

NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAXES

State of Minnesota

District Court

County of Swift

8th Judicial District

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING DELINQUENT TAX LIST

A list of real property in Swift County on which delinquent real property taxes and penalties are due has been filed with the District Court Administrator of Swift County. This list is published to inform all persons that the listed property is subject to forfeiture because of delinquent taxes.

The property owner, taxpayer, or other interested persons must either pay the tax and penalty plus interest and costs or file a written objection with the District Court Administrator. The objection must be filed by March 31, 2017, stating the reason why the tax or penalty is not due on the property. If no objection is filed, a court judgment will be entered against the property for the unpaid tax, penalty, interest, and costs.

For property under court judgment, the period of redemption begins on May 8, 2017. The period of redemption means the time within which taxes must be paid to avoid losing the property through forfeiture. The period of redemptions is three years, with a handful of exceptions. The redemption period is one year for most properties located in a targeted neighborhood, as defined in the Minnesota laws, and for municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The redemption period is five-weeks for certain abandoned or vacant properties.

You may also enter into a confession of judgment as an alternative method of paying off the delinquent tax amount and avoiding forfeiture. This allows you to pay the delinquent balance in equal annual installments with a down payment due at the time you confess judgment. The length of the installment plan varies: 5 years for commercial-industrial/public utility property; 10 years for all other properties.

If you have homesteaded property, you may be eligible for a Senior Citizens' Property Tax Deferral, which enables seniors to pay just 3% of their total household income and allow remaining amounts to become a lien on the property that may be deferred for later payment (perhaps upon eventual sale of the property).

It should also be noted by property homesteaders that you are ineligible to receive the Property Tax Refund while you owe delinquent property tax.

To determine how much interest and costs must be added to the tax in full, contact the Swift County Auditor's Office, Swift County Courthouse, 301 14th Street North, PO Box 207, Benson, MN 56215. You may also contact the Auditor's Office at 320-843-4069 or kim.saterbak@co.swift.mn.us

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