

****NOTICE****

NEW LEGISLATION CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX FORECLOSURE SALES

HOUSE BILL 335, PASSED IN THE 78TH SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE, BECAME EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2003. **THIS LAW APPLIES TO A SHERIFF'S SALE CONDUCTED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2003.** THIS NEW LEGISLATION REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING:

1. YOU MUST COMPLETE AND HAVE NOTARIZED A "REQUEST FOR WRITTEN STATEMENT REGARDING DELINQUENT TAXES" FROM FORT BEND COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE. THIS FORM CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FORT BEND COUNTY TAX OFFICE. BASED ON YOUR REQUEST, YOU WILL BE ISSUED A WRITTEN STATEMENT REGARDING DELINQUENT TAXES OR A STATEMENT OF NO TAX DUE SIGNED BY THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR. THE WRITTEN STATEMENT EXPIRES ON THE 90TH DAY AFTER THE DATE ISSUED. **AN OFFICER CONDUCTING A SALE OF REAL PROPERTY MAY NOT EXECUTE OR DELIVER A DEED TO THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY UNLESS THE PURCHASER EXHIBITS TO THE OFFICER AN UNEXPIRED WRITTEN STATEMENT.**
2. AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BID ON OR PURCHASE PROPERTY IN THE NAME OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL. THE OFFICER CONDUCTING THE SALE MAY NOT EXECUTE A DEED IN THE NAME OF OR DELIVER A DEED TO ANY PERSON OTHER THAN THE PERSON WHO WAS THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER.
3. THERE WILL BE A \$10.00 CHARGE FOR EACH WRITTEN STATEMENT REQUESTED.

A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THIS SECTION OF THE LAW COMMITS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR.