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Dear Blanchester Residents and Businesses:

The Village of Blanchester has enacted a 1.0% (.01) municipal income tax on all income earned by individuals residing or working in the Village of Blanchester and on the net profit of businesses operating within the Village. The tax is effective July 1, 2024, and 1% (.01) tax credit is allowed for taxes paid to other municipalities.

Taxable income includes items such as wages, salaries, tips, bonuses, rental income, net profits from a business or profession, and distributions from partnerships. Examples of income that is exempt from the income tax are interest, dividends, annuities, receipts from Social Security, pensions, military pay, unemployment compensation, alimony, and child support.

The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) will administer and collect the Village's municipal income tax on its behalf. The Village of Blanchester chose RITA to administer its municipal income tax because of its ability to offer residents and businesses free online services and its ability to maximize the Village's collection efforts.

Formed in 1971, RITA is a governmental agency established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code to administer municipal income tax for cities and villages throughout the State of Ohio. RITA's shared services offer municipalities a comprehensive, efficient and effective solution for income tax collection that results in cost savings and increased tax collections. You may learn more about RITA and find the answers to frequently asked questions at ritaohio.com.

Beginning July 1, 2024, you may register as a Blanchester taxpayer by creating an account in RITA's MyAccount platform at ritaohio.com. Or you may complete, print and mail a paper Registration Form 75 for resident individuals, or Registration Form 48 for businesses.

Residents and businesses with taxable income must file an annual tax return with RITA and pay tax due to Blanchester on their taxable income. Municipal tax returns are due each year on the same date as the State of Ohio annual income tax return, unless you have received a filing extension. Tax returns may be filed electronically at ritaohio.com through MyAccount or by using FastFile. Tax forms are also available to download, print and mail.

If you are an employer, effective July 1, 2024 you must withhold income tax for the Village of Blanchester at a rate of 1.0% (.01) from all wages paid to employees working within the Village of Blanchester. Employer withholding filings and payments may be made in MyAccount at ritaohio.com. Employer withholding tax forms are also available to download, print and mail.

If you have any questions regarding your Village income tax or RITA, please contact RITA at 1-800-860-7482. For more information about RITA please visit ritaohio.com. Thank you.

Mayor John M Carman Village of Blanchester

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