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**580.001 MS 2006 [Renumbered 15.001]****580.01 LIMITATION.**

Subject to the provisions of section 541.03, any mortgage of real estate containing a power of sale, upon default being made in any condition thereof, may be foreclosed by advertisement.

**History:** (9602) *RL s 4457; 1953 c 277 s 1*

**580.02 REQUISITES FOR FORECLOSURE.**

To entitle any party to make such foreclosure, it is requisite:

(1) that some default in a condition of such mortgage has occurred, by which the power to sell has become operative;

(2) that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part;

(3) that the mortgage has been recorded and, if it has been assigned, that all assignments thereof have been recorded; provided, that, if the mortgage is upon registered land, it shall be sufficient if the mortgage and all assignments thereof have been duly registered; and

(4) before the notice of pendency as required under section 580.032 is recorded, the party has complied with section 580.021.

**History:** (9603) RL s 4458; 2008 c 341 art 5 s 6

### **580.021 FORECLOSURE PREVENTION COUNSELING.**

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** This section applies to foreclosure of mortgages by advertisement under this chapter and foreclosure of mortgages by action under chapter 581 on property consisting of one to four family dwelling units, one of which the owner occupies as the owner's principal place of residency when the notice of pendency under section 580.032 or the lis pendens for a foreclosure under chapter 581 is recorded.

Subd. 2. **Requirement to provide notice of opportunity for counseling.** Before the notice of pendency under section 580.032, subdivision 3, or the lis pendens for a foreclosure under chapter 581 is recorded, a party foreclosing a mortgage must provide to the mortgagor information contained in a form prescribed in section 580.022, subdivision 1, that:

(1) foreclosure prevention counseling services provided by an authorized foreclosure prevention counseling agency are available; and

(2) the party will transmit the homeowner's name, address, and telephone number to an approved foreclosure prevention agency.

The notices required by this subdivision may be provided concurrently with a written notice of default.

For the purposes of this section, an "authorized foreclosure prevention counseling agency" or "counseling agency" is a government agency or a nonprofit agency funded, all or in part, for foreclosure prevention services, by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency or the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, or otherwise approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide foreclosure prevention counseling services.

Subd. 3. **Notification to authorized counseling agency.** The party entitled to foreclose shall, within one week of sending the notice prescribed in section 580.022, provide to the appropriate authorized foreclosure prevention agency the mortgagor's name, address, and most recent known telephone number.

Subd. 4. **Notice of provision of counseling; request for contact information.** (a) An authorized foreclosure prevention agency that contacts or is contacted by a mortgagor or the mortgagor's authorized representative and agrees to provide foreclosure prevention assistance services to the mortgagor or representative must provide the form prescribed in section 580.022 to the mortgagee. The form serves as notice to the mortgagee that the mortgagor is receiving foreclosure prevention counseling assistance.

(b) The mortgagee must return the form to the authorized foreclosure prevention agency within 15 days of receipt of the form with the name and telephone number of the mortgagee's agent. The agent must be a person authorized by the mortgagee to:

(1) discuss with the authorized foreclosure prevention agency or the mortgagor the terms of the mortgage; and

(2) negotiate any resolution to the mortgagor's default.

(c) Nothing in this subdivision requires a mortgagee to reach a resolution relating to the mortgagor's default.

**History:** 2008 c 341 art 5 s 7; 2009 c 123 s 5; 2009 c 130 s 3,4

### **580.022 FORMS.**

Subdivision 1. **Counseling form.** The notice required under section 580.021, subdivision 2, clause (2), must be printed on colored paper that is other than the color of any other document provided with it and must appear substantially as follows:

#### **"PREFORECLOSURE NOTICE**

#### **Foreclosure Prevention Counseling**

#### **Why You Are Getting This Notice**

We do not want you to lose your home and your equity. Government-approved nonprofit agencies are available to, if possible, help you prevent foreclosure.

We have given your contact information to an authorized foreclosure prevention counseling agency to contact you to help you prevent foreclosure.

#### **Who Are These Foreclosure Prevention Counseling Agencies**

They are nonprofit agencies who are experts in housing and foreclosure prevention counseling and assistance. They are experienced in dealing with lenders and homeowners who are behind on mortgage payments and can help you understand your options and work with you to address your delinquency. They are approved by either the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency or the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. They are not connected with us in any way.

