

What are the requirements?

Every year, certain requirements must be met in order to be eligible for Renaissance Zone tax benefits:

- All local and state taxes in Michigan must be current as of December 31 of the preceding year. Taxpayers are responsible for determining their own eligibility according to local and state tax laws.
- Rental property must be inspected annually and obtain a Certificate of Compliance. Landlords must file an affidavit by December 31 stating that their residential rental property is in substantial compliance with all building and housing codes.
- Residents must live in the zone 183 consecutive days.
- Personal property must be in the zone on December 31 of the preceding year and 182 additional days in that calendar year.
- **State income tax forms must be filed.**
- **Property taxes must be paid** – although the bill will be much reduced.

Renaissance Zone applications must be filed annually at the City Assessor's Office, 241 West South Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 49007, postmarked by December 31 of the preceding year.

Who can I contact for more information?

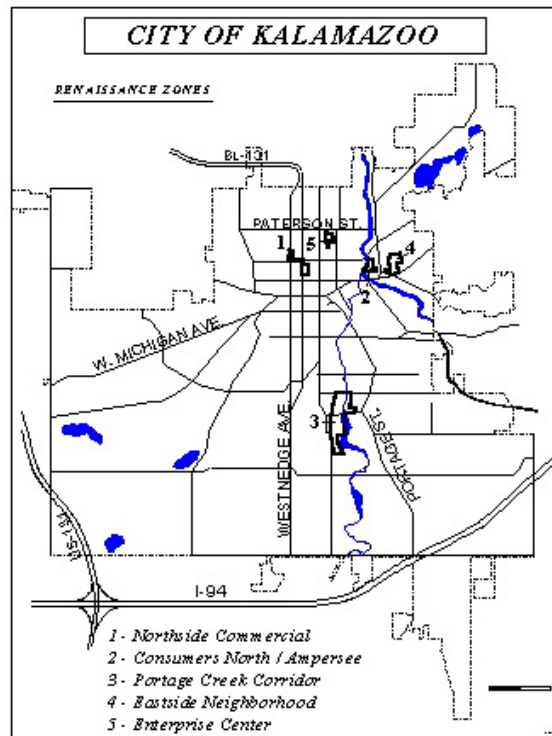
For questions regarding **Kalamazoo's Renaissance Zone boundaries and specific tax information**, call the City Assessor's Office at (269) 337-8011.

For **general questions about Kalamazoo's zone**, contact the Economic Development Division at (269) 337-8082 or www.kalamazoocity.org.

For questions regarding the **state-wide Renaissance Zone program**, contact the Michigan Economic Development Corporation at (517) 373-9808 or www.state.mi.us/webapp/medc/renzone.



Kalamazoo Renaissance Zone



What are Renaissance Zones?

In Renaissance Zone areas, businesses, residents, and property owners are *virtually free of local and state taxes* – including:

- Michigan Single Business Tax;
- Michigan Personal Income Tax; and
- Operating Property Tax Levies (except debt taxes).

Residents will continue to pay sales tax and all federal taxes. **Businesses** will continue to pay unemployment insurance, social security taxes, worker's compensation, sewer/water fees, Michigan's six percent sales tax, and all federal taxes.

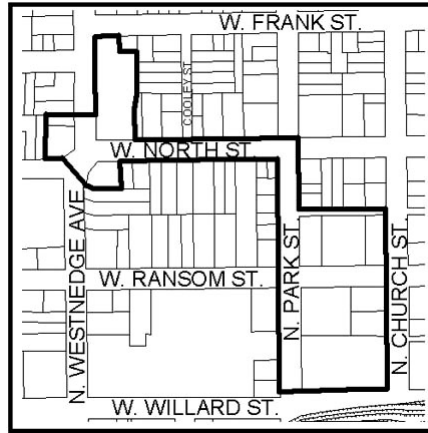
Everyone will continue to pay property taxes levied to finance local bonded indebtedness or special assessments, so as not to jeopardize the community's current bonds. Kalamazoo Public Schools currently collect about 4.08 mills to retire bonds. This amount could change (up or down) during the term of the Renaissance Zone program.

Kalamazoo's Renaissance Zone designation began January 1, 2001 and lasts for 15 years. The final three years of the zone will begin a phase-in of taxation. In the year 2013, taxpayers will pay 25% of their full tax liability; 50% in the year 2014; 75% in the year 2015; and 100% after year 2015.

Where is the Renaissance Zone?

Kalamazoo's Renaissance Zone contains five areas, as illustrated in the maps below and on the back cover.

Area 1:



Area 2:



Area 3:



Area 4:



Area 5:

