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HOUSE BILL No. 4618

May 17, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Byrd and Chirkun and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

A bill to amend 1964 PA 284, entitled "City income tax act,"

by amending section 4 of chapter 1, sections 64a, 73, 82, 84, 85, 92, and 93 of chapter 2, and section 60 of chapter 3 (MCL 141.504, 141.664a, 141.673, 141.682, 141.684, 141.685, 141.692, 141.693, and 141.760), section 64a of chapter 2 as added and sections 73, 82, 84, 85, 92, and 93 of chapter 2 and section 60 of chapter 3 as amended by 1996 PA 478, and by adding section 2b to chapter 1 and sections 86a, 86b, 86c, 86d, 96, and 97 to chapter 2.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

CHAPTER 1

SEC. 2B. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY TO THE CONTRARY, A CITY THAT LEVIES A TAX AUTHORIZED BY THIS ACT SHALL COMPLY WITH CHANGES MADE BY THE

- 1 AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE
- 2 CITY AMENDS ITS CITY INCOME TAX ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE THOSE CHANGES.
- 3 Sec. 4. (1) The state commissioner of revenue DEPARTMENT shall
- 4 promulgate uniform rules pursuant to Act No. 306 of the Public Acts
- 5 of 1969, as amended, being sections 24.201 to 24.315 of the
- 6 Michigan Compiled Laws, THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969,
- 7 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 TO 24.328, governing the form and manner of
- 8 appeal from a final determination SPECIAL RULING OR A RULE ADOPTED
- 9 by a city affecting a taxpayer, employee, or other person and
- 10 purporting to be made under or in administration of the uniform
- 11 city income tax ordinance. The rules shall provide at least 30 days
- 12 after notice of a final assessment, denial of claim for refund,
- 13 special ruling —or rule of the city —in which the appeal may be
- 14 filed. The rules shall provide to the taxpayer, employer, other
- 15 person, or an authorized representative of the person and to the
- 16 city an opportunity to present evidence and to examine witnesses
- 17 relating to the matter under appeal. The hearing shall be held in
- 18 compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being
- 19 sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. THE OPEN
- 20 MEETINGS ACT, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 TO 15.275. Public notice of
- 21 the time, date, and place of the hearing shall be given in the
- 22 manner required by Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976. THE OPEN
- 23 MEETINGS ACT, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 TO 15.275. Promptly after
- 24 completion of the hearing, the commissioner DEPARTMENT shall
- 25 affirm, reverse, or modify by written order the action of the city
- 26 which is the subject matter of the appeal, and shall furnish a copy
- 27 of the **DECISION AND** order and opinion to the appellant and to the

- 1 authorized official of the city.
- 2 (2) A DECISION AND ORDER ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON A SPECIAL
- 3 RULING OR A RULE ADOPTED BY A CITY MAY BE APPEALED IN THE MANNER
- 4 AND FORM AND WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE
- 5 PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 TO 24.328. A
- 6 HEARING CONDUCTED BY A CITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 84 OR 92 OF CHAPTER
- 7 2 SHALL ONLY BE APPEALED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 93(2) OF CHAPTER 2.
- 8 CHAPTER 2
- 9 Sec. 64a. (1) If a person liable for the tax imposed under
- 10 this ordinance sells a business or the stock of goods of a business
- 11 or quits a business, the person shall make a final return to the
- 12 city or the department within 15 days after the date the business
- 13 or stock of goods is sold or the person quits the business. The
- 14 purchaser or succeeding purchasers, if any, who purchase a going or
- 15 closed business or stock of goods of a going or closed business
- 16 shall escrow sufficient money to cover the amount of taxes,
- 17 interest, and penalties that may be due and unpaid until the former
- 18 owner produces a receipt from the administrator that shows that the
- 19 taxes due have been paid, or a certificate that states that taxes
- 20 are not due. If the owner provides a written waiver of
- 21 confidentiality, the administrator may release to a purchaser a
- 22 business's known tax liability for the purposes of establishing an
- 23 escrow account for the payment of taxes. If the purchaser or
- 24 succeeding purchasers of a business or stock of goods of a business
- 25 fail to comply with the escrow requirements of this subsection, the
- 26 purchaser is personally liable for the payment of the taxes,
- 27 interest, and penalties accrued and unpaid by the business of the

- 1 former owner. The purchaser's or succeeding purchaser's personal
- 2 liability is limited to the fair market value of the business less
- 3 the amount of any proceeds applied to balances due on secured
- 4 interests that are superior to any lien provided for in this
- 5 ordinance.
- **6** (2) If a corporation that is liable for the tax imposed under
- 7 this ordinance fails for any reason to file the required returns or
- 8 to pay the tax due, any officers of the corporation that have
- 9 control or supervision of, or who are charged with the
- 10 responsibility for, making the returns or payments are personally
- 11 liable for the failure to file or pay. The signature of any
- 12 corporate officer on a return or negotiable instrument submitted in
- 13 payment of a tax is prima facie evidence of the officer's
- 14 responsibility for making the returns and payments. The dissolution
- 15 of a corporation does not discharge an officer's liability for a
- 16 prior failure of the corporation to make a return or remit a tax
- 17 due. The sum due for a liability may be assessed and collected
- 18 under this ordinance.
- 19 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (2), FOR TAXES
- 20 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO
- 21 UNDER SECTION 9 OF CHAPTER 1 WITH A CITY THAT HAS A POPULATION OF
- 22 MORE THAN 600,000 ONLY, BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:
- 23 (A) IF A PERSON LIABLE FOR A TAX ADMINISTERED UNDER THIS
- 24 ORDINANCE SELLS OUT A BUSINESS OR ITS STOCK OF GOODS OR OUITS THE
- 25 BUSINESS, THE PERSON SHALL MAKE A FINAL RETURN WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER
- 26 THE DATE OF SELLING OR QUITTING THE BUSINESS. THE PURCHASER OR
- 27 SUCCEEDING PURCHASERS, IF ANY, THAT PURCHASE A GOING OR CLOSED

- 1 BUSINESS OR ITS STOCK OF GOODS SHALL ESCROW SUFFICIENT MONEY TO
- 2 COVER THE AMOUNT OF TAXES, INTEREST, AND PENALTIES AS MAY BE DUE
- 3 AND UNPAID UNTIL THE FORMER OWNER PRODUCES A RECEIPT FROM THE
- 4 DEPARTMENT SHOWING THAT THE TAXES DUE ARE PAID, OR A CERTIFICATE
- 5 STATING THAT TAXES ARE NOT DUE. UPON THE OWNER'S WRITTEN WAIVER OF
- 6 CONFIDENTIALITY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, WITHIN 60 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF
- 7 THE REQUEST, RELEASE TO A PURCHASER A BUSINESS'S KNOWN OR ESTIMATED
- 8 TAX LIABILITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING AN ESCROW ACCOUNT
- 9 FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAXES. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTIMATE TAX LIABILITY
- 10 BASED ON PRIOR RETURNS AND PAYMENTS. IF THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES
- 11 THAT A RETURN MADE OR PAYMENT DOES NOT SUPPLY SUFFICIENT
- 12 INFORMATION FOR AN ACCURATE DETERMINATION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY MAKE
- 13 AN ESTIMATE BASED ON OTHER AVAILABLE INFORMATION. IF THE PURCHASER
- 14 OR SUCCEEDING PURCHASERS OF A BUSINESS OR ITS STOCK OF GOODS FAIL
- 15 TO COMPLY WITH THE ESCROW REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
- 16 PURCHASER IS PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE TAXES,
- 17 INTEREST, AND PENALTIES ACCRUED AND UNPAID BY THE BUSINESS OF THE
- 18 FORMER OWNER. IF THE PURCHASER OR SUCCEEDING PURCHASERS OF A
- 19 BUSINESS OR ITS STOCK OF GOODS COMPLY WITH THE ESCROW REQUIREMENTS
- 20 OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE PURCHASER SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR
- 21 MORE THAN THE KNOWN OR ESTIMATED TAX LIABILITY DISCLOSED BY THE
- 22 DEPARTMENT AND HELD IN ESCROW. HOWEVER, THE PURCHASER SHALL NOT BE
- 23 HELD LIABLE IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS FAILED TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION
- 24 REQUESTED WITHIN 60 DAYS. FOR A PURCHASER OR SUCCEEDING PURCHASER
- 25 THAT HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH THE ESCROW REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
- 26 SUBDIVISION, THE PURCHASER'S OR SUCCEEDING PURCHASER'S PERSONAL
- 27 LIABILITY IS LIMITED TO THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE BUSINESS LESS

