

Chicago Tax Amnesty Program

The City of Chicago Department of Revenue is offering a Tax and Indebtedness Amnesty Program from October 24, 2005 through December 16, 2005.

The program includes the following:

- Unregistered taxpayers for all Chicago Department of Revenue administered business taxes with the exception of Cigarette Tax, Automatic Amusement Device Tax, MPEA Airport Departure Tax and Wheel Tax (city stickers). It also does not apply to property taxes or sales taxes that are collected by the state or the county. It does apply to the Chicago Use Tax. In addition, unregistered taxpayers will have the tax, penalties and interest liabilities forgiven for all tax periods prior to July 1, 2003. For periods after July 1, penalties and interest will be forgiven. (312-747-1975)
- Real Property Transfer Tax Declaration – penalties and interest will be forgiven for unpaid real property transfer taxes that were due prior to July 1, 2005. (312-747-8923)
- Final Assessment Amnesty – penalties and interest will be forgiven for taxpayers whose liability is the subject of an assessment issued prior to January 1, 2000. (312-747-0659)
- Administrative Hearing Fines – debtors who pay 50% of the original fine and 50% of the interest will be forgiven for the remaining balance for violations issued prior to January 1, 2004. Court costs and attorney fees must be paid in full. (312-747-1094)
- False Burglar Alarm Fines and Inspection Fees – debtors who pay 50% of the original fine will be forgiven for the remaining balance for fines issued prior to January 1, 2004. (866-391-3974 and 312-747-3790)
- The Amnesty Program also includes payment programs for new parking tickets. For more information please call the following numbers: Last names beginning with A-J call 866-391-3972 and K-Z call 312-604-7111.

Tax Amnesty applications are available online at www.cityofchicago.org/revenue, by phone request or in person at the Department of Revenue Tax Division, 333 South State Street, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60604. We have included the phone number under each category of tax listed above. Taxpayers who have already been identified and contacted by the Department of Revenue for audit or investigation are not eligible.

Failure to participate in the Tax Amnesty Programs by taxpayers who owe taxes will be subject to a 20% Amnesty penalty that is effective at the expiration of the amnesty period. In addition, there will be a 5% late penalty and 12% interest per year.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria Solis at 312-384-4282.