# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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#### RUSH COUNTY TAX FORECLOSURE SALE SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M.

# **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The real estate tax foreclosure auction is scheduled for the 4th day of September, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of selling those properties which are delinquent on taxes and have not been redeemed. The following is the procedure for the tax sale:

#### 1. WHO IS PROHIBITED FROM BIDDING

If you have questions or unsure as to the prohibition on who can or cannot purchase real property, you need to consult with a private attorney because you will be signing an affidavit which states that you have sworn or affirmed that you are legally permitted to do so.

A. The Kansas Statutes prohibits certain persons from purchasing real property at a tax sale. The following persons CANNOT PURCHASE PROPERTY AT THE TAX SALE, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY:

- 1. Any person having the right to redeem real property in the tax sale. In other words, if any of your real property is in the tax sale then you are prohibited from purchasing any real property in the tax sale. K.S.A. 79 2804g(a)(1).
- 2. Any parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, spouse, sibling, trustee, or trust beneficiary of any person as described in paragraph A. In other words, no relative, to this degree, can bid for you on your real property that you are prohibited from bidding on. The relatives, to this degree and other relatives can bid on all other property in the tax sale. This statute also applies to Trusts. K.S.A. 79-2804g(a)(2).
- 3. With respect to a corporation owning real property in the tax sale, no current or former stockholder, current or former officer or director, or any relatives, to the same degree as in paragraph B, who are related to any current or former stockholder, current or former officer or director. K.S.A. 79 2804g(a)(3).
- 4. If a person is the record owner of real estate upon which there is delinquent real estate or delinquent special assessments in existence at the time of the tax sale, the person cannot bid. If you owe delinquent real estate property or special assessments taxes when the sale starts, you cannot bid at the tax sale, even though the taxes due are not on real estate in this tax foreclosure sale. K.S.A. 79-2812

# 2. PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY BOUGHT

K.S.A. 79-2804g(c) provides that if any real property purchased at this tax sale is transferred, sold, given or otherwise conveyed to any person who had a statutory right to redeem such real property, within ten (10) years from the date of the public auction, the person who had the right to redeem such property shall be liable for an amount equal to the original judgment lien and interest therein from the date of the public auction. In other words if

you cannot purchase real property at the tax sale, you cannot have real property from the tax sale conveyed to you from a buyer at the tax sale within 10 years from date of the tax sale without the above stated penalty.

#### 3. AFFIDAVIT REQUIREMENT

The purchaser will be required to sign an affidavit affirming that he/she is not purchasing the property in violation of K.S.A. 79 2804g and all other

### 4. BID AMOUNT

The minimum bid is \$100.00. The high bidder will be the purchaser of

## 5. WHAT YOU GET IF YOU PURCHASE PROPERTY

A. After the sale is confirmed by the District Court, the Sheriff will file with the Register of Deeds a Sheriffs Deed. When the Deed is filed, it vests in the purchaser, as against all persons, including but not limited to, corporations and municipal corporation which were parties to the proceedings, a fee simple title, subject to only valid covenants running with the land and valid easements of record, in use and subject to taxes and interest which have become a lien thereon, subsequent to the date on which the judgment was rendered. The Deed is prima facie evidence of the regularity of the proceedings prior to the date of filing of the same for recording. K.S.A. 79-2804

B. THIS IS NOT A WARRANTY DEED; a Sheriffs Deed is similar to a Ouitclaim Deed.

C. The Sheriffs Deed will be based upon the legal description. The legal description is what is being conveyed in the tax sale. If the legal description and the common description differ, the legal description controls.

D. The purchaser purchases the property described in the legal description. The County does not warrant that any personal property on the property stays with the property. For example, if there is a mobile home on a lot on which you are bidding, the mobile home may or may not be conveyed. You will need to seek advice of your attorney regarding this issue.

E. All property is sold in its present condition, as is, with no warranties of any kind, either express or implied, conveyed by this sale. There are no warranties of any kind as to title, other than as set forth by statute, K.S.A. 79-2804.

F. If the real estate is not sold at the tax sale, the ownership remains with the present owner of record.

G. Whoever purchases property at the real estate tax foreclosure sale is responsible for the 2025 property taxes and special assessments and for all subsequent years. Taxes through 2024 are included in the sale.

#### 6. HOW THE SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED

A. All bidders must register and obtain a number to be used during the

auction. All bidders must be at least 18 years of age and must provide a valid photo drivers license or identification card. Do not register under any name but your own. List your current mailing address for mailing tax statements. Anyone wishing to register as a Corporation or other legal entity other than an individual must have approval from the County Attorney, which will require full disclosure of partners, officers, directors and stockholders to determine eligibility.

B. The auction will proceed in the numerical sequence of tracts which have not been redeemed. The lower numbered tracts will sell first and the higher numbered tracts will sell last.

C. If you are the successful bidder, you will first sign an affidavit which indicates that you are not buying the property, for yourself or others, in violation of state statutes. After signing the affidavit, you will be required to make a payment in full for the price which you have bid in addition to the filing fee for the Register of Deeds office. The filing fee is \$38.00 (\$21.00 for the first page and \$17.00 for the second page.)

An example of your transaction, if you buy a property for \$150.00, you must pay \$188.00 before you receive your Certificate of Purchase.

D. TERMS OF PAYMENT: The Clerk of the District Court will accept either CASH, MONEY ORDERS, PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. The sale is not valid until the purchase price is paid in full. All checks will be deposited immediately by the Clerk of the District Court following the sale.

E. You will then receive a Certificate of Purchase which evidences your purchase of the property.

F. After the Sheriff sale, the sale must be confirmed by the District Court of Rush County. After the District Court of Rush County, Kansas confirms the sale, the Sheriff is directed to prepare Sheriff Deeds. The Sheriff executes those deeds and delivers them to the Register of Deeds, where they are filed of record. It is imperative that, at the time of the purchase, you give the Clerk of the District Court a valid address. Expect four to six weeks before the Court approves the sale and your deed is filed.

#### G. REGISTRATION WILL START at 9:00 a.m.

The actual auction will be conducted by the Rush County Sheriff, Mark A. Knowles. Afterwards, there will be a table set up for you to sign your affidavit, pay your money and receive your Certificate of Purchase.

If you intend to bid on property, you will need to do your own research on the property you intend on purchasing. It is important that you realize that if you buy a property, you are buying it in its present condition, as is, with no warranties of any kind, either express or implied, conveyed by the County. The County is simply selling property for unredeemed taxes as authorized by statute. The County at no time is involved in the chain of title on any of the properties being sold at today's sale. The procedure of the sale is subject to change the day of the sale.

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