- 1 THE AMOUNT OF ANY PROCEEDS THAT ARE APPLIED TO BALANCES DUE ON
- 2 SECURED INTERESTS THAT ARE SUPERIOR TO ANY LIEN FILED BY OR ON
- 3 BEHALF OF THE CITY.
- 4 (B) IF A BUSINESS LIABLE FOR TAXES ADMINISTERED UNDER THIS
- 5 ORDINANCE FAILS, FOR ANY REASON AFTER ASSESSMENT, TO FILE THE
- 6 REQUIRED RETURNS OR TO PAY THE TAX DUE, ANY OF ITS OFFICERS,
- 7 MEMBERS, MANAGERS OF A MANAGER-MANAGED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,
- 8 OR PARTNERS WHO THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES, BASED ON EITHER AN AUDIT
- 9 OR AN INVESTIGATION, ARE RESPONSIBLE PERSONS, ARE PERSONALLY LIABLE
- 10 FOR THE FAILURE TO PAY THE TAXES. THE DISSOLUTION OF A BUSINESS
- 11 DOES NOT DISCHARGE A RESPONSIBLE PERSON'S LIABILITY FOR A PRIOR
- 12 FAILURE OF THE BUSINESS TO FILE A RETURN OR PAY THE TAX DUE. THE
- 13 SUM DUE FOR A LIABILITY MAY BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED AS PROVIDED
- 14 UNDER THIS ORDINANCE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A RESPONSIBLE
- 15 PERSON ASSESSED UNDER THIS SECTION WITH NOTICE OF ANY AMOUNT
- 16 COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM ANY OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSON
- 17 DETERMINED TO BE LIABLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION OR PURCHASER
- 18 DETERMINED TO BE LIABLE UNDER SUBDIVISION (A) THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE
- 19 TO THE ASSESSMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ASSESS A RESPONSIBLE
- 20 PERSON UNDER THIS SECTION MORE THAN 4 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE
- 21 ASSESSMENT ISSUED TO THE BUSINESS. A RESPONSIBLE PERSON MAY
- 22 CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF AN ASSESSMENT TO THE SAME EXTENT THAT THE
- 23 BUSINESS COULD HAVE CHALLENGED THAT ASSESSMENT UNDER THIS ORDINANCE
- 24 WHEN ORIGINALLY ISSUED. THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE BURDEN TO FIRST
- 25 PRODUCE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE TO ESTABLISH THAT THE PERSON IS A
- 26 RESPONSIBLE PERSON. IN A SEPARATE PROCEEDING BEFORE THE CIRCUIT
- 27 COURT, A RESPONSIBLE PERSON FOUND TO BE LIABLE FOR THE ASSESSMENT

- 1 UNDER THIS SECTION MAY RECOVER FROM OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSONS AN
- 2 AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ASSESSMENT OR PORTION OF THE ASSESSMENT BASED
- 3 ON THAT PERSON'S PROPORTIONATE LIABILITY FOR THE ASSESSMENT AS
- 4 DETERMINED IN THAT PROCEEDING. BEFORE ASSESSING A RESPONSIBLE
- 5 PERSON AS LIABLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION FOR THE TAX ASSESSED TO THE
- 6 BUSINESS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FIRST ASSESS A PURCHASER OR
- 7 SUCCEEDING PURCHASER OF THE BUSINESS PERSONALLY LIABLE UNDER
- 8 SUBDIVISION (A) IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMATION THAT CLEARLY
- 9 IDENTIFIES A PURCHASER OR SUCCEEDING PURCHASER UNDER SUBDIVISION
- 10 (A) AND ESTABLISHES THAT THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PURCHASER OR
- 11 SUCCEEDING PURCHASER WOULD PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT THE
- 12 ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE TAX ASSESSMENT OF THE BUSINESS. THE DEPARTMENT
- 13 MAY ASSESS A RESPONSIBLE PERSON UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
- 14 NOTWITHSTANDING THE LIABILITY OF A PURCHASER OR SUCCEEDING
- 15 PURCHASER UNDER SUBDIVISION (A) IF THE PURCHASER OR SUCCEEDING
- 16 PURCHASER FAILS TO PAY THE ASSESSMENT.
- 17 (4) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ORDINANCE,
- 18 UPON REQUEST OF A RESPONSIBLE PERSON THAT WAS ISSUED AN INTENT TO
- 19 ASSESS BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR LIABILITY UNDER SUBSECTION (3) (B), THE
- 20 DEPARTMENT SHALL DISCLOSE ANY DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED IN THE
- 21 DEPARTMENT'S AUDIT OR INVESTIGATION IN DETERMINING THAT THE PERSON
- 22 IS A RESPONSIBLE PERSON AND IS PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE ASSESSMENT
- 23 AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT THE TRIBUNAL OR COURT DETERMINES ARE
- 24 NECESSARY FOR A FAIR ADJUDICATION OF A PERSON'S LIABILITY UNDER
- 25 SUBSECTION (3) (B).
- 26 (5) AS USED IN SUBSECTIONS (3) AND (4):
- 27 (A) "BUSINESS" MEANS A CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,

- 1 LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP, PARTNERSHIP, OR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.
- 2 (B) "RESPONSIBLE PERSON" MEANS AN OFFICER, MEMBER, MANAGER OF
- 3 A MANAGER-MANAGED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR PARTNER FOR THE
- 4 BUSINESS WHO CONTROLLED, SUPERVISED, OR WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
- 5 FILING OF RETURNS OR PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING TAXES OWED
- 6 DURING THE TIME PERIOD OF DEFAULT AND WHO, DURING THE TIME PERIOD
- 7 OF DEFAULT, WILLFULLY FAILED TO FILE A RETURN OR PAY THE TAX DUE.
- 8 THE SIGNATURE, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE, OF ANY OFFICER,
- 9 MEMBER, MANAGER OF A MANAGER-MANAGED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR
- 10 PARTNER ON RETURNS OR NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS SUBMITTED IN PAYMENT
- 11 OF TAXES OF THE BUSINESS DURING THE TIME PERIOD OF DEFAULT IS PRIMA
- 12 FACIE EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON IS A RESPONSIBLE PERSON. A
- 13 SIGNATURE, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE, ON A RETURN OR
- 14 NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT SUBMITTED IN PAYMENT OF TAXES AFTER THE TIME
- 15 PERIOD OF DEFAULT ALONE IS NOT PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON
- 16 IS A RESPONSIBLE PERSON FOR THE TIME PERIOD OF DEFAULT BUT MAY BE
- 17 CONSIDERED ALONG WITH OTHER EVIDENCE TO MAKE A PRIMA FACIE CASE
- 18 THAT THE PERSON IS A RESPONSIBLE PERSON. WITH RESPECT TO A RETURN
- 19 OR NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT SUBMITTED IN PAYMENT OF TAXES BEFORE THE
- 20 TIME PERIOD OF DEFAULT, THE SIGNATURE, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC
- 21 SIGNATURE, ON THAT DOCUMENT ALONG WITH EVIDENCE, OTHER THAN THAT
- 22 DOCUMENT, SUFFICIENT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE SIGNATORY WAS AN
- 23 OFFICER, MEMBER, MANAGER OF A MANAGER-MANAGED LIMITED LIABILITY
- 24 COMPANY, OR PARTNER DURING THE TIME PERIOD OF DEFAULT IS PRIMA
- 25 FACIE EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON IS A RESPONSIBLE PERSON.
- 26 (C) "TIME PERIOD OF DEFAULT" MEANS THE TAX PERIOD FOR WHICH
- 27 THE BUSINESS FAILED TO FILE THE RETURN OR PAY THE TAX DUE UNDER

- 1 SUBSECTION (3) AND THROUGH THE LATER OF THE DATE SET FOR THE FILING
- 2 OF THE TAX RETURN OR MAKING THE REQUIRED PAYMENT.
- 3 (D) "WILLFUL" OR "WILLFULLY" MEANS THE PERSON KNEW OR HAD
- 4 REASON TO KNOW OF THE OBLIGATION TO FILE A RETURN OR PAY THE TAX,
- 5 BUT INTENTIONALLY OR RECKLESSLY FAILED TO FILE THE RETURN OR PAY
- 6 THE TAX.
- 7 Sec. 73. (1) If a taxpayer or employer fails or refuses to
- 8 make a return or payment as required, in whole or in part, or if
- 9 the administrator or the department has reason to believe that a
- 10 return made does not supply sufficient information for an accurate
- 11 determination of the amount of tax due, the administrator or the
- 12 department may obtain information on which to base an assessment of
- 13 the tax. The administrator or the department may examine the books,
- 14 papers, and records of any person, employer, taxpayer, or agent or
- 15 representative of any person, employer, or taxpayer or audit the
- 16 accounts of any person, employer, or taxpayer or any other records
- 17 pertaining to the tax, to verify the accuracy and completeness of a
- 18 return filed, or, if no return was filed, to ascertain the tax,
- 19 withholding, penalties, or interest due under this ordinance.
- 20 (2) The administrator or the department may examine any
- 21 person, under oath, concerning income which was or should have been
- 22 reported for taxation under this ordinance, and for this purpose
- 23 may compel the production of books, papers, and records and the
- 24 attendance of all parties before him or her, whether as parties or
- 25 witnesses, if he or she believes those persons have knowledge of
- 26 the income. In addition, for tax years after the 1996 tax year and
- 27 for which a city has entered into an agreement with the department

- 1 of treasury pursuant to section 9 of chapter 1, all of the
- 2 following apply to implement this section:
- 3 (a) The department of treasury shall send to the taxpayer or
- 4 employer a letter of inquiry stating, in a courteous and
- 5 unintimidating manner, the department's opinion that the taxpayer
- 6 or employer needs to furnish further information or owes taxes to
- 7 the city, and the reason for that opinion. A letter of inquiry
- 8 shall also explain the procedure by which the taxpayer or employer
- 9 may initiate communication with the department to resolve any
- 10 dispute. A letter of inquiry may be served on the taxpayer in any
- 11 manner determined appropriate by the department. of treasury. This
- 12 subdivision does not apply in any of the following circumstances:
- 13 (i) The taxpayer or employer files a return that shows a tax
- 14 due and fails to pay that tax.
- 15 (ii) The deficiency resulted from an audit of the taxpayer's
- or employer's books and records by the city or the department.
- 17 (iii) The taxpayer or employer otherwise affirmatively admits
- 18 that a tax is due and owing.
- 19 (b) If the dispute is not resolved within 30 days after the
- 20 department of treasury sends the taxpayer or employer a letter of
- 21 inquiry or if a letter of inquiry is not required under subdivision
- 22 (a), the department, after determining the amount of tax due from a
- 23 taxpayer or employer, shall give notice to the taxpayer or employer
- 24 of the department of treasury's DEPARTMENT'S notice of intent to
- 25 assess the tax. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SERVE THE INTENT TO ASSESS THE
- 26 TAX UPON THE TAXPAYER OR EMPLOYER IN PERSON, BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL,
- 27 OR BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE

