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## CHAPTER 279

## **DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES**

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## 279.01 DUE DATE; PENALTIES, INTEREST.

Subdivision 1. Except as provided in subdivision 3, on May 16, of each year, with respect to property actually occupied and used as a homestead by the owner of the property, a penalty of three percent shall accrue and thereafter be charged upon all unpaid taxes on real estate on the current lists in the hands of the county treasurer, and a penalty of seven percent on nonhomestead property, except that this penalty shall not accrue until June 1 of each year on commercial use real property used for seasonal residential recreational purposes and classified as class 4d or 4c, and on other commercial use real property classified as class 3a, provided that over 60 percent of the gross income earned by the enterprise on the class 3a property is earned during the months of May, June, July, and August. Any property owner of such class 3a property who pays the first half of the tax due on the property after May 15 and before June 1 shall attach an affidavit to the payment attesting to compliance with the income provision of this subdivision. Thereafter, for both homestead and nonhomestead property, on the 16th day of each month, up to and including October 16 following, an additional penalty of one percent for each month shall accrue and be charged on all such unpaid taxes. When the taxes against any tract or lot exceed \$50, one-half thereof may be paid prior to May 16; and, if so paid, no penalty shall attach; the remaining one-half shall be paid at any time prior to October 16 following, without penalty; but, if not so paid, then a penalty of four percent shall accrue thereon for homestead property and a penalty of four percent on nonhomestead property. Thereafter, for homestead property, on the 16th day of each month up to and including December 16 following, an additional penalty of two percent for each month shall accrue and be charged on all such unpaid taxes. Thereafter, for nonhomestead property, on the 16th day of each month up to and including December 16 following, an additional penalty of four percent for each month shall accrue and be charged on all such unpaid taxes. If one-half of such taxes shall not be paid prior to May 16, the same may be paid at any time prior to October 16, with accrued penalties to the date of payment added, and thereupon no penalty shall attach to the remaining one-half until October 16 following.

A county may provide by resolution that in the case of a property owner that has multiple tracts or parcels with aggregate taxes exceeding \$50, payments may be made in installments as provided in this subdivision.

The county treasurer may accept payments of more or less than the exact amount of a tax installment due. If the accepted payment is less than the amount due, payments must be applied first to the penalty accrued for the year the payment is made. Acceptance of partial payment of tax does not constitute a waiver of the minimum payment required as a condition for filing an appeal under section 278.03 or any other law, nor does it affect the order of payment of delinquent taxes under section 280.39.

[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1986]

#### History: 1987 c 268 art 6 s 43; art 7 s 48

**NOTE:** Except where provided otherwise, the amendment to subdivision 1 by Laws 1987, chapter 268, article 6, section 43, is effective for taxes levied in 1988, payable in 1989 and thereafter. See Laws 1987, chapter 268, article 6, section 54.

## 279.06 COPY OF LIST AND NOTICE.

Within five days after the filing of such list, the court administrator shall return a copy thereof to the county auditor, with a notice prepared and signed by the court administrator, and attached thereto, which may be substantially in the following form:

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"State of Minnesota	)
	) ss.
County of	)

District Court ...... Judicial District.

The state of Minnesota, to all persons, companies, or corporations who have or claim any estate, right, title, or interest in, claim to, or lien upon, any of the several parcels of land described in the list hereto attached:

The list of taxes and penalties on real property for the county of ..... remaining delinquent on the first Monday in January, 19...., has been filed in the office of the court administrator of the district court of said county, of which that hereto attached is a copy. Therefore, you, and each of you, are hereby required to file in the office of said court administrator, on or before the 20th day after the publication of this notice and list, your answer, in writing, setting forth any objection or defense you may have to the taxes, or any part thereof, upon any parcel of land described in the list, in, to, or on which you have or claim any estate, right, title, interest, claim, or lien, and, in default thereof, judgment will be entered against such parcel of land for the taxes on such list appearing against it, and for all penalties, interest, and costs. Based upon said judgment, the land shall be sold to the state of Minnesota on the second Monday in May, 19... The period of redemption for all lands sold to the state at a tax judgment sale shall be three years from the date of sale to the state of Minnesota if the land is within an incorporated area unless it is: (a) nonagricultural homesteaded land as defined in section 273.13, subdivision 22; (b) homesteaded agricultural land as defined in section 273.13, subdivision 23, paragraph (a); or (c) seasonal recreational land as defined in section 273.13, subdivision 25, paragraph (d)(1) or (c)(4), in which event the period of redemption is five years from the date of sale to the state of Minnesota.

The period of redemption for all other lands sold to the state at a tax judgment sale shall be five years from the date of sale.

Inquiries as to the proceedings set forth above can be made to the county auditor of ..... county whose address is .......

(Signed) .....,

Court Administrator of the District Court of the County of

(Here insert list.)

The list referred to in the notice shall be substantially in the following form:

List of real property for the county of ....., on which taxes remain delinquent on the first Monday in January, 19...:

Town of (Fairfield),

Township (40), Range (20),

Names (and Current Filed Addresses) for the Taxpayers and Fee Owners and in Addition Those Parties Who Have Filed

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Their Addresses Pursuant to section 276.041	Subdivision of Section	Section	Tax Parcel Number \$ cts	Total Tax and Penalty
section 276.041 John Jones (825 Fremont Fairfield, MN 55000) Bruce Smith (2059 Hand Fairfield, MN 55000) and Fairfield State Bank (100 Main Street Fairfield, MN 55000)	S.E. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 That part of N.E. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 desc. as follows: Beg. at the S.E. corner of said N.E. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4; thence N. along the E. line of said N.E. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 a distance of 600 ft.; thence W. parallel with the S. line of said N.E. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 a distance of 600 ft.; thence S. parallel with said E. line a distance of 600 ft. to S. line of said N.E. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4;	10	Number \$ cts. 23101	and Penalty 2.20
	thence E. along said S line a distance of 600 ft. to the point of beg	. 21	33211	3.15

As to platted property, the form of heading shall conform to circumstances and be substantially in the following form:

City of (Smithtown)

## Brown's Addition, or Subdivision

Names (and Current Filed Addresses) for the Taxpayers and Fee Owners and in Addition Those Parties Who have Filed Their Addresses			Тах	
				Total Tar
Pursuant to	-	<u>.</u>	Parcel	Total Tax
section 276.041	Lot	Block	Number \$ cts.	and Penalty
John Jones (825 Fremont Fairfield, MN 55000)	15	9	58243	2.20
Bruce Smith (2059 Hand Fairfield, MN 55000) and	16	9	58244	3.15

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Fairfield State Bank (100 Main Street Fairfield, MN 55000)

The names, descriptions, and figures employed in parentheses in the above forms are merely for purposes of illustration.

The name of the town, township, range or city, and addition or subdivision, as the case may be, shall be repeated at the head of each column of the printed lists as brought forward from the preceding column.

Errors in the list shall not be deemed to be a material defect to affect the validity of the judgment and sale.

#### History: 1987 c 268 art 6 s 44

NOTE: Except where provided otherwise, this section, as amended by Laws 1987, chapter 268, article 6, section 44, is effective for taxes levied in 1988, payable in 1989 and thereafter. See Laws 1987, chapter 268, article 6, section 54.