

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ST. BERNARD TAXPAYERS**

**DUE DATE - APRIL 15, 2021** - Tax returns are due on or before APRIL 15, 2021.

**TAX RETURN INSTRUCTIONS** - Detailed instructions for completing your tax return may be found online at [www.cityofstbernard.org](http://www.cityofstbernard.org) or by contacting the Tax Department.

**RETIRED RESIDENTS** – May apply to the Tax Department for a waiver to no longer have to file a tax return for St. Bernard. Contact the St. Bernard Tax Department for an application

**MANDATORY FILING** – All Residents of St. Bernard, 18 years of age or older are required to file a City of St. Bernard income tax return regardless of whether there is any tax due.

**PENALTIES AND INTEREST** - Penalties and interest are mandated by state law. Tax Code Section 182.10 imposes a penalty for the late filing of a tax return, and a separate penalty for the late payment of any tax that is due.

**EXTENSION REQUEST** – An Extension request should be filed by April 15, 2021. You may file for an extension by:

Submitting a copy of the Federal Extension to the St. Bernard Tax Office.

Requesting a St. Bernard Extension form.

The extension, if granted, only extends the filing date of the tax return. The extension does not extend the due date for the payment of any tax due. Extensions provide additional time to file – NOT TO PAY! An adequate estimate of tax must be paid by April 15, 2021.

**LANDLORDS** - Landlords of St. Bernard rental property must file a tax return regardless of whether there is a profit or loss, or any tax is due. Both residents and non-residents who own rental property in St. Bernard must file.

**ESTIMATED TAXES AND DECLARATIONS** - Estimated taxes and declarations are required by law on amounts owed of \$200 or more. Tax amounts paid for the previous tax year become the estimated tax for the following tax year and must be paid quarterly.

**WHAT IS NOT TAXABLE?** - State Unemployment Compensation, Social Security Benefits, Welfare Benefits, Workers' Compensation, Interest and Dividends from savings and investments (unless considered ordinary income), royalties (if derived from intangible property), 1099-R Income reporting distributions from a qualified IRS pension, 401-K, etc., or when you change employers or make a withdrawal from a retirement plan.

**BUSINESS ACTIVITY** - Taxpayers who engage in business in St. Bernard, both resident and non-resident, must file a tax return regardless of whether or not there is tax due.