- 1 TAXPAYER OR EMPLOYER. PROOF OF MAILING THE INTENT TO ASSESS IS
- 2 PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF RECEIPT OF THE INTENT TO ASSESS THE TAX BY
- 3 THE ADDRESSEE. The notice shall include all of the following:
- 4 (i) The amount of the tax the department of treasury—claims
- 5 the taxpayer or employer owes.
- (ii) The reason for the deficiency.
- 7 (iii) A statement advising the taxpayer or employer of his or
- 8 her right to file a protest and to a hearing with the department.
- 9 of treasury.
- 10 (C) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT A CLAIM FOR REFUND DOES
- 11 NOT SUPPLY SUFFICIENT INFORMATION FOR AN ACCURATE DETERMINATION OF
- 12 REFUND DUE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A NOTICE OF REFUND
- 13 ADJUSTMENT OR DENIAL. THE NOTICE SHALL BE SERVED UPON THE TAXPAYER
- 14 OR EMPLOYER IN PERSON, BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL, OR BY REGISTERED OR
- 15 CERTIFIED MAIL TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE TAXPAYER OR
- 16 EMPLOYER, AND THE NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 17 (i) THE AMOUNT OF THE ADJUSTMENT OR DENIAL.
- 18 (ii) THE REASON FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OR DENIAL.
- 19 (iii) A STATEMENT ADVISING THE TAXPAYER OR EMPLOYER OF HIS OR
- 20 HER RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND TO A HEARING WITH THE DEPARTMENT. A
- 21 SEPARATE NOTICE IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION IF A LETTER
- 22 OF INQUIRY AND A NOTICE OF INTENT TO ASSESS ARE ISSUED UNDER
- 23 SUBDIVISIONS (A) AND (B).
- 24 (3) A taxpayer or employer has 30 60 days after receipt of a
- 25 notice of intent to assess OR OF REFUND ADJUSTMENT OR DENIAL within
- 26 which to file a written protest with the department. of treasury.
- 27 If a written protest is received, the department of treasury shall

- 1 give the taxpayer or employer or duly authorized representative of
- 2 the taxpayer or employer an opportunity to be heard and present
- 3 evidence and arguments in his or her behalf. A HEARING UNDER THIS
- 4 SUBSECTION IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF
- 5 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 TO 24.328.
- **6** (4) If a protest to the notice of intent to assess the tax
- 7 under subsection (2) is determined by the department of treasury to
- 8 be a frivolous protest or a desire by the taxpayer or employer to
- 9 delay or impede the administration of the tax under this ordinance,
- 10 a penalty of \$25.00 or 25% of the amount of tax under protest,
- 11 whichever is greater, shall be added to the tax.
- 12 (5) UPON RECEIPT OF A TAXPAYER'S WRITTEN PROTEST FILED
- 13 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SET A MUTUALLY
- 14 AGREED UPON OR REASONABLE TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING AND SHALL
- 15 GIVE THE TAXPAYER REASONABLE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THAT HEARING NOT
- 16 LESS THAN 20 DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING. THE NOTICE SHALL SPECIFY THE
- 17 INTENT TO ASSESS OR THE REFUND ADJUSTMENT OR DENIAL AND THE TAX
- 18 YEAR THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE HEARING. THE TAXPAYER MAY APPEAR OR
- 19 BE REPRESENTED BY ANY PERSON BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT AT THE HEARING
- 20 AND MAY PRESENT TESTIMONY AND ARGUMENT. AT THE PARTY'S OWN EXPENSE
- 21 AND WITH ADVANCE NOTICE TO THE OTHER PARTY, A TAXPAYER OR THE
- 22 DEPARTMENT, OR BOTH, MAY MAKE AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE HEARING. A
- 23 TAXPAYER THAT HAS MADE A TIMELY REQUEST FOR A HEARING MAY AT ANY
- 24 TIME WITHDRAW THAT REQUEST BY FILING WRITTEN NOTICE WITH THE
- 25 DEPARTMENT. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE
- 26 HEARING, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A DECISION AND ORDER AND, WHERE
- 27 APPROPRIATE, A FINAL ASSESSMENT, FROM WHICH A TAXPAYER MAY SEEK AN

- 1 APPEAL TO THE TAX TRIBUNAL AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 93.
- 2 (6) DURING THE COURSE OF A HEARING CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT
- 3 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5), THE TAXPAYER BY WRITTEN NOTICE MAY
- 4 CONVERT THE TAXPAYER'S PROTEST OF AN ASSESSMENT TO A CLAIM FOR A
- 5 REFUND. THE HEARING SHALL CONTINUE AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RENDER
- 6 A DECISION AND ORDER IN WRITING SETTING FORTH THE REASONS AND
- 7 AUTHORITY FOR GRANTING OR DENYING THE CLAIM OF REFUND, IN WHOLE OR
- 8 IN PART, OR UPHOLDING THE INTENT TO ASSESS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART. IF
- 9 THE INTENT TO ASSESS IS UPHELD, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THE DEPARTMENT
- 10 SHALL ISSUE A FINAL ASSESSMENT SETTING FORTH THE TOTAL AMOUNT FOUND
- 11 TO BE DUE AND PAYABLE. THE DECISION AND ORDER ARE LIMITED TO THE
- 12 SUBJECT OF THE HEARING AS INCLUDED IN THE NOTICE UNDER SUBSECTION
- 13 (2) (B).
- 14 (7) FOR AUDITS COMMENCED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2018, THE DEPARTMENT
- 15 SHALL COMPLETE FIELDWORK AND PROVIDE A WRITTEN PRELIMINARY AUDIT
- 16 DETERMINATION FOR ANY TAX YEAR NO LATER THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE AUDIT
- 17 COMMENCES. ANY AUDIT COMMENCED BEFORE THE PERIOD PROVIDED IN
- 18 SECTION 88 MAY BE COMPLETED WITHIN 1 YEAR AND ANY ASSESSMENT OR
- 19 REFUND DETERMINED AS A RESULT OF THE AUDIT MAY BE MADE WITHIN 9
- 20 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF THE PRELIMINARY AUDIT DETERMINATION
- 21 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY UNLESS THE TAXPAYER,
- 22 FOR ANY REASON, REQUESTS RECONSIDERATION OF THE PRELIMINARY AUDIT
- 23 DETERMINATION OR THE TAXPAYER REQUESTS A HEARING UNDER SECTION 73.
- 24 A REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION BY A TAXPAYER PERMITS, BUT DOES NOT
- 25 REQUIRE, THE DEPARTMENT TO DELAY THE ISSUANCE OF A FINAL
- 26 ASSESSMENT.
- Sec. 82. (1) All taxes imposed in a taxable year before the

- 1 1992 taxable year on a taxpayer and money withheld by an employer
- 2 under this ordinance and remaining unpaid after the taxes or money
- 3 withheld are due bear interest from the due date at the rate of 1/2
- 4 of 1% per month until paid. For the 1992 taxable year and each
- 5 subsequent taxable year before the 1997 taxable year, all taxes
- 6 imposed on a taxpayer and money withheld by an employer under this
- 7 ordinance and remaining unpaid after the taxes or money withheld
- 8 are due bear interest from the due date at the current monthly rate
- 9 of 1 percentage point above the adjusted prime rate per annum per
- 10 month until the tax or money is paid. For taxable years after the
- 11 1996 taxable year, if the amount of a tax paid is less than the
- 12 amount that should have been paid or an excessive claim for credit
- 13 has been made, the deficiency and interest on the deficiency at the
- 14 current monthly interest rate of 1 percentage point above the
- 15 adjusted prime rate per annum from the time the tax was due, and
- 16 until paid, are due and payable after a final assessment as
- 17 provided in section 85. A deficiency in an estimated payment
- 18 required by this ordinance shall be treated in the same manner as a
- 19 tax due and is subject to the same current monthly interest rate of
- 20 1 percentage point above the adjusted prime rate per annum from the
- 21 time the payment was due, until paid. The term "adjusted prime
- 22 rate" means the average predominant prime rate quoted by not less
- 23 than 3 commercial banks to large businesses, as determined by the
- 24 department of treasury. For tax years before the 1997 tax year, the
- 25 adjusted prime rate is to be based on the average prime rate
- 26 charged by not less than 3 commercial banks during the 12-month
- 27 period ending on September 30. One percentage point shall be added

- 1 to the adjusted prime rate, and the resulting sum shall be divided
- 2 by 12 to establish the current monthly interest rate. The resulting
- 3 current monthly interest rate based on the 12-month period ending
- 4 September 30 becomes effective on January 1 of the following year.
- 5 For tax years after the 1996 tax year, "adjusted prime rate" means
- 6 that term as defined in and determined under section 23(2) of Act
- 7 No. 122 of the Public Acts of 1941, being section 205.23 of the
- 8 Michigan Compiled Laws.1941 PA 122, MCL 205.23.
- 9 (2) A person who fails to file a return, pay the tax, or remit
- 10 withholding, when due, is liable, in addition to the interest, to a
- 11 penalty of 1% of the amount of the unpaid tax for each month or
- 12 fraction of a month, not to exceed a total penalty of 25% of the
- 13 unpaid tax. If a return is filed or remittance is paid after the
- 14 time specified and it is shown to the satisfaction of the city or
- 15 the department that the failure was due to reasonable cause and not
- 16 to willful neglect, the penalty shall be waived by the
- 17 administrator or the department. If the total interest or interest
- 18 and penalty to be assessed is less than \$2.00, the administrator or
- 19 the department shall instead assess \$2.00. THE TAXPAYER BEARS THE
- 20 BURDEN OF AFFIRMATIVELY ESTABLISHING, BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING
- 21 EVIDENCE, THAT THE FAILURE TO FILE OR FAILURE TO PAY WAS DUE TO
- 22 REASONABLE CAUSE. REASONABLE CAUSE EXISTS IF, IN SPITE OF
- 23 EXERCISING ORDINARY BUSINESS CARE AND PRUDENCE IN COMPLYING WITH
- 24 FILING AND PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS, THE TAXPAYER WAS UNABLE TO FILE A
- 25 RETURN OR PAY A TAX. TIMELINESS, FACTS, AND CIRCUMSTANCES ARE
- 26 FACTORS THAT ARE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING THE EXISTENCE OF
- 27 REASONABLE CAUSE.

