

CHAPTER 383A

RAMSEY COUNTY

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383A.288. COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 3. Eligibility for competitive open examinations. (a) Competitive open examinations shall, upon public notice, be open to all applicants who meet reasonable job related requirements fixed by the personnel department.

(b) Employees in the classified service with permanent tenure who pass an open competitive examination shall have added to their final examination score one point for each year of permanent tenure up to a maximum of ten points. This credit shall not be used for examinations for supervisory positions. During the term of any joint powers agreement between the city of Saint Paul and Ramsey county joining a city of Saint Paul department or program and a Ramsey county department or program into a combined department or program under the direction of Ramsey county, Ramsey county may allow classified employees of the affected city of Saint Paul department, who pass an open competitive examination to have added to their final examination score one point for each year of permanent tenure in the classified service of the city of Saint Paul, up to a maximum of ten points, in open competitive examinations to fill vacancies in county positions only in the combined department or program.

Subd. 4. Eligibility for competitive promotional examinations. Competitive promotional examinations shall be open only to permanent and probationary employees of the classified service. The personnel department may limit competition to employees of one or more departments, or to employees meeting specified employment requirements. During the term of any joint powers agreement between the city of Saint Paul and Ramsey county joining a city of Saint Paul department or program and a Ramsey county department or program into a combined department or program under the direction of Ramsey county, Ramsey county may allow classified employees of the city of Saint Paul department or program and classified employees of the Ramsey county department or program, so combined, to be considered as employees of the classified service of a single Ramsey county department for the purpose of this subdivision.

[For text of subds 5 and 6, see M.S.2000]

History: 2001 c 9 s 1,2; 2001 c 201 s 1

383A.76 TAX-FORFEITED LANDS.

Subdivision 1. Sale; valuation. The Ramsey county board may sell tax-forfeited lands in the county to an organized or incorporated governmental subdivision of the state for any public purpose for which the subdivision is authorized to acquire property. In the case of tax-forfeited land in the county which a governmental subdivision has requested for housing purposes, the county board may sell that property to the requesting subdivision for the specified housing use at a value, which may be less than its appraised value, as determined by the county board. Factors that may be considered by the county board in determining value for lands to be held for a permitted public purpose or redeveloped under chapter 469 include the projected gap financing and public subsidy needed for a redevelopment project, expected increases in property taxes, before and after redevelopment appraised values, the potential use of the property for affordable housing, environmental contamination and pollution, site preparation and infrastructure costs, and any other relevant factors. The commissioner of revenue shall convey by deed in the name of the state a tract of tax-forfeited land

held in trust in favor of the taxing districts to a governmental subdivision for an authorized public use, if an application is submitted to the commissioner. The application must include a statement of facts as to the use to be made of the tract, the need for it, and the recommendation of the county board. Property conveyed under this section for a value that is less than its appraised value cannot be included in a tax increment financing district. To the extent the provisions of chapter 282 are not inconsistent with this section, the provisions of chapter 282 apply to the sale of tax forfeited land in Ramsey county.

Subd. 2. Use of land. For lands located within Ramsey county, the deed of conveyance of tax-forfeited land to an organized or incorporated governmental subdivision of the state for an authorized use must be on a form approved by the attorney general and must be conditioned on continued use for the purpose stated in the application. If the governing body of the governmental subdivision determines by resolution after public hearing that some other public use should be made of the lands, the changed use may be made upon filing with the county recorder or registrar of titles a certified copy of the resolution and without conveying the lands back to the state and securing a new conveyance for the new public use. Permitted public uses under this section include street, storm water ponding, drainage, parks, watershed, wetlands, library, fire and police stations, utility easements, and public facilities.

Subd. 3. Reverter of land. When a subdivision to which tax-forfeited land has been conveyed for a housing purpose at a value of less than the appraised value, fails to pass a resolution designating a developer or approving a redevelopment contract within three years of the date of conveyance, the Ramsey county board may by resolution declare the land to have reverted to the state, and shall serve a notice of reversion, with a copy of the declaration, by certified mail to the subdivision and shall reimburse the subdivision for the consideration for the lands from the tax-forfeited sale fund. The Ramsey county board shall file for record with the Ramsey county recorder or registrar of titles a certified copy of the declaration of reversion and proof of service. A certificate made by a subdivision referring to a conveyance made to it and stating that it has passed a resolution designating a developer or approving a redevelopment contract for a housing redevelopment project may be filed with the Ramsey county recorder or registrar of titles, and the right of reverter in favor of the state under this section will then terminate.

Subd. 4. Report by subdivision. Each subdivision to which tax-forfeited lands have been conveyed under this section for a value of less than its appraised value must file a report with the commissioner of revenue by September 1, 2004, and by September 1 of each third year thereafter. The report shall contain a description of the lands conveyed to it, a status of the development efforts for the lands, the intended or actual uses being made of the lands, and the amount of property taxes being paid on the lands. The commissioner shall retain each report for a minimum of ten years. Failure of a subdivision to file a report shall be cause for the commissioner to declare a reversion of the parcel under section 282.01, subdivision 1e.

History: 1Sp2001 c 5 art 3 s 66

383A.80 RAMSEY COUNTY DEED AND MORTGAGE TAX.

Subdivision 1. Authority to impose; rate. (a) The governing body of Ramsey county may impose a mortgage registry and deed tax.

(b) The rate of the mortgage registry tax equals .0001 of the principal.

(c) The rate of the deed tax equals .0001 of the amount.

[For text of subs 2 to 4, see M.S.2000]

History: 1Sp2001 c 5 art 7 s 61