



# 2014 LANSING INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Form L-1040

**For use by individual residents,  
part-year residents and nonresidents**

**ALL PERSONS HAVING LANSING TAXABLE INCOME IN 2014 MUST FILE A RETURN**

TAX RETURNS ARE DUE APRIL 30, 2015

## MAILING ADDRESSES

**Refund, credit forward:** Mail to: Income Tax Office, P.O. Box 40750, Lansing, MI 48901  
**Zero balance returns, tax due returns:** Mail to: Income Tax Office, P.O. Box 40752, Lansing, MI 48901  
**Estimated tax payments and extension payments:** Mail to: Lansing City Treasurer, P.O. Box 40756, Lansing, MI 48901

## TAX RATES AND EXEMPTIONS

**Resident: 1%**  
**Nonresident: 0.5%**  
**Exemption value: \$600**

## PAYMENT OF TAX DUE

Tax due, if one dollar (\$1.00) or more must be paid with your return. **NOTE: If you are paying \$100.00 or more with your 2014 return, you may need to make estimated income tax payments for 2015. See page 2 of instructions.**

Make check or money order payable to: **TREASURER, CITY OF LANSING** or Pay online  
Mail tax due return and payment to: **Lansing City Treasurer, P.O. Box 40752, Lansing, MI 48901**

## FILING YOUR RETURN

We accept paper and electronically filed returns. Only preparers using city-approved software can file electronic returns.  
**Tax returns are due April 30, 2015.**

## CONTACT US

For assistance call (517) 483-4114; or find us online: [WWW.LANSINGMI.GOV](http://WWW.LANSINGMI.GOV)  
Mail all tax correspondence to: Income Tax Office, G-29 – City Hall, 124 W Michigan Ave, Lansing, Michigan 48933

**Attach all W2's, copies of 1<sup>st</sup> page of Federal 1040 and appropriate schedules.  
Failure to attach documentation or attaching incorrect or incomplete documentation  
will delay processing of the return or result in corrections being made to the return.**

**Additional 2014 Tax Forms are available on the City's website  
[http://www.lansingmi.gov/individual\\_form](http://www.lansingmi.gov/individual_form)**

**WHO MUST FILE A RETURN**

If you had Lansing taxable income greater than the total of your personal and dependency exemptions, you must file a tax return— even if you did not file a federal tax return. See Exemptions schedule for more information on your allowable exemption total. **You are required to file a tax return and pay tax even if your employer did not withhold Lansing tax from your paycheck.** You will be required to make estimated income tax payments if you work for an employer not withholding Lansing tax from your 2015 wages.

**ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENTS**

When your total income tax is greater than the amount of tax withheld plus other credits by \$100 or more, you may be required to make quarterly estimated tax payments. File Form L-1040ES (available on the Lansing website) by April 30 of the tax year and pay at least one-fourth (¼) of the estimated tax. The remaining estimated tax is due in three equal payments on June 30 and September 30 of the tax year and January 31 of the following year. Adjust the remaining quarterly payments if your income increases or decreases during the year. **Failure to make required estimated tax payments or underpayment of estimated tax will result in assessment of penalty and interest.**

If you have made estimated tax payments and do not owe more tax for the year, you still must file a tax return.

**DUE DATE AND EXTENSIONS**

Returns are due on or before April 30, 2015. The due date of the annual income tax return may be extended for a period not to exceed six months. To apply for an extension, use the Application for Extension of Time to File a Lansing Income Tax Return. Applying for a federal extension does not satisfy the requirement for filing a city extension. Application for an extension must be made and the tentative tax due must be paid (MCL 141.664). Filing an extension with payment is not a substitute for making estimated tax payments. **An extension does not extend the time for paying the tax due.**

**AMENDED RETURNS**

File amended returns using the L-1040X. If a change on your federal return affects Lansing taxable income, you must file an amended return within 90 days of the change and pay the tax due. All schedules supporting the changes should accompany the filing. Every change must be explained. Mail amended returns to: Lansing Income Tax Division 124 W. Michigan, Lansing, MI 48933

**CHARGES FOR LATE PAYMENTS**

All tax payments remaining unpaid after they are due are liable for a penalty of 1% per month, not to exceed a total penalty of 25%, and bear interest at the rate of 1% above the prime rate on an annual basis. The minimum combined charge for interest and penalty is \$2.00.

**DISCLAIMER**

These instructions are interpretations of the Uniform City Income Tax Ordinance, MCLA 141.601 et seq. The City of Lansing Ordinance will prevail in any disagreement between these instructions and the Ordinance.

**COMPLETING YOUR RETURN****NAME, ADDRESS, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

- **Always write your social security number(s) on the return.** Your social security number must agree with the SSN on the Form(s) W-2 attached to your return.
- Enter your name and, if a joint return, your spouse's name.
- If the taxpayer or spouse is deceased: attach a copy of federal Form 1310 or a copy of the death certificate; write deceased in the signature area; and enter the date of death in the box on the signature line of return.
- Enter your **current** address under Present home address. If using a P.O. Box, or an address that is not your legal residence, you must add an attachment that states your actual residence.
- Mark the box to indicate your filing status.