- 1 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4), if any part of the
- 2 deficiency or an excessive claim for credit is due to negligence,
- 3 but without intent to defraud, a penalty of \$10.00 or 10% of the
- 4 total amount of the deficiency in the tax, whichever is greater,
- 5 plus interest as provided in subsection (1), shall be added. The
- 6 penalty becomes due and payable after a final assessment is issued
- 7 as provided in section 85. If a taxpayer subject to a penalty under
- 8 this subsection demonstrates to the satisfaction of the
- 9 administrator or the department that the deficiency or excess claim
- 10 for credit was due to reasonable cause, NOT DUE TO NEGLIGENCE, the
- 11 administrator or the department shall waive DISMISS the penalty.
- 12 NEGLIGENCE IS THE LACK OF DUE CARE IN FAILING TO DO WHAT A
- 13 REASONABLE AND ORDINARILY PRUDENT PERSON WOULD HAVE DONE UNDER THE
- 14 PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES. THE STANDARD FOR DETERMINING NEGLIGENCE
- 15 IS WHETHER THE TAXPAYER EXERCISED ORDINARY CARE AND PRUDENCE IN
- 16 PREPARING AND FILING A RETURN AND PAYING THE APPLICABLE TAX IN
- 17 ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW. THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH CASE
- 18 WILL BE CONSIDERED.
- 19 (4) If any part of the deficiency or an excessive claim for
- 20 credit is due to intentional disregard of this ordinance, but
- 21 without intent to defraud, a penalty of \$25.00 or 25% of the total
- 22 amount of the deficiency in the tax, whichever is greater, plus
- 23 interest as provided in subsection (1), shall be added. The penalty
- 24 becomes due and payable after a final assessment is issued as
- 25 provided in section 85. If a penalty is imposed under this
- 26 subsection and the taxpayer subject to the penalty successfully
- 27 disputes the penalty, the administrator or the department shall not

- 1 impose a penalty prescribed by subsection (3) to the tax otherwise
- 2 due. Intentional disregard may be negated by clear and convincing
- 3 EVIDENCE THAT THE TAXPAYER ACTED IN GOOD FAITH.
- 4 (5) If any part of the deficiency or an excessive claim for
- 5 credit is due to fraudulent intent to evade the tax imposed under
- 6 this ordinance, or to obtain a refund for a fraudulent claim, a
- 7 penalty of 100% of the deficiency, plus interest as provided in
- 8 subsection (1), shall be added. The penalty becomes due and payable
- 9 after a final assessment is issued as provided in section 85.
- 10 Sec. 84. (1) For tax years before the 1997 tax year and for
- 11 tax years after the 1996 tax year and for which a city has not
- 12 entered into an agreement pursuant to section 9 of chapter 1, if
- 13 the administrator determines that a taxpayer or an employer subject
- 14 to the provisions of this ordinance has failed to pay the full
- 15 amount of the tax due or tax withheld, he or she shall issue a
- 16 proposed assessment showing the amount due and unpaid, together
- 17 with interest and penalties that may have accrued thereon. The
- 18 proposed assessment shall be served upon the taxpayer or employer
- 19 in person, BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL, or by registered or certified mail
- 20 to the last known address of the taxpayer or employer. Proof of
- 21 mailing the proposed assessment is prima facie evidence of a
- 22 receipt of the proposed assessment by the addressee.
- 23 (2) A taxpayer or employer has 30 days after receipt of a
- 24 proposed assessment within which to file a written protest with the
- 25 administrator or 30 days after receipt of a notice of intent to
- 26 assess from the department of treasury to file a written protest
- 27 with the department of treasury, who shall then give the taxpayer

- 1 or employer or his or her duly authorized representative an
- 2 opportunity to be heard and present evidence and arguments in his
- 3 or her behalf.
- 4 Sec. 85. (1) After the hearing as provided in section 84, the
- 5 administrator or the department—shall issue a final assessment
- 6 setting forth the total amount found due in the proposed assessment
- 7 or notice of intent to assess and any adjustment he or she may have
- 8 made as a result of the protest. The final assessment shall be
- 9 served in the same manner as a proposed assessment. or notice of
- 10 intent to assess. Proof of mailing of the final assessment is prima
- 11 facie evidence of receipt of the final assessment by the addressee.
- 12 (2) If a protest under section $\frac{73(3)}{2}$ or $\frac{84(2)}{2}$ is not filed in
- 13 respect to a proposed assessment, or notice of intent to assess, a
- 14 taxpayer or employer is considered to have received a final
- 15 assessment 30 days after receipt of the proposed assessment.
- 16 SEC. 86A. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 86, FOR TAXES
- 17 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO
- 18 UNDER SECTION 9 OF CHAPTER 1 WITH A CITY THAT HAS A POPULATION OF
- 19 MORE THAN 600,000 ONLY, THE DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, MAY
- 20 RECOVER THE TAX WITH INTEREST AND PENALTIES WITHOUT A JUDGMENT OR
- 21 ORDER FROM A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION BY IMPOSING A LIEN AS
- 22 PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION. A LIEN IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS
- 23 SECTION IS A LIEN IN FAVOR OF THE CITY AGAINST ALL PROPERTY AND
- 24 RIGHTS OF PROPERTY, BOTH REAL AND PERSONAL, TANGIBLE AND
- 25 INTANGIBLE, OWNED AT THE TIME THE LIEN ATTACHES, OR AFTERWARDS
- 26 ACQUIRED BY ANY PERSON LIABLE FOR THE TAX, TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF
- 27 THE TAX. THE LIEN SHALL ATTACH TO THE PROPERTY FROM AND AFTER THE

- 1 DATE THAT ANY REPORT OR RETURN ON WHICH THE TAX IS LEVIED IS
- 2 REQUIRED TO BE FILED AND SHALL CONTINUE FOR 7 YEARS AFTER THE DATE
- 3 OF ATTACHMENT. THE LIEN MAY BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER 7 YEARS BY
- 4 REFILING UNDER SUBSECTION (2) IF THE REFILING IS DONE WITHIN 6
- 5 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE ORIGINAL 7-YEAR PERIOD.
- 6 THE DEPARTMENT IS THE ONLY ENTITY AUTHORIZED TO ACT UNDER THIS
- 7 SECTION, AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT DELEGATE ITS AUTHORITY TO ACT
- 8 UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE CITY.
- 9 (2) THE LIEN IMPOSED BY THIS SECTION SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE
- 10 OVER ALL OTHER LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES, EXCEPT BONA FIDE LIENS
- 11 RECORDED BEFORE THE DATE THE LIEN UNDER THIS ORDINANCE IS RECORDED.
- 12 HOWEVER, BONA FIDE LIENS RECORDED BEFORE THE LIEN UNDER THIS
- 13 ORDINANCE IS RECORDED SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF
- 14 DISBURSEMENTS MADE UNDER A FINANCING ARRANGEMENT BEFORE THE FORTY-
- 15 SIXTH DAY AFTER THE DATE OF THE TAX LIEN RECORDING OR BEFORE THE
- 16 PERSON MAKING THE DISBURSEMENTS HAD ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF A TAX LIEN
- 17 RECORDING UNDER THIS ORDINANCE, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER. A LIEN SHALL
- 18 BE RECORDED AND DISCHARGED IN THE SAME MANNER REQUIRED FOR A STATE
- 19 TAX LIEN UNDER THE STATE TAX LIEN REGISTRATION ACT, 1968 PA 203,
- 20 MCL 211.681 TO 211.687.
- 21 (3) A PURCHASER OR SUCCEEDING PURCHASER OF PROPERTY, FROM A
- 22 TAXPAYER IN OTHER THAN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS, AGAINST
- 23 WHICH A LIEN HAS BEEN PROPERLY RECORDED AS PROVIDED UNDER
- 24 SUBSECTION (2) IS PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNPAID TAXES THAT ARE
- 25 DUE ON THE LIEN. THE PURCHASER'S LIABILITY IS LIMITED TO THE VALUE
- 26 OF THE PROPERTY LESS ANY PROCEEDS THAT WERE APPLIED TO BALANCES DUE
- 27 ON SECURED INTERESTS WHICH ARE SUPERIOR TO THE LIEN RECORDED UNDER

