

# CITY OF ROCKY RIVER



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Dear Rocky River Taxpayer,

Earlier this year, the City of Rocky River initiated a study to compare the service level and costs related to local income tax collection and administration. Using 2014 as the basis for comparison and acknowledging that there are some service level differences, it was found to be of financial benefit for the City to join Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA). RITA was formed in 1971 by several Cuyahoga County suburban communities and has grown to over 240 member communities throughout Ohio. Most of the City's neighboring communities are members of RITA: Avon, Avon Lake, Bay Village, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, North Ridgeville and Westlake.

In July of 2015, City Council passed Ordinance 41-15 authorizing the move from the Central Collection Agency (CCA) to RITA. This conversion will take place on January 1, 2016. As you may be aware, The City and CCA have had a productive relationship that began in 1973 and we appreciate the effective service CCA has provided to the City. It is important to note that the rate of 2.00% that became effective January 1, 2015 will not change with the City's conversion from CCA to RITA.

It is critical that this transition be seamless for all taxpayers and tax preparers. This can only be accomplished through effective communication and accessibility to timely information. In the coming weeks and months we will be disseminating information regarding this important change. To receive all pertinent communications, we encourage you to sign-up for E-Updates on the City's homepage and to regularly refer to the Finance Department section of the City's website. In the near future, RITA representatives will be available to answer your questions at (800) 860-7482 or [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com). The City Administration and RITA, along with CCA are working together to ensure all taxpayers can traverse this change successfully.

Should you have any questions or concerns reading this 2016 change in local income tax collection, please do not hesitate to contact my office, RITA or your personal tax-preparer. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael A. Thomas, CPA  
Director of Finance and Tax Administrator