**RESIDENCY STATUS**

Indicate your residency status by marking (X) in the proper box.

**Resident** – a person whose domicile (principle residence) was in the City of Lansing all year. File as a resident if you were a resident the entire year.

**Nonresident** – a person whose domicile (principle residence) was outside the City of Lansing all year. File as a nonresident if you were a nonresident the entire year.

**Part-Year Resident** – a person who changed their domicile (primary residence) during the year from one inside Lansing to one outside Lansing or vice versa. If you were a resident for only part of 2014, use form L-1040TC to calculate the tax and attach it to the L-1040.

**Married with Different Residency Status.** If you were married in 2014 and had a different residency status from that of your spouse, file separate returns or file a resident return using Form L-1040TC to compute the tax.

**FILING STATUS**

Indicate filing status by marking (X) the proper box. If married filing separately, enter spouse's Social Security number in the spouse's SSN box and enter the spouse's full name in the filing status box.

**INCOME EXEMPT FROM CITY TAX**

Lansing does not tax the following types of income:

1. Social security, pensions and annuities (including disability pensions), Individual Retirement Account (IRA) distributions received after reaching age 59½.
2. Proceeds of insurance where the taxpayer paid policy premiums. (Payments from a health and accident policy paid by an employer are taxed the same as under the Internal Revenue Code).
3. Welfare relief, unemployment compensation and supplemental unemployment benefits.
4. Interest from obligations of the United States, the states or subordinate units of government of the states and gains or losses on the sales of obligations of the United States.
5. Military pay of members of the armed forces of the United States, including Reserve and National Guard pay.
6. Michigan Lottery prizes won on or before December 30, 1988. (Michigan lottery prizes won after December 30, 1988 are taxable.)
7. Sub-chapter S corporation dividends.
8. City, state and federal refunds.

**ITEMS NOT DEDUCTIBLE ON THE CITY RETURN**

Lansing does **not** allow deductions for items such as taxes, interest, medical expenses, charitable contributions, casualty and theft losses, etc. In addition, the following federal adjustments are not deductible on the Lansing return: student loan interest, Archer MSA deduction, self-employed health insurance deduction, one-half or self employment tax, and penalty for early withdrawal of savings.

**FORM L-1040, PAGE 1, INSTRUCTIONS****TOTAL INCOME AND TAX COMPUTATION**

Round all figures to the nearest dollar.

**Lines 1 – 16, Columns A & B – Federal Data and Exclusions**

This tax form is designed for use by residents, nonresidents and part-year residents. The form starts with federal return data in column A; adjusts the data in column B for income taxable on the federal return that is nontaxable by Lansing and vice versa; and reports income taxable by Lansing in column C. Exclusions and adjustments (column B) must be explained by completing and attaching applicable exclusion or adjustment schedules or by attaching a separate explanation to the return. See exclusions and adjustments instructions in the resident and nonresident sections. Attach copies of federal schedules to support all entries on lines 6, 7, 8, 11 and 13 of Column A.

NOTE: Schedules, attachments and other documentation that support tax withheld, exclusions, adjustments or deductions must be provided. Failure to attach or attaching incomplete supporting information will delay processing of your return or result in tax withheld, exclusions, adjustments or deductions being disallowed.

**Lines 1 - 16, Column C – Figure Taxable Income**

Subtract column B from column A and enter difference in column C. Support figures with schedules.

**Line 17 – Total Additions**

Add lines 2 through 16.

**Line 18 – Total Income**

Add lines 1 through 16.

**Line 19 – Total Deductions**

Enter the total deductions from line 7 of Deductions schedule, page 2.

**Line 20 – Total Income after Deductions**

Subtract line 19 from line 18.

**Line 21 – Exemptions**

Enter the total number of exemptions (page 2, Exemptions Schedule, line 1h) on line 21a and multiply line 21a by \$600.00 and enter the product on line 21b.

**Line 22 – Total Income Subject to Tax**

Subtract line 21b from line 20. If line 21b is greater, enter zero.

## FORM L-1040, PAGE 2 INSTRUCTIONS

### EXEMPTIONS SCHEDULE

Complete the Exemptions schedule to report and claim the total exemption amount allowed. Everyone who files a city return gets a personal exemption of \$600 for 2014. **You may claim an exemption even if someone else claims you as a dependent on their return.**

**Lines 1a - 1c – You and Spouse.** Enter your date of birth and mark (X) in the exemption boxes that apply to you. If filing jointly, complete line 1b for spouse. If you are age sixty-five or older, or are blind, deaf or permanently disabled you get an additional exemption. Mark (X) in the boxes that apply, and enter on line 1e the total number of exemption boxes marked.