- 1 SUBSECTION (2).
- 2 SEC. 86B. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 86, FOR TAXES
- 3 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO
- 4 UNDER SECTION 9 OF CHAPTER 1 WITH A CITY THAT HAS A POPULATION OF
- 5 MORE THAN 600,000 ONLY, THE DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, MAY
- 6 CAUSE A DEMAND TO BE MADE ON A TAXPAYER FOR THE PAYMENT OF A TAX
- 7 DUE UNDER THIS ORDINANCE. IF THE LIABILITY REMAINS UNPAID FOR 10
- 8 DAYS AFTER THE DEMAND AND PROCEEDINGS ARE NOT TAKEN TO REVIEW THE
- 9 LIABILITY, A WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED UNDER THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE
- 10 CITY. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (5), THE DEPARTMENT, ON
- 11 BEHALF OF THE CITY, THROUGH ANY OFFICER OR AGENT OR PERSON
- 12 AUTHORIZED TO SERVE PROCESS OR THROUGH AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES, MAY
- 13 LEVY ON ALL PROPERTY AND RIGHTS TO PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL,
- 14 TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE, BELONGING TO THE TAXPAYER OR ON WHICH A
- 15 LIEN IS PROVIDED BY LAW FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE DEFICIENCY, AND SELL
- 16 THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE TAXPAYER FOUND WITHIN THE
- 17 STATE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE AMOUNT DUE, THE COST OF EXECUTING THE
- 18 WARRANT, AND THE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES AND INTEREST. EXCEPT AS
- 19 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (6), THE OFFICER OR AGENT OR PERSON SERVING
- 20 THE WARRANT SHALL PROCEED UPON THE WARRANT IN ALL RESPECTS AND IN
- 21 THE SAME MANNER AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW IN RESPECT TO EXECUTIONS
- 22 ISSUED AGAINST PROPERTY UPON JUDGMENTS BY A COURT OF RECORD. A
- 23 CITY, THROUGH ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, MAY BID FOR AND
- 24 PURCHASE ANY PROPERTY SOLD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
- 25 (2) A PERSON THAT REFUSES OR FAILS TO SURRENDER ANY PROPERTY
- 26 OR RIGHTS TO PROPERTY SUBJECT TO LEVY, UPON DEMAND BY THE
- 27 DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, IS PERSONALLY LIABLE TO THE CITY

- 1 IN A SUM EQUAL TO THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY OR RIGHTS NOT
- 2 SURRENDERED, BUT NOT EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT DUE FOR WHICH THE LEVY
- 3 WAS MADE, TOGETHER WITH COSTS AND INTEREST ON THE SUM AT THE RATE
- 4 PROVIDED IN SECTION 82 FROM THE DATE OF THE LEVY. ANY AMOUNT, OTHER
- 5 THAN COSTS, RECOVERED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CREDITED
- 6 AGAINST THE LIABILITY FOR THE COLLECTION OF WHICH THE LEVY WAS
- 7 MADE.
- 8 (3) IN ADDITION TO THE PERSONAL LIABILITY IMPOSED BY
- 9 SUBSECTION (2), IF A PERSON REQUIRED TO SURRENDER PROPERTY OR
- 10 RIGHTS TO PROPERTY FAILS OR REFUSES TO SURRENDER THE PROPERTY OR
- 11 RIGHTS TO PROPERTY WITHOUT REASONABLE CAUSE, THE PERSON SHALL BE
- 12 LIABLE FOR A PENALTY EQUAL TO 50% OF THE AMOUNT RECOVERABLE UNDER
- 13 SUBSECTION (2), NONE OF WHICH PENALTY SHALL BE CREDITED AGAINST THE
- 14 LIABILITY FOR THE COLLECTION OF WHICH THE LEVY WAS MADE.
- 15 (4) A PERSON IN POSSESSION OF, OR OBLIGATED WITH RESPECT TO,
- 16 PROPERTY OR PROPERTY RIGHTS SUBJECT TO LEVY AND UPON WHICH A LEVY
- 17 HAS BEEN MADE WHO, UPON DEMAND OF THE DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE
- 18 CITY, SURRENDERS THE PROPERTY OR RIGHTS TO PROPERTY OR DISCHARGES
- 19 THE OBLIGATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OR WHO PAYS A LIABILITY UNDER
- 20 SUBSECTION (1) SHALL HAVE THAT OBLIGATION TO A PERSON DELINQUENT IN
- 21 PAYMENT OF A TAX REDUCED IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE PROPERTY OR
- 22 RIGHTS TO PROPERTY SURRENDERED OR AMOUNTS PAID TO THE DEPARTMENT,
- 23 ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.
- 24 (5) PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 6334 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE
- 25 CODE OF 1986, 26 USC 6334, IS EXEMPT FROM LEVY UNDER THIS SECTION
- 26 FOR AN UNPAID TAX. THE EFFECT OF A LEVY ON SALARY OR WAGES SHALL BE
- 27 CONTINUOUS FROM THE DATE THE LEVY IS FIRST MADE UNTIL THE LIABILITY

- 1 OUT OF WHICH THE LEVY AROSE IS SATISFIED.
- 2 (6) A WARRANT NOTICE OF LEVY MAY BE SERVED BY CERTIFIED MAIL,
- 3 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, ON ANY PERSON IN POSSESSION OF, OR
- 4 OBLIGATED WITH RESPECT TO, PROPERTY AND RIGHTS TO PROPERTY, REAL
- 5 AND PERSONAL, TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE, BELONGING TO THE TAXPAYER OR
- 6 ON WHICH A LIEN IS PROVIDED BY LAW. THE DATE OF DELIVERY ON THE
- 7 RECEIPT SHALL BE THE DATE THE LEVY IS MADE. A PERSON MAY, UPON
- 8 WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, HAVE ALL
- 9 NOTICES OF LEVY SENT TO 1 DESIGNATED OFFICE.
- 10 SEC. 86C. FOR TAXES UNDER THIS ORDINANCE ADMINISTERED BY THE
- 11 DEPARTMENT THROUGH AN AGREEMENT ENTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 9 OF
- 12 CHAPTER 1, THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUEST IN WRITING INFORMATION OR
- 13 RECORDS IN THE POSSESSION OF ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT, INSTITUTION, OR
- 14 AGENCY OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES UNDER THIS
- 15 ACT. DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, OR AGENCIES OF STATE GOVERNMENT
- 16 SHALL FURNISH THE INFORMATION AND RECORDS UPON RECEIPT OF THE
- 17 DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST.
- 18 SEC 86D. (1) IF THE DEPARTMENT FILES FOR RECORDING A LIEN
- 19 IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS ORDINANCE AGAINST PROPERTY OR RIGHTS OF
- 20 PROPERTY TO SATISFY A TAX LIABILITY AND THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES
- 21 THAT THE TAX LIABILITY OUT OF WHICH THE LIEN AROSE IS SATISFIED,
- 22 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE FOR RECORDING A RELEASE REGARDING THE
- 23 PROPERTY OR RIGHTS OF PROPERTY IN THE SAME MANNER REQUIRED FOR A
- 24 STATE TAX LIEN UNDER THE STATE TAX LIEN REGISTRATION ACT, 1968 PA
- 25 203, MCL 211.681 TO 211.687, NOT MORE THAN 20 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER
- 26 FUNDS TO SATISFY THE TAX LIABILITY OUT OF WHICH THE LIEN AROSE HAVE
- 27 BEEN APPLIED TO THE TAXPAYER'S ACCOUNT.

- 1 (2) IF THE DEPARTMENT FILES FOR RECORDING A LIEN IMPOSED
- 2 PURSUANT TO THIS ORDINANCE AGAINST PROPERTY OR RIGHTS OF PROPERTY
- 3 TO SATISFY A TAX LIABILITY AND UPON REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT
- 4 DETERMINES THAT THE TAXPAYER NAMED ON THE RECORDED LIEN DOES NOT
- 5 HAVE ANY INTEREST IN CERTAIN PROPERTIES OWNED BY ANOTHER PERSON,
- 6 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE FOR RECORDING A CERTIFICATE OF
- 7 NONATTACHMENT REGARDING THE PROPERTY OR RIGHTS OF PROPERTY, IN THE
- 8 SAME MANNER AS REQUIRED FOR A STATE TAX LIEN UNDER THE STATE TAX
- 9 LIEN REGISTRATION ACT, 1968 PA 203, MCL 211.681 TO 211.687, WITH
- 10 ALL DUE HASTE BUT NOT MORE THAN 5 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE
- 11 DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE LIEN IS RECORDED OR FILED AGAINST
- 12 PROPERTY OR RIGHTS OF PROPERTY TO WHICH THE STATE DOES NOT HAVE A
- 13 LIEN INTEREST UNDER SECTION 86A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CLEARLY
- 14 INDICATE ON THE CERTIFICATE OF NONATTACHMENT THAT THE TAXPAYER
- 15 NAMED ON THE RECORDED LIEN DOES NOT HAVE ANY INTEREST IN THE
- 16 PROPERTY OR RIGHTS OF PROPERTY OF THE OTHER PERSON.
- 17 (3) IF A WARRANT OR WARRANT-NOTICE OF LEVY IS ISSUED AND
- 18 SERVED UPON A PERSON TO LEVY ON PROPERTY OR RIGHTS OF PROPERTY TO
- 19 SATISFY A TAX LIABILITY AND THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE TAX
- 20 LIABILITY OUT OF WHICH THE WARRANT OR WARRANT-NOTICE OF LEVY AROSE
- 21 IS SATISFIED, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SERVE A RELEASE OF LEVY
- 22 REGARDING THE PROPERTY OR RIGHTS OF PROPERTY ON THE PERSON THAT WAS
- 23 SERVED THE WARRANT OR WARRANT-NOTICE OF LEVY NOT MORE THAN 10
- 24 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER FUNDS TO SATISFY THE TAX LIABILITY OUT OF WHICH
- 25 THE WARRANT OR WARRANT-NOTICE OF LEVY AROSE HAVE BEEN APPLIED TO
- 26 THE TAXPAYER'S ACCOUNT.
- 27 (4) IF A WARRANT OR WARRANT-NOTICE OF LEVY IS ISSUED AND

