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Sheriff Sale Information

Date & Time of Sale: First Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m.
Location: Commissioners Court Room, Galveston County Courthouse 1st floor,
722 Moody, Galveston, Texas

Properties are advertised 21 days prior to the sale in The Post and are listed on bulletin boards at County offices. More detailed information is currently available at www.taxesales.lgbs.com and www.pbfcm.com/taxsale.html.

Sheriff Sales are open to the public. Those wishing to participate in the bidding process must register or check in prior to the sale to obtain a bidder number. Absentee bidding is NOT permitted. Successful bidders must remit full payment on sale day no later than 4:00 pm in the form of cash, cashier's check, or money order (**payable to Galveston County Sheriff's Office**). Financing is NOT available. Properties not sold at auction are struck off to one of the taxing entities (see Resale of Struck Off Properties below).

Successful bidders must apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (see following pages) by submitting a completed application along with a \$10.00 processing fee at any GCTO office. Certificates will be mailed upon completion of the research. The Certificate of Eligibility and a \$30.00 money order or cashier's check payable to the Galveston County Clerk must be submitted to the Sheriff's Department in order for the deed to be prepared and recorded. Buyers will receive a copy of the deed once it is filed. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Captain Pete SiFuentes, Galveston County Sheriff's Department, at (409) 766-2401.

Redemption Periods & Fees

Redemption periods begin the date the deed is recorded. Homestead and agricultural exempt properties may be redeemed up to two (2) years from deed recording. All other properties may be redeemed within six (6) months of recording. Redemption fees due buyer are as follow:

Homestead or Ag: First Year: Price of Sale + 25% All Others: Six Months: Price of Sale + 25%
Second Year: Price of Sale + 50%

Resale of Struck Off Properties

Properties not sold at the auction are struck off to a taxing entity and sold by a resale committee. Contact either delinquent law firm for additional information on these property sales. Bid forms are required.

Linebarger, et al www.publicans.com 409-948-3401 judy.fuller@lgbs.com
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Other Legal Matters to Consider When Purchasing Property at Tax Sales

All properties – whether sold at the Sheriff Sale or Resale are sold "as is" with regard to title and physical condition of the property. If you have questions, consult your attorney.

Bidders or buyers of Sheriff Sale or Resale property are strongly encouraged to do their own title research before bidding or purchasing property at delinquent tax sales. Property taxes may be due outside of the years included in the Sheriff Sale. **Be certain to do your homework!**

Properties are frequently removed from a sale. Contact the Property Tax Department for cancellations or visit law firm websites referenced above.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Mortgage foreclosure information is available on the County Clerk's website by owner name. If the owner name is not known, information can be obtained in person at the County Clerk's Office. Copies are \$1/page. Galveston County is not involved in these sales.