**Lines 1d – Dependents.** Determine dependents using the same rules as on the federal return. If you cannot claim a dependent on the federal return, you cannot claim them on a city return. Enter the names of your dependent children that live with you, then the names of other dependents and their relationship to you. Provide dependents' Social Security numbers and dates of birth. Enter totals on 1f and 1g.

**Lines 1e - 1h – Total Exemptions.** Add the amounts on 1e, 1f and 1g, and enter the total exemptions on line 1h and on page 1, line 21a.

### EXCLUDED WAGES SCHEDULE

If any wages reported on page 1, line 1, column A, are not taxable, the Excluded Wages schedule must be completed. The data to complete this schedule comes from the Excludible Wages, Salaries, Tips, Etc. schedule.

### DEDUCTIONS SCHEDULE

You may deduct amounts that directly relate to income that is taxable by Lansing, prorating where necessary. Allowable deductions include the following line number items:

#### Line 1 – Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Contributions

Contributions to an IRA are deductible to the same extent deductible under the Internal Revenue Code. **Attach page 1 of federal return and evidence of contribution**, which includes, but is not limited to, one of the following: a copy of receipt for IRA contribution, a copy of federal Form 5498, a copy of a cancelled check that clearly indicates it is for an IRA contribution. ROTH IRA contributions are **not** deductible.

#### Line 2 – Self-Employed SEP, SIMPLE and Qualified Plans

Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and qualified retirement plan deductions may be entered on page 2, Deductions schedule, line 2.

#### Line 3 – Employee Business Expenses

Employee business expenses are deductible only when incurred in the performance of service for an employer and only to the extent not reimbursed by the employer. Meal expenses are not subject to the reductions and limitations of the Internal Revenue Code. Under the Lansing Income Tax Ordinance meals must be incurred while away from home overnight on business.

#### BUSINESS EXPENSES ARE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Expenses of transportation, but not to and from work.
- Expenses of travel, meals and lodging while away from home overnight on business for an employer.
- Expenses incurred as an "outside salesperson" away from the employer's place of business. This does not include driver-salesperson whose primary duty is service and delivery.
- Expenses reimbursed by employer from an expense account or other arrangement if included in gross earnings.

**NOTE: Business expenses claimed on line 4 of federal Form 2106 are not allowed unless taxpayer qualifies as an outside salesperson.**

**Attach a copy of Federal Form 2106 or a list of your employee business expenses.**

#### Line 4 – Moving Expenses

Moving expenses for moving into the Lansing area are deductible to the same extent deductible under the Internal Revenue Code. Moving must be related to starting work in a new location. **Attach a copy of federal Form 3903 or a list of moving expenses, with the distance in miles from where you moved.**

#### Line 5 – Alimony Paid

Separate maintenance payments, alimony, and principal sums payable in installments (to the extent includable in the spouse's or former spouse's adjusted gross income under the federal Internal Revenue Code) and deducted on the federal return are deductible. Child support is not deductible. **Attach a copy of federal return, page 1.**

**NOTE: The above deductions are limited to the amount claimed on your federal return, except meals. The deductions are limited by the extent they apply to income taxable under the Lansing Income**

### Line 23 – Tax

Multiply line 22 by the appropriate tax rate to compute tax liability, and enter it on line 23b. (The resident tax rate is 1.0%. The nonresident rate is 0.5 %.) If you were a resident for only part of the year and used Form L-1040TC to compute your tax mark (X) line 23a and attach Form L-1040TC to the return.

### Line 24a – Total Tax Withheld by Employers

The Lansing tax withheld by each of your employers is to be reported on page 2 on the Excludible Wages and City Tax Withheld Schedule. Total Lansing tax withheld, line 11 of this schedule, is reported on line 24a. The Form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) you received from each employer shows the tax withheld in box 19 and locality name in box 20.

**You must attach a copy of each Form W-2 showing the amount of LANSING tax withheld and the locality name as Lansing (or an equivalent indicating the tax was withheld for Lansing).** Credit for Lansing tax withheld will not be allowed without a supporting Form W-2.

### Line 24b – Other Tax Payments

Enter the total of the following: estimated tax paid, credit forward from past tax year, tax paid with an extension, tax paid on your behalf by a partnership.

### Line 24c – Tax Credit for Tax Paid to Another City (Residents only)

Enter on line 24c the credit for income taxes paid to another city. If you had income subject to tax in another city while you were a **resident of Lansing**, you may claim this credit. The credit IS NOT NECESSARILY the tax paid to the other city. This credit must be based on income taxable by both cities, and the credit may not exceed the tax that a nonresident of Lansing would pay on the same income. Base the credit on the amount actually paid to another city, not the amount withheld. **You must attach a copy of the income tax return filed with the other city to receive this credit.**

### Line 24d – Total Payments and Credits

Add lines 24a through 24c. Enter the total on line 24d.