- 1 SERVED UPON A PERSON TO LEVY ON PROPERTY OR RIGHTS OF PROPERTY TO
- 2 SATISFY A TAX LIABILITY AND THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE
- 3 PROPERTY OR RIGHTS OF PROPERTY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO LEVY UNDER
- 4 SECTION 86A, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SERVE A RELEASE OF LEVY REGARDING
- 5 THE PROPERTY OR RIGHTS OF PROPERTY ON THE PERSON THAT WAS SERVED
- 6 THE WARRANT OR WARRANT-NOTICE OF LEVY WITH ALL DUE HASTE BUT NOT
- 7 MORE THAN 5 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE
- 8 PROPERTY OR RIGHTS OF PROPERTY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO LEVY UNDER
- 9 SECTION 86A, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CLEARLY INDICATE ON THE RELEASE
- 10 OF LEVY THAT THE PROPERTY OR RIGHTS OF PROPERTY WERE NOT SUBJECT TO
- 11 LEVY UNDER SECTION 86A.
- 12 (5) IF A PERSON IS REQUIRED TO PAY A FEE TO THE DEPARTMENT, A
- 13 BANK, OR OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTION AS THE RESULT OF AN ERRONEOUS
- 14 RECORDING OR FILING OF A LIEN AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2), OR AN
- 15 ERRONEOUS ISSUANCE AND SERVICE OF A WARRANT OR WARRANT-NOTICE OF
- 16 LEVY AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE
- 17 THE FEE TO THAT PERSON.
- 18 (6) IF THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES MONEY TO SATISFY A TAX
- 19 LIABILITY OR LIABILITIES OR RECEIVES INFORMATION THAT WOULD CANCEL
- 20 THAT TAX LIABILITY OR THOSE LIABILITIES AND SUBSEQUENTLY FILES A
- 21 LIEN FOR RECORDING SPECIFYING THAT TAX LIABILITY OR THOSE
- 22 LIABILITIES, THE DEPARTMENT, UPON REQUEST AND UPON A DETERMINATION
- 23 BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE LIEN WAS FILED AND RECORDED IN ERROR,
- 24 WITH ALL DUE HASTE, BUT NOT MORE THAN 5 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE
- 25 DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT IT HAS ERRONEOUSLY FILED A LIEN FOR
- 26 RECORDING, SHALL FILE FOR RECORDING A CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL FOR
- 27 THAT TAX LIABILITY OR THOSE LIABILITIES WHICH WERE SATISFIED WHICH

- 1 STATES THAT THE RECORDED LIEN FOR THAT TAX LIABILITY OR THOSE
- 2 LIABILITIES WAS FILED IN ERROR.
- 3 (7) IF THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES MONEY TO SATISFY A TAX
- 4 LIABILITY OR LIABILITIES OR RECEIVES INFORMATION THAT WOULD CANCEL
- 5 THAT TAX LIABILITY OR THOSE LIABILITIES AND SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUES A
- 6 WARRANT OR WARRANT-NOTICE OF LEVY SPECIFYING THAT LIABILITY OR
- 7 THOSE LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO THIS ORDINANCE, UPON REQUEST AND UPON
- 8 A DETERMINATION BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE WARRANT OR WARRANT-
- 9 NOTICE OF LEVY WAS ISSUED IN ERROR, WITH ALL DUE HASTE, BUT NOT
- 10 MORE THAN 5 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT IT
- 11 HAS ERRONEOUSLY ISSUED A WARRANT OR WARRANT-NOTICE OF LEVY, THE
- 12 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A RELEASE OF LEVY FOR THAT TAX LIABILITY OR
- 13 THOSE LIABILITIES WHICH WERE SATISFIED WHICH STATES THAT THE LEVY
- 14 FOR THAT TAX LIABILITY OR THOSE LIABILITIES WAS ISSUED IN ERROR.
- 15 Sec. 92. (1) A taxpayer or employer may file a written notice
- 16 of appeal with the secretary of the income tax board of review not
- 17 more than 30 days after receipt by the taxpayer or employer of a
- 18 final assessment, denial in whole or IN part of a claim for refund,
- 19 decision, order, or special ruling of the administrator. or the
- 20 department. Upon receipt of the notice of appeal FROM A DECISION
- 21 AND ORDER ISSUED BY AN ADMINISTRATOR UNDER SECTION 85, the income
- 22 tax board of review shall notify the administrator or the
- 23 department, who shall forward within 15 days to the income tax
- 24 board of review a certified transcript of all actions and findings
- 25 taken by the administrator or the department—that relate to the
- 26 matter under appeal. The appellant or his or her duly authorized
- 27 representative may inspect the transcript.

- 1 (2) The income tax board of review shall grant the appellant a
- 2 hearing at which the appellant or his or her duly authorized
- 3 representative and the administrator or the department have an
- 4 opportunity to present evidence that relates to the matter under
- 5 appeal. After conclusion of the hearing, the income tax board of
- 6 review by a majority vote of its 3 members shall affirm, reverse,
- 7 or modify the final assessment, denial, decision, or order under
- 8 appeal and furnish a copy of the decision to the appellant and to
- 9 the administrator. or the department.
- 10 (3) The provisions of this ordinance as to the confidential
- 11 character of tax data are applicable to proceedings pending before
- 12 or submitted to the income tax board of review.
- 13 (4) A tax deficiency or refund and any interest or penalties
- 14 on a deficiency or refund shall be paid not more than 30 days after
- 15 receipt by the taxpayer or employer or by the city or the
- 16 department of notice of determination by the income tax board of
- 17 review if no further appeal is made.
- Sec. 93. (1) A taxpayer, employer, or other person aggrieved
- 19 by a rule adopted by the administrator may file a timely appeal to
- 20 the state commissioner of revenue DEPARTMENT in the form and manner
- 21 prescribed by the commissioner.DEPARTMENT.
- 22 (2) A taxpayer or employer aggrieved by a final assessment,
- 23 denial, decision, or order of ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER
- 24 SECTION 73 OR ISSUED BY the income tax board of review other than a
- 25 decision under subsection (1) may appeal the assessment, denial,
- 26 decision, or order to the tax tribunal not more than 35 days after
- 27 the final assessment, denial, decision, or order was issued. The

- 1 uncontested portion of a final assessment, order, or decision shall
- 2 be paid as a prerequisite to appeal. An appeal under this
- 3 subsection shall be perfected as provided under the tax tribunal
- 4 act, Act No. 186 of the Public Acts of 1973, being sections 205.701
- 5 to 205.779 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, 1973 PA 186, MCL 205.701
- 6 TO 205.779, and rules promulgated under that act for the tax
- 7 tribunal.
- 8 (3) Not more than 35 days after a final order of the tax
- 9 tribunal, the taxpayer, employer, or other person shall pay the
- 10 city the taxes, interest, and penalty found due to the city or the
- 11 department, and the city or the department shall refund to the
- 12 taxpayer, employer, or other person any amount found to have been
- 13 overpaid by the taxpayer, employer, or other person.
- 14 SEC. 96. (1) FOR TAXES ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH
- 15 AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO UNDER SECTION 9 OF CHAPTER 1 WITH A CITY
- 16 THAT HAS A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 600,000 ONLY, THE DEPARTMENT, ON
- 17 BEHALF OF THE CITY, MAY ENTER INTO A VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT
- 18 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (2) TO (10).
- 19 (2) A VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT MAY BE ENTERED INTO WITH
- 20 A PERSON THAT APPLIES, THAT IS A NONFILER, AND THAT MEETS 1 OR MORE
- 21 OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:
- 22 (A) HAS A FILING RESPONSIBILITY CREATED BY NEXUS WITH THE
- 23 CITY.
- 24 (B) HAS A REASONABLE BASIS TO CONTEST LIABILITY, AS DETERMINED
- 25 BY THE DEPARTMENT.
- 26 (3) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT,
- 27 SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (1), A PERSON MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING

- 1 REQUIREMENTS:
- 2 (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, HAS HAD
- 3 NO PREVIOUS CONTACT BY THE CITY OR THE DEPARTMENT OR ITS AGENTS
- 4 REGARDING A TAX COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS
- 5 SUBDIVISION, A LETTER OF INQUIRY REQUESTING INFORMATION UNDER
- 6 SECTION 73(2)(A) THAT WAS SENT TO A NONFILER SHALL NOT BE
- 7 CONSIDERED A PREVIOUS CONTACT UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION.
- 8 (B) HAS HAD NO NOTIFICATION OF AN IMPENDING AUDIT BY THE
- 9 DEPARTMENT OR ITS AGENTS.
- 10 (C) IS NOT CURRENTLY UNDER AUDIT BY THE DEPARTMENT OR UNDER
- 11 INVESTIGATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE, DEPARTMENT OF
- 12 ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR ANY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REGARDING A
- 13 TAX UNDER THIS ORDINANCE.
- 14 (D) IS NOT CURRENTLY THE SUBJECT OF A CIVIL ACTION OR A
- 15 CRIMINAL PROSECUTION INVOLVING THE TAX COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT.
- 16 (E) HAS AGREED TO REGISTER, FILE RETURNS, AND PAY ALL TAXES
- 17 DUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ORDINANCE FOR ALL PERIODS AFTER THE
- 18 LOOKBACK PERIOD.
- 19 (F) HAS AGREED TO PAY ALL TAXES DUE FOR THE TAX COVERED UNDER
- 20 THE AGREEMENT FOR THE LOOKBACK PERIOD, PLUS INTEREST, WITHIN THE
- 21 PERIOD OF TIME AND IN THE MANNER SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT.
- 22 (G) HAS AGREED TO FILE RETURNS AND WORKSHEETS FOR THE LOOKBACK
- 23 PERIOD AS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT.
- 24 (H) HAS AGREED NOT TO FILE A PROTEST OR SEEK A REFUND OF TAXES
- 25 PAID TO THE CITY FOR THE LOOKBACK PERIOD BASED ON THE ISSUES
- 26 DISCLOSED IN THE AGREEMENT OR BASED ON THE PERSON'S LACK OF NEXUS
- 27 OR CONTACTS WITH THE CITY.