#### **Which Agency Will Contact You**

[insert name, address, and telephone number of agency]

You can also contact them directly."

Subd. 2. **Notice of Counseling and Request for Contact Information form.** The notice required in section 580.021, subdivision 4, must be substantially in the following form:

#### **"PREFORECLOSURE NOTICE**

#### **NOTICE OF PROVISION OF FORECLOSURE PREVENTION COUNSELING AND REQUEST FOR MORTGAGEE CONTACT INFORMATION**

[Insert agency name] has been contacted by your customer regarding foreclosure prevention counseling in response to the current foreclosure proceedings involving the customer's real property. Please provide the following contact information pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 580.021, subdivision 4, by completing and returning this form via fax [insert fax number] or via e-mail at [insert e-mail address].

#### **To be completed by Counseling Agency**

Consumer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSUMER CONTACT INFORMATION:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nighttime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY AT RISK FOR FORECLOSURE (if differs from above):

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNSELING AGENCY CONTACT:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by Lender**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ "

**History:** 2008 c 341 art 5 s 8

**580.025 FORECLOSURE DATA.**

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** This section applies to foreclosure of mortgages under this chapter on property consisting of one to four family dwelling units.

Subd. 2. **Data required.** The notice of pendency required by section 580.032, subdivision 3; the notice of sale required by section 580.04; and the certificate of sale required by section 580.12 shall include the following information to the best of the knowledge of the party foreclosing the mortgage:

- (1) the physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises;
- (2) the name of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and the lender or broker, as defined in section 58.02, if the person holding the mortgage is a transaction agent as defined in section 58.02, subdivision 30, or the name of the residential mortgage servicer and

the lender or broker, as defined in section 58.02, if the person holding the mortgage is not a transaction agent as defined in section 58.02, subdivision 30;

(3) the tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises;

(4) if stated on the mortgage, the transaction agent's mortgage identification number; and

(5) if stated on the mortgage, the name of the residential mortgage originator as defined in section 58.02.

No liability shall accrue to the party foreclosing the mortgage or the party's attorney for de minimis, good faith, or commercially reasonable errors in this information. The omission of all or some of the information required by this section from the notice shall not invalidate the foreclosure of the mortgage.

**History:** 2008 c 238 art 1 s 2; 2009 c 130 s 5

### **580.03 NOTICE OF SALE; SERVICE ON OCCUPANT.**

Six weeks' published notice shall be given that such mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises or some part thereof, and at least four weeks before the appointed time of sale a copy of such notice shall be served in like manner as a summons in a civil action in the district court upon the person in possession of the mortgaged premises, if the same are actually occupied. If there be a building on such premises used by a church or religious corporation, for its usual meetings, service upon any officer or trustee of such corporation shall be a sufficient service upon it. The notices required by sections 580.041 and 580.042 must be served simultaneously with the notice of foreclosure required by this section.

**History:** (9604) RL s 4459; 2004 c 263 s 22,26; 2007 c 106 s 22; 2008 c 341 art 5 s 9,23; 2010 c 375 s 9

**580.031** [Repealed, 1983 c 215 s 16; 1984 c 474 s 7; 1985 c 306 s 26; 1987 c 292 s 36; 1989 c 350 art 16 s 7; 1990 c 575 s 11]

### **580.032 REQUEST FOR NOTICE; MAILED NOTICE.**

Subdivision 1. **Recording request for notice.** A person having a redeemable interest in real property under section 580.23 or 580.24, may record a request for notice of a mortgage foreclosure by advertisement with the county recorder or registrar of titles of the county where the property is located. To be effective for purposes of this section, a request for notice must be recorded as a separate and distinct document, except a mechanic's lien statement recorded pursuant to section 514.08 also constitutes a request for notice if the mechanic's lien statement includes a legal description of the real property and the name and mailing address of the mechanic's lien claimant.

Subd. 2. **Content requirements.** A request for notice must specify: (1) the name and mailing address of the person requesting notice; (2) a legal description of the real property; (3) a description of the person's redeemable interest including, if applicable, the date and recording information of the document creating the interest; and (4) a request for notice of a mortgage foreclosure by advertisement. The request must be executed and acknowledged by the person requesting notice.

