Delinquent Tax Sale to take place Dec. 7 for Charleston County

2014 taxes must be paid by December 4, 2015 to avoid sale

Charleston County’s Delinquent Tax Division will hold the annual delinquent tax sale on Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, beginning at 9 a.m. in Charleston County Council Chambers in the Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building located at 4045 Bridge View Drive in North Charleston. If the sale is not concluded on Dec. 7, it will continue at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8 and subsequent days as needed in the same location and time until all properties are sold. Properties will be sold in the following order: 1) Real Estate, 2) Mobile Homes and all in alphabetical order according to the owner’s last name or business name.

No delinquent tax payments for tax year 2014 on real estate or mobile homes are taken on the day(s) of the tax sale. To prevent property from being sold, all payments must be in the Charleston County Treasurer’s Office by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4, 2015. Payment must be made only by cash or certified funds (no personal or company checks will be accepted).

For full details including bidder information and registration, visit http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/delinquent-tax/tax-sale.php

Charleston County Delinquent Tax Sale video: https://youtu.be/VeAF3niCtD4

Delinquent Tax Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How can I purchase properties seized for non-payment of taxes?
A: Attend the tax sales held periodically throughout the year. The dates of delinquent tax sales are advertised in local newspapers before each sale.

Q: Can I make payments on my delinquent taxes or redeem my property in installments?
A: No. The County cannot take partial payments on delinquent tax bills or for redemptions.

Q: What methods of payment are accepted for delinquent taxes?
A: Through Dec. 4, 2015 at 5 p.m., the only acceptable forms of payment are: cash, money orders and certified funds. Please call the Delinquent Tax office at (843) 202-6570 for details.
Q: If I pay someone else's delinquent tax bill, does the property become mine?
A: No. Anyone can pay a tax bill. However, payment of someone else's tax bill does not give one claim to the property.

Q: If my property is sold at a delinquent tax sale, can I get it back?
A: When real property or mobile homes are sold at a delinquent tax sale, the defaulting taxpayer has one year from the date of the sale to redeem the property. In order to redeem property before it is conveyed to a new owner, the defaulting taxpayer must pay the redemption amount. This consists of the taxes, interest on the bid amount (the amount for which the property was sold at the tax sale), plus penalties and levy costs.

Q: If my property is sold at a delinquent tax sale, what happens to any leftover money after the taxes, penalties, levy costs and interest are paid?
A: The Delinquent Tax Office creates an overage when the bid amount exceeds the delinquent taxes, penalties, levy costs and current year's taxes. If the property is conveyed to the bidder, the defaulting taxpayer is entitled to the overage. If the delinquent taxpayer redeems the property, the bid amount plus interest is returned to the bidder.

For more information, contact the Delinquent Tax office at (843) 202-6570.

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