### Line 25 – Interest and Penalty for Failure to Make Estimated Tax Payments; Underpayment of Estimated Tax; or Late Payment of Tax

Nonpayment or underpayment of estimated income tax and late payment of tax is subject to interest and penalty. You may calculate the amounts and enter interest on line 24a, penalty on 25b, and the total interest and penalty on line 25c or the city may calculate and assess it. Calculate estimated tax interest and penalty using Form L-2210.

### TAX DUE OR REFUND

#### Line 26 – Tax Due and Payment of Tax

If the tax on line 23b plus the interest and penalty on line 25c exceeds the total Payments and Credits on line 24, enter the difference, the tax due, on line 26. The tax due must be paid with the return when filed. The due date for the return is April 30, 2015.

**Pay by Check or Money Order.** Make the check or money order payable to LANSING CITY TREASURER, and mail with the return to Lansing Income Tax, P.O. Box 40752, Lansing, Michigan 48901. Do not send cash for your tax payment.

**Pay by Credit Card or electronic check if you filed previously** <https://client.pointandpay.net/web/LansingMI>

#### Line 27 – Overpayment

If the total payments and credits on line 24 exceed the tax on line 23 plus the interest and penalty on line 25c, enter the difference, the overpayment, on line 27. Use lines 28 through 31 to indicate what you want done with the refund. You must file the return even if there is no tax due, no overpayment or only a slight overpayment.

#### Line 28 – Donations

You may donate your overpayment, or a part of it, to the following: Police Problem Solving (line 28a), the HOPE Scholarship (line 28b) or Homeless Assistance (line 28c). Enter the amount of your donation on the line for the donation(s) of your choice and enter the total on line 28d.

#### Line 29 – Credit Forward

Enter on line 29 the amount of overpayment to credit to the next year.

#### Line 30 – Refund

**Please allow 45 DAYS before calling about a refund.** You may choose to receive the refund as a paper check or a direct bank deposit.

**Refund Check.** If you want your refund issued as a paper check, enter on Line 30 the amount of the overpayment to be refunded.

**Direct Deposit Refund.** To have your refund deposited directly into your bank account, on line 31a, mark (X) the box "Refund (direct deposit)" and enter the bank routing number on line 31c; the bank account number on line 31d; and the account type on line 31e.

**Tax Ordinance. Part-year residents must allocate deductions the same way they allocate income.**

**Line 6 – Renaissance Zone**

A Renaissance Zone deduction may be claimed by a qualified resident domiciled in a Renaissance Zone, an individual with income from rental real estate located in a Renaissance Zone and an individual proprietor or a partner in a partnership that has business activity within a Renaissance Zone. Individuals who qualify for the deduction **must attach Schedule RZ of L-1040** to their return to claim the deduction. Residents are not qualified to claim the deduction until they have been domiciled in a Renaissance Zone for 183 consecutive days. Individuals are not qualified to claim the Renaissance Zone deduction if they are delinquent for any Michigan or Lansing taxes. A city income tax return must be filed to qualify and claim this deduction.

**Line 7 – Total Deductions**

Add lines 1 through 6. Enter the total on line 7 and on page 1, line 19.

**ADDRESS SCHEDULE**

Every taxpayer must complete the Address schedule. Start by listing the address used on last year's return. If this address is the same as listed on page 1, write "Same." If no 2013 return was filed provide reason none was filed. Complete the schedule by listing the addresses of the other principal residences (domiciles) occupied during 2014. Mark whether the address was for the taxpayer (T), spouse (S) or both (B) and enter the beginning and ending dates of residence at each.

**THIRD-PARTY DESIGNEE**

To allow another person to discuss the tax return information with the Income Tax Office, mark (X) the "Yes" box and enter the person's name, phone number and any five digits as their personal identification number (PIN). To designate the tax preparer, enter "Preparer."

**SIGN THE RETURN**

You must sign and date the return. If filing a joint return, both spouses must sign and date the return. If someone else prepared the return, they must sign it and provide their address and telephone number.

**PART-YEAR RESIDENTS**

If you had income taxable as a resident and as a nonresident during the year, you must file as a part-year resident. Part-year residents compute the amount of their tax on Schedule TC. Complete the form using the instructions for the Schedule TC and the resident and nonresident instructions.

Income is allocated according to the residency status for each item of income. Use the Wages and Excludible Wages Schedule (Attachment 2) to report wages from all employers. If the taxpayer or spouse worked both in and outside of Lansing for any employer while a nonresident during the year, use the Part-year Resident Wage allocation instructions for residents and nonresidents as a guide to allocate wages. Use the Excluded Wages and Tax Withheld Schedule on page 2 to report excluded wages and Lansing Withheld.

