

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*This is intended as a summary, details and complete instructions can be found with the Jackson income tax forms.*

Who must file an income tax return	<p>City of Jackson residents with a taxable gross income of more than \$600, are required to complete a City of Jackson income tax return.</p> <p>Non-Residents with a taxable gross income of more than \$600 earned in the City of Jackson are required to complete a City of Jackson income tax return.</p> <p>If you have failed to file a tax return within the past 7 years; including the 2010 tax year, please do so immediately.</p>
Why am I getting this letter now?	A review of income tax records has been conducted and it reflects that you have an incomplete filing history with the City of Jackson.
I already submitted a return for the missing years	The City has no record of the return. You must submit a paper return along with all applicable documentation.
What income is taxable?	<p>Compensation (not including military pay, pension, social security, unemployment)</p> <p>Net profits of an unincorporated business, profession, enterprise, undertaking or other activities.</p> <p>Dividends, interest, capital gains less capital losses, income from estates, trusts and net profits from rental of real and tangible personal property located in the City of Jackson.</p>
My income was military pay, pension, and social security. What do I need to provide?	<p>Military pay - provide copies of W-2's for each year.</p> <p>Pension, Social Security, and SSI - provide copies of 1099's and page 1 of your Federal return.</p>
My identity was stolen and I did not earn that income, What do I need to provide?	An IRS stamped identity theft affidavit and a letter from the IRS verifying your claim of identity theft. Documentation must cover the year in question
Some of my income was earned outside of Jackson, so how do I prove that?	If you are a resident of the City of Jackson, all of your income is taxable regardless of where it was earned.
How are penalties and interest calculated?	<p>Interest accrues monthly on taxes owed. The current interest rate on income tax delinquencies is established by the State of Michigan Department of Treasury. This rate changes every six months.</p> <p>The penalty for late payment is 1% per month with a maximum of 25%.</p>
What should I do if I cannot pay the assessment?	Filing a tax return is required by law. If you are experiencing financial hardship, you may petition the Income Tax Division for a payment plan after you submit your completed income tax return(s).
I am disputing my residency, what should I do?	<p>You must provide a copy of your valid State issued picture ID (front and back), a copy of your deed/lease plus one of the following: service history/letter from utility company (letter must specify dates and location of service) or address history from Secretary of State.</p> <p>Documentation must cover the year(s) in question.</p>
What if I filed bankruptcy and received a discharge?	Under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code Section 523(a)(1), bankruptcy does not discharge an individual from any tax debt for a tax year if a return was not filed or filed late and less than two years before the date of the filing of the petition.
What if I was a resident for part of the year?	If you were a City of Jackson resident for a portion of the tax year, you will still need to file a part-year return if you had taxable income. The part year form is J-1040 with Schedule 4 attached.