Subd. 3. **Notice of pendency.** A person foreclosing a mortgage by advertisement shall record a notice of the pendency of the foreclosure with the county recorder or registrar of titles in the county in which the property is located before the first date of publication of the foreclosure notice but not more than six months before the first date of publication.

Subd. 4. **Mailed notice.** A person foreclosing a mortgage by advertisement shall mail, at least 14 days before the date of sale, a copy of the notice of sale to each person requesting notice in a recorded request for notice at the address specified in the recorded request for notice. Mailed notice is deemed given upon deposit in the United States mail first class, postage prepaid, and addressed to the person requesting notice. Notice need not be mailed to a person: (1) whose request for notice was recorded before the recording of the mortgage being foreclosed or after the recording of the notice of pendency provided in subdivision 3; (2) served pursuant to section 580.03; or (3) who no longer has a redeemable interest.

Subd. 5. **Effect of failure to mail notice.** If a person foreclosing a mortgage by advertisement fails to mail a notice of the sale in accordance with subdivision 4, the failure does not invalidate the foreclosure.

Subd. 6. **Remedies.** If notice of the sale is not mailed in accordance with subdivision 4 to a person with a properly recorded request for notice, the person requesting notice has a cause of action against the person foreclosing the mortgage for money damages for the lesser of: (1) the equity in the mortgaged premises that would have been available to the person if the person had redeemed; or (2) the value of the person's redeemable interest. The value of a lienholder's redeemable interest is the amount due on and secured by the lien. The person requesting notice has the burden of proving that the notice of the sale was not mailed in accordance with subdivision 4 and that the person requesting notice had a valid redeemable interest in the mortgaged premises, had measurable damages, had the financial ability to redeem, and did not have actual notice of the sale at least 60 days before expiration of the mortgagor's period of redemption. An action for damages resulting from failure to mail notice must be brought within two years of the date of the sheriff's sale.

Subd. 7. **Exception to damage claim.** Notwithstanding subdivision 6, if notice was not mailed in accordance with subdivision 4 to a person requesting notice, the requester has no cause of action against the person foreclosing the mortgage if at least 60 days before the mortgagor's period of redemption expires, a copy of the sheriff's certificate of sale is mailed in the manner provided in this section to the person requesting notice.

Subd. 8. **No color of title.** The recording of a request for notice by itself does not give the person requesting notice any interest in the mortgaged premises for any purpose. A recorded request for notice does not constitute actual or constructive notice of any interest in the real property.

Subd. 9. **Effective date.** This section is effective August 1, 1992. This section applies only to mortgages foreclosed by advertisement when the first date of publication is after January 1, 1993.

**History:** 1992 c 463 s 32; 1993 c 6 s 3; 1993 c 40 s 1; 2005 c 4 s 144,145

#### **580.04 REQUISITES OF NOTICE.**

(a) Each notice shall specify or contain:

(1) the name of the mortgagor, the mortgagee, each assignee of the mortgage, if any, and the original or maximum principal amount secured by the mortgage;

(2) the date of the mortgage, and when and where recorded, except where the mortgage is upon registered land, in which case the notice shall state that fact, and when and where registered;

(3) the amount claimed to be due on the mortgage on the date of the notice;

(4) a description of the mortgaged premises, conforming substantially to that contained in the mortgage, and the commonly used street address of the mortgaged premises;

(5) the time and place of sale;

(6) the time allowed by law for redemption by the mortgagor, the mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns; and

(7) for mortgaged premises described in section 582.032, subdivision 1, the following statement in capital letters: "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

(b) If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23. The notice must state that the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on the specified date.

**History:** (9605) RL s 4460; 1967 c 248 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1989 c 328 art 3 s 6; 1Sp1989 c 2 s 6; 2004 c 234 s 3; 2009 c 123 s 6; 2009 c 130 s 6

#### **580.041 FORECLOSURE ADVICE AND REDEMPTION RIGHTS NOTICE TO OWNERS.**

Subdivision 1. [Renumbered subd 1b]

Subd. 1a. **Applicability.** This section applies to foreclosure of mortgages by advertisement under this chapter and foreclosure of mortgages by action under chapter 581 on property consisting of one to four family dwelling units, one of which the owner occupies as the owner's principal place of residency when the notice of pendency under section 580.032 or the lis pendens for a foreclosure under chapter 581 is recorded.