**Sch. TC, Line 20a – Losses transferred between columns C and D**

If Schedule TC line 20a, column C reports a resident loss; if schedule TC, line 20a, column C reports a loss and line 20a of column D reports income, or vice versa, an adjustment may be made to offset the loss against income in the other residence status.

If line 20a, column C reports a resident loss, enter the amount of the loss on line 20b, column C, as a positive amount and in column D as a negative amount. This adjustment is limited to the amount of income in line 20a, column D.

If line 20a, column D reports a nonresident loss, enter the amount of the loss on line 20b, column D as a positive amount and in column C enter one-half of the nonresident loss in column C as a negative amount. The column D amount of this adjustment is limited to twice the amount of income on line 20a, column C.

If line 20c, column C or column D is a negative amount, it is the net operating loss allowed to be carried forward in its status as a resident or nonresident. A resident loss is allowed to be claimed as a net operating loss deduction against future income in either resident or nonresident status. A nonresident net operating loss is allowed to be claimed as a net operating loss deduction against future nonresident income or against future resident income at one-half of the amount of the nonresident net operating loss.

Get forms on the website: [WWW.LANSINGMI.GOV](http://WWW.LANSINGMI.GOV), or Call (517) 483-4114 to have a form mailed to you.

**RESIDENTS**

**Line 1 – Wages, Salaries, Tips, Etc.**

Report on line 1, column A, the amount of wages, salaries, tips, etc. from your federal tax return (Form 1040, Form 1040A or Form 1040EZ).

**The front page of the federal tax return must be attached to all resident tax returns. All W-2 forms showing wages and Lansing tax withheld must be attached to page 1 of the return.**

A resident is taxed on **ALL** earnings, including salary, bonus, separation, and incentive payments, tips, commissions and other compensation for services rendered—**no matter where earned**. Example: Taxpayer lives in the City of Lansing but works in Jackson and receives a paycheck from the home office in New York City: 100% of this compensation is taxable.

If your employer did not withhold Lansing tax from your paycheck, you are still required to file and pay tax on those wages at the resident tax rate. *You will also be required to make estimated tax payments if you employer does not withhold Lansing tax for you in 2015.*

Report on line 1, column B, the total excluded wages. All nontaxable wages must be documented and listed, by employer, on the Excluded Wages schedule on page 2. A resident's wages are generally not excludible. An example of excludible (nontaxable) resident wages is military pay.

**Line 2 – Interest**

Interest is taxable the same as on the federal return except for interest on U.S. Bonds, Treasury Bills and notes which may be excluded.

Report the amount of taxable interest income from federal 1040, on line 2, column A. Report on line 2, column B, interest from U.S. Bonds and Treasury Bills and notes; document this excluded interest on the

Excludible Interest Income schedule. S corporation flow through interest income is not taxable.

**Line 3 – Dividends**

Dividends are taxable. Report on line 3, column A, the total amount of dividend income from the federal return. Report on line 3, column B, excludible dividends from U.S. Bonds, Treasury Bills and notes, and document on the Excludible Dividend Income schedule. S corporation flow through dividend income is not taxable.

**Line 4 – Taxable Refunds, Credits or Offsets**

NOT TAXABLE. Exclude all. No explanation needed.

**Line 5 – Alimony Received**

Alimony received is taxable. Report on line 5, columns A and C, the amount of alimony received as reported on the federal return.

**Line 6 – Business Income**

All self-employment income is taxable regardless of where the business is located. Report on line 6, columns A and C, the total business income from the federal return. **Attach a complete copy of federal Schedule C.** Federal rules concerning passive losses are applicable to losses deducted on a city return.

**Line 7 – Capital Gain or (Loss)**

The Uniform City Income Tax Ordinance follows the Internal Revenue Code regarding capital gains. All capital gains realized while a resident are taxable regardless of where the property is located, with the following exceptions:

1. Capital gains on sales of obligations of the United States and subordinate units of government.

- The portion of the capital gain or loss on property purchased prior to the inception of the Lansing income tax ordinance that is attributed to the time before inception ordinance.
- Capital loss carryovers that originated prior to the taxpayer becoming a resident of Lansing are not deductible.

Capital losses are allowed to the same extent they are allowed under the Internal Revenue Code and limited to \$3,000 per year. Unused net capital losses may be carried over to future tax years. The capital loss carryover for Lansing may be different than the carryover for federal income tax purposes.

Deferred capital gain income from installment sales and like-kind exchanges are taxable in the same year reported on the taxpayer's federal income tax return.

Flow through income or loss from an S corporation reported on federal Sch. D is not taxable. **Attach copies of federal Sch. K-1 (Form 1120S).**

Residents reporting capital gains or losses **must attach a copy of federal Schedule D and supporting schedule 8949.**

Excluded capital gains must be explained on the Exclusions and Adjustments to Capital Gains or (Losses) schedule.