- 1 (4) IF A PERSON SATISFIES SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (3), THE
- 2 DEPARTMENT SHALL ENTER INTO A VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT WITH
- 3 THAT PERSON PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING RELIEF:
- 4 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ASSESS ANY TAX, DELINQUENCY FOR A
- 5 TAX, PENALTY, OR INTEREST COVERED UNDER THE AGREEMENT FOR ANY
- 6 PERIOD BEFORE THE LOOKBACK PERIOD IDENTIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT.
- 7 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ASSESS ANY APPLICABLE
- 8 DISCRETIONARY OR NONDISCRETIONARY PENALTIES FOR THE LOOKBACK
- 9 PERIOD.
- 10 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE COMPLETE CONFIDENTIALITY OF
- 11 THE AGREEMENT AND SHALL ALSO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT NOT TO
- 12 DISCLOSE ANY OF THE TERMS OR CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT TO ANY TAX
- 13 AUTHORITIES OR EXCHANGE INFORMATION OBTAINED UNDER THIS SECTION
- 14 WITH OTHER STATES REGARDING THE PERSON UNLESS INFORMATION REGARDING
- 15 THE PERSON IS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY ANOTHER STATE.
- 16 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT BRING A CRIMINAL ACTION AGAINST A
- 17 PERSON FOR FAILURE TO REPORT OR TO REMIT ANY TAX COVERED BY THE
- 18 AGREEMENT BEFORE OR DURING THE LOOKBACK PERIOD IF THE FACTS
- 19 ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT ARE NOT MATERIALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE
- 20 FACTS DISCLOSED BY THE PERSON TO THE DEPARTMENT.
- 21 (6) A VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT IS EFFECTIVE WHEN SIGNED
- 22 BY THE PERSON SUBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT, OR HIS, HER, OR ITS LAWFUL
- 23 REPRESENTATIVE, AND RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE TIME
- 24 PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ONLY
- 25 PROVIDE THE RELIEF SPECIFIED IN THE EXECUTED AGREEMENT. ANY VERBAL
- 26 OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE
- 27 DATE OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL NOT AFFORD ANY PENALTY WAIVER, LIMITED

- 1 LOOKBACK PERIOD, OR OTHER BENEFIT OTHERWISE AVAILABLE UNDER THIS
- 2 SECTION.
- 3 (7) A MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION OF FACT BY AN APPLICANT
- 4 RELATING TO THE APPLICANT'S CURRENT ACTIVITY IN THE CITY RENDERS AN
- 5 AGREEMENT NULL AND VOID AND OF NO EFFECT. A CHANGE IN THE
- 6 ACTIVITIES OR OPERATIONS OF A PERSON AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
- 7 THE AGREEMENT IS NOT A MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION OF FACT AND SHALL
- 8 NOT AFFECT THE AGREEMENT'S VALIDITY.
- 9 (8) THE DEPARTMENT MAY AUDIT ANY OF THE TAXES COVERED BY THE
- 10 AGREEMENT WITHIN THE LOOKBACK PERIOD OR IN ANY PRIOR PERIOD IF, IN
- 11 THE DEPARTMENT'S OPINION, AN AUDIT OF A PRIOR PERIOD IS NECESSARY
- 12 TO DETERMINE THE PERSON'S TAX LIABILITY FOR THE TAX PERIODS WITHIN
- 13 THE LOOKBACK PERIOD OR TO DETERMINE ANOTHER PERSON'S TAX LIABILITY.
- 14 (9) NOTHING IN SUBSECTIONS (2) TO (8) SHALL BE INTERPRETED TO
- 15 ALLOW OR PERMIT UNJUST ENRICHMENT. ANY TAX COLLECTED OR WITHHELD
- 16 FROM ANOTHER PERSON BY AN APPLICANT SHALL BE REMITTED TO THE
- 17 DEPARTMENT WITHOUT RESPECT TO WHETHER IT WAS COLLECTED DURING OR
- 18 BEFORE THE LOOKBACK PERIOD.
- 19 (10) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT REQUIRE A PERSON THAT ENTERS
- 20 INTO A VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT TO MAKE ANY FILINGS THAT ARE
- 21 ADDITIONAL TO THOSE OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LAW.
- 22 (11) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:
- 23 (A) "LOOKBACK PERIOD" MEANS 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 24 (i) THE MOST RECENT 48-MONTH PERIOD AS DETERMINED BY THE
- 25 DEPARTMENT OR THE FIRST DATE THE PERSON SUBJECT TO AN AGREEMENT
- 26 UNDER THIS SECTION BEGAN DOING BUSINESS IN THE CITY IF LESS THAN 48

27 MONTHS.

- 1 (ii) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (i), THE MOST RECENT 36-
- 2 MONTH PERIOD AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE FIRST DATE THE
- 3 PERSON SUBJECT TO AN AGREEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION BEGAN DOING
- 4 BUSINESS IN THE CITY IF LESS THAN 36 MONTHS, IF TAX RETURNS FILED
- 5 UNDER THIS ORDINANCE IN ANOTHER CITY INCLUDED SALES IN THE
- 6 NUMERATOR OF THE APPORTIONMENT FORMULA THAT NOW MUST BE INCLUDED IN
- 7 THE NUMERATOR OF THE APPORTIONMENT FORMULA AND THOSE SALES
- 8 INCREASED THE NET TAX LIABILITY PAYABLE TO THAT CITY.
- 9 (iii) IF THERE IS DOUBT AS TO LIABILITY FOR THE TAX DURING THE
- 10 LOOKBACK PERIOD, ANOTHER PERIOD AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO
- 11 BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY AND TO PRESERVE EQUITABLE AND
- 12 FAIR ADMINISTRATION OF TAXES.
- 13 (B) "NONFILER" FOR A PARTICULAR TAX MEANS, BEGINNING JANUARY
- 14 1, 2017, A PERSON THAT HAS NOT FILED A RETURN FOR THE PARTICULAR
- 15 TAX BEING DISCLOSED FOR PERIODS BEGINNING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2015
- 16 FOR INDIVIDUALS AND AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2016 FOR ALL OTHER PERSONS.
- 17 (C) "PERSON" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, FIRM, BANK, FINANCIAL
- 18 INSTITUTION, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, COPARTNERSHIP, PARTNERSHIP, JOINT
- 19 VENTURE, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,
- 20 LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP, RECEIVER, ESTATE, TRUST, OR ANY
- 21 OTHER GROUP OR COMBINATION ACTING AS A UNIT.
- 22 (D) "PREVIOUS CONTACT" MEANS ANY NOTIFICATION OF AN IMPENDING
- 23 AUDIT, REVIEW, NOTICE OF INTENT TO ASSESS, PROPOSED ASSESSMENT OR
- 24 ASSESSMENT, OR A SUBPOENA FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR THE CITY FOR A TAX
- 25 DUE UNDER THIS ORDINANCE.
- 26 (E) "UNJUST ENRICHMENT" MEANS THE WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAX
- 27 UNDER THIS ORDINANCE THAT HAS NOT BEEN REMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

- 1 (F) "VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT" OR "AGREEMENT" MEANS A
- 2 WRITTEN AGREEMENT THAT COMPLIES WITH THIS SECTION.
- 3 SEC. 97. (1) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, FOR TAXES ADMINISTERED
- 4 BY THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO UNDER SECTION 9
- 5 OF CHAPTER 1 WITH A CITY THAT HAS A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 600,000
- 6 ONLY, THE DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, MAY COMPROMISE ALL OR
- 7 ANY PART OF ANY PAYMENT OF A TAX DUE UNDER THIS ORDINANCE FOR TAX
- 8 YEARS BEGINNING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2016, INCLUDING ANY RELATED
- 9 PENALTIES AND INTEREST, IF 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS
- 10 EXIST:
- 11 (A) A DOUBT EXISTS AS TO LIABILITY IF THE DEPARTMENT
- 12 CONCLUDES, BASED ON EVIDENCE PROVIDED BY THE TAXPAYER, THAT THE
- 13 TAXPAYER WOULD HAVE PREVAILED IN A CONTESTED CASE IF THE TAXPAYER'S
- 14 APPEAL RIGHTS HAD NOT EXPIRED.
- 15 (B) A DOUBT EXISTS AS TO COLLECTABILITY IF THE TAXPAYER
- 16 ESTABLISHES BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 17 (i) THE AMOUNT OFFERED IN PAYMENT IS THE MOST THAT CAN BE
- 18 EXPECTED TO BE PAID OR COLLECTED FROM THE TAXPAYER'S PRESENT ASSETS
- 19 OR INCOME.
- 20 (ii) THE TAXPAYER DOES NOT HAVE REASONABLE PROSPECTS OF
- 21 ACQUIRING INCREASED INCOME OR ASSETS THAT WOULD ENABLE THE TAXPAYER
- 22 TO SATISFY A GREATER AMOUNT OF THE LIABILITY THAN THE AMOUNT
- 23 OFFERED, WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME.
- 24 (C) A FEDERAL COMPROMISE OF TAX UNDER SECTION 7122 OF THE
- 25 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR THE SAME TAX YEARS. IF
- 26 AN OFFER TO COMPROMISE A TAX IS ACCEPTED PURSUANT TO THIS
- 27 SUBDIVISION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY COMPROMISE THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE

