentation relating to the income or net profits of a taxpayer upon order or subpoena of the Tax Administrator; or
- (8) Refuse to disclose to the Tax Administrator any information with respect to such person's income or net profits, or in the case of a person responsible for maintaining information relating to his or her employers' income or net profits, such person's employer's income or net profits; or
- (9) Fail to comply with the provisions of this chapter or any order or subpoena of the Tax Administrator; or

(10) To avoid imposition or collection of municipal income tax, willfully give to an employer or prospective employer false information as to his or her true name, correct social security number and residence address, or willfully fail to promptly notify an employer or a prospective employer of any change in residence address and date thereof; or

(11) Fail, as an employer, agent of an employer, or other payer, to maintain proper records of employees residence addresses, total qualifying wages paid and municipal tax withheld, or to knowingly give the Tax Administrator false information; or

(12) Willfully fail, neglect, or refuse to make any payment of estimated municipal income tax for any taxable year or any part of any taxable year in accordance with this chapter; or

(13) Attempt to do anything whatsoever to avoid the payment of the whole or any part of the tax, penalties or interest imposed by this chapter.

(14) For purposes of this section, any violation that does not specify a culpable mental state or intent, shall be one of strict liability and no culpable mental state or intent shall be required for a person to be guilty of that violation.

(15) For purposes of this section, the term "person" shall, in addition to the meaning prescribed in Section 891.04, include in the case of a corporation, association, pass-through entity or unincorporated business entity not having any resident owner or officer within the city, any employee or agent of such corporation, association, pass-through entity or unincorporated business entity who has control or supervision over or is charged with the responsibility of filing the municipal income tax returns and making the payments of the municipal income tax as required by this chapter.

(Ord. 2015-6. Passed 11-17-15.)

VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-29

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILPERSON *Allen*

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY (RITA) RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE INCOME TAX CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a Regional Council of Governments was created pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167, to foster cooperation between Ohio's municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Regional Council of Governments was primarily to establish a central collection facility, The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA), for the purpose of administering the income tax laws of the various participating member municipalities; and

WHEREAS, this Council found it to be in the best interest of the preservation of public peace, health or safety for the Village of Walton Hills and its inhabitants to join the Regional Council of Governments for the purpose of having the Regional Income Tax Agency administer the Village of Walton Hill's Tax Code and enter into an agreement for the same, having unanimously passed Resolution 2022-25 on September 20, 2022 and

WHEREAS, this Council now desires to adopt the Regional Income Tax Agency rules and regulations regarding the administration of said agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That, the Fiscal Officer was previously authorized to execute on behalf of the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio, an agreement with Regional Council of Governments for the administration and collections of the Village's income tax through the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) upon such terms as directed in the agreement, subject to any changes deemed appropriate by the Law Director and approved as to form and correctness by the Village Law Director; said agreement having been reviewed by this Council, and Resolution 2022-5 being unanimously passed by this Council on September 27, 2022.

SECTION 2. That, this agreement, shall continue to be on file with the Village Fiscal Officer, which has been reviewed by this Council, and approved subject to any nonmaterial change deemed appropriate by the Fiscal Officer and as approved to form and legality by the Village Law Director; moreover, the Fiscal Officer has previously been authorized to execute the same on behalf of the Village.

SECTION 3. That, by the passage of this resolution 2022-29, the Village of Walton Hills hereby adopts the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) rules and regulations for administration of the income tax code of the Village of Walton Hills.

SECTION 4. The Village Council finds and determines that all formal action of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution was taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with the law.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare for the reason stated in the preamble hereof, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Village Council and signature of the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.



DON KOLOGRAF, MAYOR

PASSED: December 20, 2022

ATTEST: Angela A Revay

ANGELA REVAY, FISCAL OFFICER