**Line 8 – Other Gains or (Losses)**

Other gains or losses are taxable to the extent that they are taxable on the federal 1040. Other gains and losses realized while a resident are taxable regardless of where the property is located, except the portion of the gain or loss on property purchased prior to the inception of the Lansing Income Tax Ordinance.

Deferred other gains from installment sales and like-kind exchanges are taxable in the year recognized on the federal income tax return.

Deferred gains **must be supported by attaching a copy of federal Form 6252 and/or Form 8824.**

Residents reporting other gains and losses **must attach a copy of federal Form 4797.**

Flow through income or loss from an S corporation reported on federal Form 4797 of a resident is not taxable. **Attach copies of federal Schedule K-1 (Form 1120S).**

Use the **Exclusions and Adjustments to Other Gains or (Losses)** schedule to compute exclusions and adjustments to other gains and losses reported on your federal income tax return.

**Line 9 – IRA Distributions**

In column A enter the IRA distributions reported on federal Form 1040 or Form 1040A. Premature IRA distributions (Form 1099-R, box 7, distribution code 1) and IRA distributions made to a decedent's beneficiary other than the decedent's spouse (Form 1099-R, box 7, distribution code 4) are **taxable**.

Exclude in column B, IRA distributions qualifying as retirement benefits: IRA distributions received after age 59½ or described by Section 72(t)(2)(A)(iv) of the IRC and all other excludible IRA distributions. The **Exclusions and Adjustments to IRA Distributions** schedule is used to document excluded IRA distributions.

**Line 10 – Taxable Pension Distributions**

Enter on line 10, column A, pension and annuities reported on federal Form 1040 or Form 1040A. Excluded pension and retirement benefits are reported on line 10, column B and explained on the **Exclusions and Adjustments to Pension Distributions** schedule.

Pension and retirement benefits from the following are **not** taxable:

- Pension plans that define eligibility for retirement and set contribution and benefit amounts in advance;
- Qualified retirement plans for the self-employed;
- Distributions from a 401(k) or 403(b) plan attributable to employer contributions or attributable to employee contributions to the extent they result in matching contributions by the employer;

- Benefits from any of the previous plans received on account of disability or as a surviving spouse if the decedent qualified for the exclusion at the time of death;
- Benefits paid to an individual from a retirement annuity policy that has been annuitized and paid over the life of the individual.

Pension and retirement benefits from the following **are** taxable:

- Premature pension plan distributions (those received prior to qualifying for retirement);
- Amounts received from deferred compensation plans that let the employee set the amount to be put aside and do not set retirement age or requirements for years of service. These plans include, but are not limited to, plans under IRC Sections 401(k), 457 and 403(b):
  - Amounts received before the recipient could retire under the plan provisions, including amounts paid on separation, withdrawal or discontinuance of the plan;
  - Amounts received as early retirement incentives, unless the incentives were paid from a pension trust;
- Benefits paid from a retirement annuity policy other than annuitized benefits paid over the life of the individual are taxable to the same extent taxable under the Internal Revenue Code.

Report taxable pension and retirement income on line 10, column C.

**Line 11 – Rental Real Estate, Royalties, S Corporations, Partnerships, Royalties, Estates, Trust, Etc.**

All income reported on federal Schedule E may be taxable. A resident's share of an S corporation's flow through income is not taxable. Report this income on line 11, columns A .

**Line 12 – Subchapter S Corporation Distributions**

S corporation distributions received by a resident from the corporation's Accumulated Adjustments Account, Other Adjustments Account and/or the Shareholder's Undistributed Taxable Income Previously Taxed Account (federal Form 1120S, Schedule M-2, line 7) are income on a city return and are to be reported on this line. These distributions are found on federal Schedule K-1 (1120), line 20. Report these distributions on the Adjustments for Tax Option Corporation (like Subchapter S Corporation) Distributions schedule. Also **attach copies of federal Schedule K-1 (Form 1120S).**

**Line 13 – Farm Income (Or Loss)**

Profit or loss from the operation of a farm is taxable as reported on the federal return regardless of where the farm is located. There are no exclusions. **Attach a complete copy of federal Schedule F.**

**Line 14 – Unemployment Compensation**

NOT TAXABLE. Exclude all. No explanation needed.

**Line 15 – Social Security Benefits**

NOT TAXABLE. Exclude all. No explanation needed.

**Line 16 – Other Income**

Other income reported on the resident's federal return is taxable except for income from recoveries related to federal itemized deductions from prior tax years. Report on this line a net operating loss carryover from the previous tax year. Complete report exclusions and adjustments on p. 2, using the Line 16 - **Exclusions and Adjustments to Other Income** schedule.

**Line 17 – Total Additions** Add lines 2 through 16.

**Line 18 – Total Income**

Add lines 1 through 16 of each column and enter amounts on line 18.

**Line 19 – Deductions**

Enter amount from Deductions schedule, page 2, line 7.

