

# Des Moines County Treasurer's Office

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## 2011 TAX SALE BIDDER INFORMATION

The annual tax sale is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in June at 10:00A.M.

**This year's sale will be held June 20th at Comfort Suites, 1780 Stonegate Ctr Dr, Burlington, Iowa**

Information about this location and the amenities available there can be found online at [www.comfortsuites.com/hotel-burlington-iowa-IA107](http://www.comfortsuites.com/hotel-burlington-iowa-IA107)

The annual tax sale is advertised in The Hawk Eye newspaper, Burlington, IA during the first week of June. Copies of the newspaper listing may be obtained from The Hawk Eye, 800 S Main St., Burlington, IA 52601 or by calling 319-754-8461.

Delinquent tax lists are available from the Treasurer's Office in paper form for a cost of .50 cents per page (choice of letter-size paper or computer green bar), plus mailing costs, or in electronic format for \$125.00. Since delinquent taxes on many parcels will be paid after we mail out the May 1<sup>st</sup> delinquent tax notices to property owners, it would be best to wait until late May to request the list.

Registration for the tax sale must be done by 4:00P.M. **on the Friday 10 DAYS PRIOR to the sale.**

**\*\*NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER 4:00PM FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2011\*\***

You must complete a **Des Moines County** Tax Sale registration form, giving us certain required information and affirming that you will abide by our tax sale rules. A W-9 form is also required. All forms must be completed with the official unabbreviated IRS name for the bidder name.

**You must comply with IA Code Section 446.16(4):** "to be authorized to register to bid or to bid at a tax sale or to own a tax sale certificate, a person, other than an individual, must have a federal tax identification number and either a designation of agent for service of process on file with the secretary of state or a verified statement meeting the requirements of chapter 547 on file with the county recorder of the county in which the person wishes to register to bid or to bid at tax sale or of the county where the property that is the subject of the tax sale certificate is located."

There will be a \$25.00 registration fee per bidder due at the time of registration.

Tax sale purchasers must attend the sale in person or send an authorized agent. If an agent will be bidding on behalf of the tax sale purchaser, a **Des Moines County** Authorization to Represent Bidder form must be submitted to designate who that agent will be. There will be a \$25.00 fee to register your authorized agent. This also must be done BY FRIDAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2011. If you need to make a substitution in your authorized agent, you may do so until Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, and there will be a \$10.00 fee. Bidders and agents must be at least 18 years of age. **An agent may represent only one bidder.**

Spectators can be accommodated only if sufficient seating room is available. No children are permitted to attend the sale.

The bidding will be done in the order of the newspaper listing, one parcel at a time. The bidding will start at 100% interest in the property and go down if necessary. In case of tie bids, the purchaser will be determined by a random selection method.

No mail, phone or fax bids will be accepted.

Payment will be due at the end of the sale, as soon as the Treasurer's Office can total each purchaser's certificates. In addition to the tax sale amount, there is a \$20.00 certificate fee per parcel and a \$5.00 mailing fee per bidder.

Cashier's checks and personal checks are both accepted. **We prefer to have only one check per "team" of tax sale bidders.**

In the event a bidder purchases a parcel for which they already hold a previous certificate, the payment will be added as subsequent taxes to the existing certificate. Since the bidder should not bid on such a parcel to begin with, the bidder could be barred from future sales.

The Tax Sale certificates will be processed and ready for pick-up or mailing within 10 - 14 days after the sale.

If a parcel is sold and the Treasurer later determines it should not have been sold, the tax sale purchaser must surrender the certificate and they will be refunded the amount paid at the time of the sale. No interest will be paid.

It will be the tax sale purchaser's responsibility to contact our office **no more than two times per month** to see if there have been any redemptions.

If redemption of a tax sale certificate is not made within the time allowed by law, the certificate holder may begin the procedure to obtain a deed. For details, refer to the Iowa Code Chapter 447 - Tax Sale Redemptions. If a certificate is not redeemed and action to obtain deed is not completed within the three years from its issuance, the certificate will be cancelled, without prior notification to the certificate holder.

Please refer to the following Iowa Code Chapters for further information:

- Chapter 446 – Tax Sales
- Chapter 447 – Tax Sale Redemption
- Chapter 448 – Tax Deed

Adjourned tax sales are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of August, October, December, February and April at 10:00A.M. in the Treasurer's office. **As with the regular annual tax sale in June, you must register by 4:00P.M. on the Friday 10 days prior to the sale and no mail, phone or fax bids will be accepted.**

This document provides general information relative to tax sales and is not all-inclusive.

Brenda A. Buck  
Des Moines County Treasurer

**DES MOINES COUNTY  
TAX SALE REGISTRATION**

Bidder # \_\_\_\_\_  
\$25.00 Registration Fee Paid? \_\_\_\_\_

**June 20, 2011  
Annual Tax Sale and Subsequent Adjournments Thereof**

The undersigned do hereby register as bidder(s) at the Des Moines County Annual Tax Sale to be held June 20, 2011, and subsequent adjournments thereof, and have received a copy of “**DES MOINES COUNTY TAX SALE BIDDER INFORMATION**”, and hereby acknowledge and agree that by placing a bid at the annual tax sale or subsequent adjournments, the undersigned will comply with and be bound by the terms and conditions therein.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(All Tax Sale Certificates & Deeds will be issued in the name(s) as listed above, which must be the same as on the W-9 Form.)

I am registering as an **INDIVIDUAL**, Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering as a **CORPORATION**, FEIN No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(A Designation of Agent for Service has been filed with the Secretary of State.)

I am registering as a **BUSINESS**, FEIN No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(A Statement of Trade Name of Business has been filed with the County Recorder.)

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

W-9 completed - Yes No      Certificates to be - Mailed ? Picked Up ?

**You must be registered, with the \$25.00 registration fee paid, and have submitted a notarized statement designating an agent on your behalf if you yourself are not attending, prior to 4:00 pm on the Friday 10 days prior to the sale.**

The day of the tax sale, you will be required to show a photo ID in order to pick up your bidder number.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DES MOINES COUNTY  
AUTHORIZATION TO REPRESENT BIDDER**

Bidder # \_\_\_\_\_  
\$25.00 Agent Fee Pd? \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print Bidder's name as it appears on the Registration form)

authorize \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name of your representative)

to act as my/our agent/personal representative at the June 2011 tax sale and adjourned sales, thereof.

**I/We realize this person will be required to show a photo ID when picking up their bidder number prior to the start of the sale.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

Subscribed and sworn to me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary

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