

Got an IRS or Ohio tax letter? A Stark County guide

One page for anyone holding a tax letter they did not expect from the IRS, Ohio, the city or the county Treasurer. It covers who sent it, which date matters, and where free help is.

Before anything else

- Keep the letter and the envelope. The notice code and the response date are printed on the letter.
- Write the response date on a calendar, then count back a week to leave time for help.
- Check that the letter is real by calling the office at a number listed on its official website, not only the number in a surprise call or text.
- Never pay a tax bill with a gift card, prepaid card or wire transfer. The IRS says it does not demand payment that way.

Who sent it, and the clock that matters

Item	Details
IRS final notice (LT11, Letter 1058 or CP90)	30 days to request a Collection Due Process hearing on Form 12153 (26 U.S.C. § 6330).
IRS CP2000	A proposal, not a bill. Reply by the date printed on it, agreeing or disagreeing with documents.
IRS CP3219A (Notice of Deficiency)	90 days to petition the U.S. Tax Court. The IRS cannot extend it.
Ohio Department of Taxation assessment	60 days to pay or file a signed petition for reassessment (ORC 5747.13).
Ohio Attorney General collection letter	Unpaid Ohio balances are certified to the Attorney General (ORC 131.02). Payment plans: 888-301-8885.
City of Canton Income Tax Department	424 Market Ave N, 330-430-7900. An assessment can be appealed to the local board of tax review within 60 days (ORC 718.11).
Stark County Treasurer (property tax)	330-451-7814. A parcel delinquent about a year and a half can be referred to the Prosecuting Attorney for foreclosure.

Free help first

- Taxpayer Advocate Service (part of the IRS, independent): 1-877-777-4778; Cleveland office (216) 415-3460.
- Community Legal Aid Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, for IRS disputes: 800-998-9454.
- United Way of Greater Stark County free tax preparation (VITA), households earning \$69,000 or less: 330-994-8482 in season.
- The Canton Income Tax Department prepares city returns free.

Questions about a tax letter? The first call to **(330) 457-6198** is free, with no obligation. More plain-English guides: www.cantontaxresolution.top/resources/

Sources, checked October 12, 2026: IRS (www.irs.gov/newsroom/how-to-know-its-really-the-irs-calling-or-knocking-on-your-door); IRS (www.irs.gov/individuals/understanding-your-lt11-notice); Cornell LII (www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/26/6330); IRS (www.irs.gov/individuals/understanding-your-cp2000-notice); IRS (www.irs.gov/individuals/understanding-your-cp3219a-notice); Ohio Revised Code (LSC) (codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-5747.13); Ohio Revised Code (LSC) (codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-131.02); Ohio Department of Taxation (tax.ohio.gov/individual/payments/pay-online-page); City of Canton (www.cantonohio.gov/1888/Canton-City-Income-Tax-Overview); Ohio Revised Code (LSC) (codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-718.11); Stark County Treasurer (www.starkcountyohio.gov/government/offices/treasurer/contact_us.php); Stark County Treasurer (www.starkcountyohio.gov/government/offices/treasurer/departments/delinquent_tax_and_foreclosures/index.php); Taxpayer Advocate Service (www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov/contact-us/); IRS / Taxpayer Advocate Service (www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/n1214.pdf); Community Legal Aid (www.communitylegalaid.org/LITC); United Way of Greater Stark County (www.uwstark.org/what-we-do/community-programs/vita/). General information, not tax or legal advice. Free to print and share. Latest version: www.cantontaxresolution.top/resources/tax-letter-guide/