**NONRESIDENTS**

**NONRESIDENT INCOME SUBJECT TO TAX:**

- Compensation for work done or services performed in the city, which includes, but is not limited to, the following: salaries, wages, bonuses, commissions, fees, tips, incentive payments, severance pay, vacation pay and sick pay.
- Net profits of from the operation of an unincorporated business, profession or other activity attributable to business activity conducted in Lansing, whether or not such business is located in Lansing.

- Gains or losses from the sale or exchange of real or tangible personal property located in Lansing.
- Net profits from the rental of real or tangible personal property located in Lansing.
- Premature distributions from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) where a deduction was claimed on a current or previous year's city income tax return.
- Premature distributions from a pension plan attributable to work performed in Lansing.
- Deferred compensation earned in Lansing before retirement.

**Line 1 – Wages, Salaries, Tips, Etc.**

All wages taxed on the federal return are to be reported on page 1, line 1, column A of the city return. All W-2 forms showing income earned in Lansing and/or tax withheld for Lansing must be attached to the return.

Report on page 1, line 1, column B, the total excluded wages. All excluded wages must be documented on the Excludible Wages, Salaries, Tips, Etc. schedule and listed, by employer, on the Excluded Wages schedule on page 2 of the tax form. On the Excludible Wages, Salaries, Tips, Etc. schedule, lines 7 and 8, list the reason the wages are excludible and the address of the work station where work was performed for the employer.

**Do not use box 18 of W-2 form to report taxable wages or to allocate wages: use box 1 wages only.**

A separate wage allocation must be completed for each employer. Wages are normally allocated using the actual number of days or hours worked in and outside the city during the tax year for an employer. Vacation time, sick time and holidays are not included in total days worked in arriving at the wage allocation percentage. Vacation pay, holiday pay, sick pay, bonuses, severance pay, etc. are taxable to same extent as normal earnings.

**100% Earned in Lansing.** All wages, salaries, tips, sick pay, bonuses, deferred compensation, severance pay, and other compensation (Form W-2, box 1) is taxable to nonresidents who worked 100% of the time in the city.

**Allocate Total Wages.** Nonresidents who performed only part of their services for an employer in the city must allocate their wages using the **W-2 form box 1 amount, not box 18.** Compute excludible wages using the Nonresident and Part-Year Resident Wage Allocation section of the Excludible Wages, Salaries, Tips, Etc. schedule.

**Wage Allocations on Commissions, Etc.** A nonresident salesperson paid on a commission basis or other results achieved should allocate wages based on commissions received or other results achieved attributable to efforts expended in Lansing. A nonresident insurance salesperson paid sales commissions and renewal commissions should allocate compensation on the following basis: Allocate commissions from life, health, accident and vehicle (auto) insurance based on the location (residence) of the purchaser. Allocate commissions from group insurance based on the location of the group. Allocate commissions from fire and casualty insurance based on the location of the risk insured. Nonresidents working totally outside the city for an employer should exclude all of these wages.

**Line 2 – Interest**

NOT TAXABLE. Exclude all interest income. No explanation needed.

**Line 3 – Dividends**

NOT TAXABLE. Exclude all dividend income. No explanation needed.

**Line 4 – Taxable Refunds, Credits or Offsets**

NOT TAXABLE. Exclude all. No explanation needed.

**Line 5 – Alimony Received**

NOT TAXABLE. Exclude all. No explanation needed.

**Line 6 – Profit (Or Loss) from a Business, Etc.**

Profit (or loss) from the operation of a business or profession is taxable to the extent it results from work done, services rendered or other business activities conducted in Lansing. Report on page 1, line 6, column A, business income reported taxable on your federal return.

The Exclusions and Adjustments to Business Income schedule is used to exclude business income. The total excluded business income from line 5 of this schedule is also entered on page 1, line 6, column B. If a business operates both in and outside of the city, the taxable profit or loss is determined using the three factor Business Allocation formula.

Where no work is done, services rendered or other business activity is conducted in Lansing, the profit or loss is entirely excluded. Complete the Exclusions and Adjustments to Business Income schedule to exclude profit or loss from the operation of a business.

A Lansing net operating loss carryover from the previous tax year is reported on page 1, line 16, column C. See instructions for line 16.

**Line 7 – Capital Gains or Losses**

Capital gains or losses of a nonresident are included in taxable income to the extent the gains or losses are from property located in Lansing. Capital losses from property located in the city are allowed to the same extent they are allowed under the Internal Revenue Code. Unused capital losses may be carried over to future tax years. The capital loss carryover for Lansing may be different than the carryover for federal income tax purposes.

Deferred capital gain income from installment sales and like-kind exchange of property located in Lansing are taxable in the year recognized on the taxpayer's federal income tax return.

Flow through income or loss from an S corporation reported on a nonresident's federal Schedule D is excluded on the Exclusions and Adjustments to Capital Gains or (Losses) schedule **Attach copies of federal Schedule K-1 (Form 1120S).**

Use the Exclusions and Adjustments to Capital Gains or (Losses) schedule to compute exclusions and adjustments to capital gains.

