Natural Disaster Tax Relief Notice

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Tax Filing Extensions: March 2020 Tornadoes & Severe Storms

Federally Declared Disaster Areas

Under Tennessee law, the Commissioner is authorized to extend the deadline for filing a return whenever the IRS extends, for a group of taxpayers, a federal filing date. Under this authority, the state extension cannot exceed the federal extension.

Franchise and Excise Tax |Hall Income Tax

Consistent with the IRS's decision to extend federal deadlines for those businesses located in a designated disaster area, the Department of Revenue has extended the franchise and excise tax and Hall income tax filing and payment deadlines to July 15, 2020. This extension applies to all taxpayers located in any disaster area designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"). Currently this includes Davidson, Putnam, and Wilson counties, but taxpayers located in areas later designated as disaster areas will automatically receive the same filing and payment extension.

This tax relief postpones the franchise and excise tax and income tax filing and payment deadlines that occur starting March 3. Affected businesses and individuals will have until July 15, 2020, to file returns and make any payments (including quarterly estimated payments) originally due during this period.

The Department will automatically apply these extensions to franchise, excise and income tax accounts of taxpayers with an address in the designated disaster area. Penalties and interest will not be applied to returns filed and payments made on or before this extended due date. These extensions will not alter due dates or extend due dates that otherwise fall after July 15, 2020.

Sales and Use Tax, Business Tax, and other taxes due to the Department

Although these extensions cannot be applied automatically, the Department will approve, on a case-by-case basis, extension requests from taxpayers are who are unable to file returns for other taxes because of the impact of the March 2-3 storms.

Tax Practitioners

Extensions may be granted if taxpayers' returns are prepared by a practitioner located in the designated disaster area who is unable to file returns or make payments for clients due to the tornadoes and severe storms. Affected tax professionals should contact the Department.

Additional Areas Impacted by Disaster

If you have been impacted by the storms but are located outside of the federally designated disaster area, you may request an extension to file any returns due to the Department after March 3. For these taxpayers, if approved the Department will waive penalties on any returns filed after the original due date but before July 15, 2020.

Requesting Extensions

Requests should include the business name, entity ID or Tennessee account number, business location, and a brief description of the loss. We have set up a dedicated email account for expedited service of these requests: Revenue.DisasterExtension@tn.gov.

For More Information Visit www.tn.gov/revenue or contact us at (615) 253-0600.

References

Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-1-114

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