- 1 OF THE LIABILITY FOR EACH YEAR BY APPLYING THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS
- 2 THE FEDERAL LIABILITY COMPROMISED TO THE TOTAL LIABILITY.
- 3 (2) IF THE DEPARTMENT COMPROMISES ALL OR ANY PART OF ANY
- 4 PAYMENT OF A TAX AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT
- 5 SHALL PLACE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND PUBLISH ON THE
- 6 DEPARTMENT'S CITY TAX WEBSITE A WRITTEN REPORT OUTLINING THE BASIS
- 7 FOR THE COMPROMISE AND, AT A MINIMUM, A STATEMENT OF EACH OF THE
- 8 FOLLOWING:
- 9 (A) THE AMOUNT OF TAX ASSESSED.
- 10 (B) THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST OR ASSESSABLE PENALTY IMPOSED BY
- 11 LAW ON THE PERSON AGAINST WHOM THE TAX IS ASSESSED.
- 12 (C) THE TERMS OF THE COMPROMISE AND THE AMOUNT ACTUALLY PAID
- 13 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE COMPROMISE.
- 14 (D) THE GROUNDS FOR THE COMPROMISE.
- 15 (3) A COMPROMISE UNDER THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO CONTINUING
- 16 REVIEW BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE ANY COMPROMISE
- 17 MADE UNDER THIS SECTION, MAY REESTABLISH ALL COMPROMISED
- 18 LIABILITIES, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS THAT
- 19 OTHERWISE MAY BE APPLICABLE, AND SHALL NOT REFUND ANY PORTION OF
- 20 THE AMOUNT OFFERED IN COMPROMISE, IF EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING
- 21 OCCURS:
- 22 (A) THE DEPARTMENT REASONABLY DETERMINES THAT THE PERSON
- 23 RECEIVING THE COMPROMISE CONCEALED FROM THE DEPARTMENT ANY PROPERTY
- 24 BELONGING TO THE TAXPAYER, THE ESTATE OF A TAXPAYER, OR ANY OTHER
- 25 PERSON LIABLE FOR THE TAX OR, WITH THE INTENT TO MISLEAD, WITHHELD,
- 26 DESTROYED, MUTILATED, OR FALSIFIED ANY BOOK, DOCUMENT, OR RECORD OR
- 27 MADE ANY FALSE STATEMENT, RELATING TO THE ESTATE OR FINANCIAL

- 1 CONDITION OF THE TAXPAYER OR OTHER PERSON LIABLE FOR THE TAX TO
- 2 INDUCE THE COMPROMISE.
- 3 (B) THE TAXPAYER FAILS TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE TERMS AND
- 4 CONDITIONS RELATIVE TO THE OFFER OR TO FILE SUBSEQUENT REQUIRED
- 5 RETURNS AND PAY SUBSEQUENT FINAL TAX LIABILITIES WITHIN 20 DAYS
- 6 AFTER THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES A NOTICE AND DEMAND TO THE PERSON
- 7 STATING THAT THE CONTINUED FAILURE TO FILE OR PAY THE TAX MAY
- 8 RESULT IN THE REVOCATION OF THE COMPROMISE MADE UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 9 (4) BY JANUARY 1, 2019 OR 180 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
- 10 THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION, WHICHEVER IS LATER, THE
- 11 DEPARTMENT SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 12 (A) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE PROGRAM
- 13 AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION. IF APPROPRIATE, THE GUIDELINES SHALL
- 14 BE MODELED AFTER THOSE GUIDELINES PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE
- 15 SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY IN REGARD TO
- 16 THE FEDERAL OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION
- 17 7122 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.
- 18 (B) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE
- 19 DEPARTMENT TO USE WHEN MAKING DECISIONS ON WHETHER AN OFFER-IN-
- 20 COMPROMISE IS APPROPRIATE.
- 21 (C) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR AN INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATIVE
- 22 REVIEW WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ANY REJECTION OF A PROPOSED OFFER-
- 23 IN-COMPROMISE MADE BY THE TAXPAYER. IN ORDER TO INITIATE A REVIEW
- 24 UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION, THE TAXPAYER SHALL MAKE A WRITTEN REQUEST
- 25 ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE
- 26 DEPARTMENT ISSUES THE REJECTION. IF APPROPRIATE, THE INDEPENDENT
- 27 ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCEDURES SHALL BE MODELED AFTER THE

- 1 GUIDELINES PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FOR THE
- 2 FEDERAL OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 7122
- 3 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.
- 4 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISCLOSE RETURN INFORMATION TO
- 5 MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO PERMIT
- 6 INSPECTION OF ANY ACCEPTED OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE UNDER THIS SECTION
- 7 RELATING TO THE LIABILITY FOR A TAX IMPOSED UNDER THIS ORDINANCE.
- 8 (6) EXCEPT FOR A REVOCATION AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (3),
- 9 A TAX THAT WAS COMPROMISED IS NOT SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT
- 10 OR COLLECTION UNLESS THE COMPROMISED TAX IS MODIFIED OR ADJUSTED AS
- 11 A RESULT OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
- 12 OR AS A RESULT OF AN AUDIT PERFORMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE CITY.
- 13 EXCEPT AS TO ANY ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT IMPOSED AS PROVIDED UNDER
- 14 THIS SUBSECTION, A TAXPAYER SHALL NOT REQUEST AN INFORMAL
- 15 CONFERENCE OR INSTITUTE TRIBUNAL OR JUDICIAL PROCEEDING AGAINST THE
- 16 DEPARTMENT OR THE CITY REGARDING THE TAXPAYER'S TAX LIABILITY OR
- 17 THE COMPROMISE.
- 18 (7) ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT LEVY
- 19 AGAINST PROPERTY TO COLLECT A LIABILITY WHILE AN OFFER TO
- 20 COMPROMISE IS PENDING UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THE
- 21 TAXPAYER'S OFFER TO COMPROMISE WAS INTENDED TO DELAY COLLECTION OF
- 22 THE TAX OR A JEOPARDY ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED UNDER SECTION 87.
- 23 (8) A TAXPAYER THAT SUBMITS AN OFFER TO COMPROMISE A TAX,
- 24 PENALTY, OR INTEREST SHALL REMIT WITH ITS OFFER \$100.00 OR 20% OF
- 25 THE OFFER, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE AMOUNT
- 26 REMITTED WITH THE OFFER MUST BE APPLIED TO THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE
- 27 OF THAT TAXPAYER'S LIABILITY AND MUST NOT BE REFUNDED IF THE OFFER

- 1 TO COMPROMISE IS REJECTED OR REDUCED.
- 2 (9) EXCEPT FOR THE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AVAILABLE
- 3 AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (4)(C), A REJECTION OF AN OFFER TO
- 4 COMPROMISE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IS FINAL AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO
- 5 FURTHER CHALLENGE OR APPEAL UNDER THIS ORDINANCE.
- 6 CHAPTER 3
- 7 Sec. 60. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) OR (3), an
- 8 employer shall file a return, furnished by or obtainable on request
- 9 from the city, and pay to the city the full amount of the tax
- 10 withheld on or before the last day of the month following the close
- 11 of each calendar quarter, except that if during any calendar month
- 12 other than the last month of a calendar quarter the amount withheld
- 13 exceeds \$100.00, the employer shall deposit the amount withheld
- 14 with the city treasurer before the end of the next calendar month.
- 15 (2) For tax years after the 1996 tax year AND BEFORE THE 2017
- 16 TAX YEAR and for which a city has entered into an agreement
- 17 pursuant to section 9 of chapter 1, an employer shall file a return
- 18 and pay the tax withheld for each calendar month on or before the
- 19 fifteenth day of the month to the department following the close of
- 20 each calendar month by means of an electronic funds transfer method
- 21 approved by the state commissioner of revenue.
- 22 (3) FOR TAX YEARS AFTER THE 2016 TAX YEAR AND FOR WHICH A CITY
- 23 HAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 9 OF CHAPTER 1,
- 24 EVERY PERSON REQUIRED BY THIS PART TO DEDUCT OR WITHHOLD TAXES
- 25 SHALL MAKE A REPORT IN FORM AND CONTENT AND AT TIMES AS PRESCRIBED
- 26 BY THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE A MORE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION, THE
- 27 DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE THAT PERSON TO MAKE THE RETURN AND PAY TO

- 1 THE DEPARTMENT THE TAX DEDUCTED AND WITHHELD AT OTHER THAN MONTHLY
- 2 PERIODS.
- 3 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act is retroactive and
- 4 effective for tax years that begin on and after January 1, 2017.

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