**NOTE:** A common error on a nonresident return is failure to complete the Exclusions and Adjustments schedule to exclude the capital loss carryover reported on the taxpayer's federal income tax return.

**Line 8 – Other Gains and Losses**

A nonresident's other gains and losses are included in taxable income to the extent the gains or losses are from property located in Lansing. Deferred other gains and losses from installment sales and like-kind exchanges of property located in the city are taxable in the year recognized on the taxpayer's federal income tax return. Deferred other gains must be supported by attaching a copy of federal Form 6252 and/or Form 8824.

Flow through income or loss from an S corporation reported on federal Form 4797 is excluded on the Exclusions and Adjustments to Other Gains and (Losses) schedule. **Attach copies of federal Schedule K-1 (Form 1120S).**

Nonresidents reporting other gains and losses **must attach a copy of federal Form 4797.** Use the Exclusions and Adjustments to Other Gains and Losses schedule to compute exclusions and adjustments to other gains and losses reported on the federal income tax return. On line 4 of the schedule enter the total excluded other gains or losses and also enter this total on page 1, line 8, column B.

**Line 9 – IRA Distributions**

That portion of a premature IRA distribution that was deducted from a city's taxable income in the current or a prior tax year (reported on Form 1099-R, box 7, distribution code 1) are taxable to a nonresident. IRA distributions received after age 59 ½ or described by Section 72(t)(2)(A)(iv) of the IRC are not taxable.

**Line 10 – Taxable Pension Distributions**

Premature pension plan distributions (those received by a nonresident prior to qualifying for retirement) are taxable to the same extent the normal wages from the employer are taxable.

A nonresident remaining employed by the particular employer in Lansing may not exclude amounts received from deferred compensation plans that let the employee set the amount to be put aside and do not set retirement age or requirements for years of service. These plans include, but are not limited to, plans under Sections 401(k), 457 and 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC): Amounts received before the recipient could retire under the plan provisions, including amounts paid on separation, withdrawal or discontinuance of the plan. Amounts received as early retirement incentives, unless the incentives were paid from a pension trust. See Line 10 under "Residents" for additional information on nontaxable pension and retirement benefits.

Excludible pension distributions are listed on the Exclusions and Adjustments to Pension Income schedule. Enter the total excluded pension distributions on the last line of the schedule and also enter the amount on page 1, line 10, column B.

**Line 11 – Rental Real Estate, Royalties, Partnerships, S Corporations, Estates, Trusts, Etc.**

All income reported on the federal Schedule E that comes from business activity in Lansing or property located in Lansing is taxable to nonresidents. When an estate or trust has taxable income in the city, the estate or trust must file a return and pay tax on distributions to nonresidents and on undistributed taxable income.

The following income reported on federal Schedule E is excludable: income from business activity or property outside Lansing; S corporation flow through income or loss reported on Schedule E; and income from estates and trusts.

Explain all exclusions on the Exclusions and Adjustments to Income from Rental Real Estate, Royalties, Partnerships, S Corporations, Trusts, Etc. schedule. Enter the total of the exclusions and adjustments listed on this schedule on line 6 and also on page 1, line 11, column B.

**Line 12 – Subchapter S Corporation Distributions**

None of these distributions are taxable to a nonresident.

**Line 13 – Farm Income or (Loss)**

A nonresident's profit or loss from a farm are included in city income to the extent the profit or loss results from work done, services rendered or other activities conducted in Lansing. The portion of the profit or loss reported on the city return is determined by use of the three factor Farm Allocation Percentage formula. Where no work is done, services rendered or other business activity is conducted in Lansing, the entire farm profit or loss is excluded, using the Exclusions and Adjustments to Farm Income schedule.

Sales of crops at the produce market, any of the farmer's markets or a produce stand located in the city are Lansing business activity and subject to Lansing income tax.

**Line 14 – Unemployment Compensation**

NOT TAXABLE. Exclude all. No explanation needed.

**Line 15 – Social Security Benefits**

NOT TAXABLE. Exclude all. No explanation needed.

**Line 16 – Other Income**

Other income is taxable if it is from work performed or other activities conducted in Lansing. Use the Exclusions and Adjustments to Other Income schedule to document exclusions and adjustments. Report on this line a Lansing-related net operating loss carryover from previous year.

**Line 17 – Total Additions** Add lines 2 through 16

**Line 18 – Total Income**

Add lines 1 through 16 of each column and enter amounts on line 18.

**Line 19 – Total Deductions**

Enter amount from Deductions schedule, page 2, line 7. A nonresident's deductions are limited by the extent they relate to income taxable under the Lansing Income Tax Ordinance. Nonresidents must allocate deductions the same way related income is allocated. See Deductions schedule (page 2 instructions) for a list of allowable deductions.