Subd. 1b. **Form and delivery of foreclosure advice notice.** The foreclosure advice notice required by this section must be in 14-point boldface type and must be printed on colored paper that is other than the color of the notice of foreclosure required by sections 580.03 and 580.04 and the notice of redemption rights required by this section, and that does not obscure or overshadow the content of the notice. The title of the notice must be in 20-point boldface type. The notice must be on its own page. The foreclosure advice notice required by this section must be delivered with the notice of foreclosure required by sections 580.03 and 580.04. The foreclosure advice notice required by this section also must be delivered with each subsequent written communication regarding the foreclosure mailed to the mortgagor by the foreclosing party up to the day of redemption. A foreclosing mortgagee will be deemed to have complied with this section if it sends the foreclosure advice notice required by this section at least once every 60 days during the period of the foreclosure process. The foreclosure advice notice required by this section must not be published.

Subd. 1c. **Form and delivery of notice of redemption rights.** The notice of redemption rights required by this section must be in 14-point boldface type and must be printed on colored paper that is other than the color of the notice of foreclosure required by sections 580.03 and

580.04 and the foreclosure advice notice required by this section, and that does not obscure or overshadow the content of the notice. The title of the notice must be in 20-point boldface type. The notice must be on its own page. The notice of redemption rights must be delivered with the notice of foreclosure required by sections 580.03 and 580.04. The notice of redemption rights required by this section must not be published.

Subd. 2. **Content of foreclosure advice notice.** The foreclosure advice notice required by this section must appear substantially as follows:

**"Help For Homeowners in Foreclosure**

The attorney preparing this foreclosure is: .....

(Attorney name, address, phone)

It is being prepared for:

.....

(Lender name, loss mitigation phone number)

AS OF [insert date], this lender says that you owe \$[insert dollar amount] to bring your mortgage up to date (or "reinstate" your mortgage). You must pay this amount, plus interest and other costs, to keep your house from going through a sheriff's sale. The sheriff's sale is scheduled for [insert date] at [insert time] at [insert place].

Mortgage foreclosure is a complex process. People may contact you with advice and offers to help "save" your home.

**Remember:** It is important that you learn as much as you can about foreclosure and your situation. Find out about all your options before you make any agreements with anyone about the foreclosure of your home.

**Getting Help**

As soon as possible, you should contact your lender at the above number to talk about things you might be able to do to prevent foreclosure. You should also consider contacting the foreclosure prevention counselor in your area. A foreclosure prevention counselor can answer your questions, offer free advice, and help you create a plan which makes sense for your situation.

Contact the Minnesota Home Ownership Center at 651-659-9336 or 866-462-6466 or [www.hocmn.org](http://www.hocmn.org) or contact the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development at 1-800-569-4287 or [www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm?webListAction=search=MN#searchArea](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm?webListAction=search=MN#searchArea) to get the phone number and location of the nearest certified counseling organization. Call today. The longer you wait, the fewer options you may have for a desirable result."

Subd. 2a. **Content of notice of redemption rights.** The notice of redemption rights required by this section must appear substantially as follows:

**"What Happens After the Foreclosure Sale**

After the sheriff's sale, you have the right to "redeem." Redeem means that you pay the amount bid for your house at the sheriff's sale, plus interest and costs, to keep your house. You can keep living in your home for a period of time after the foreclosure sale. This is called a "redemption period." The redemption period is [insert number of months] months after the sheriff's sale.



At the end of the redemption period, if you do not redeem or sell, you will have to leave your home. If you do not leave, the person or company that bid on your home at the sheriff's sale has the right to file an eviction against you in court.

### **Be Careful of Foreclosure Scams**

Be careful! After the foreclosure sale, people may approach you to buy your house or ask you to transfer your house to them for little or no money.

Before you give up the rights to your house or sign any documents (including a deed), be sure you know how much the house sold for at the sheriff's sale and decide if you can save the house by paying the amount of the bid, plus interest and costs.

### **How to Find Out How Much Your House Sold For at the Foreclosure Sale**

The amount you need to pay to redeem your house may be less than the amount you owed on the mortgage before the sale. You can learn what this amount is (and who the winning bidder at the sale was) by attending the sheriff's sale or by contacting the sheriff's office after the sale.

### **You Can Also Sell Your House**

During the redemption period, if you sell your home, you must sell it for enough to pay off the winning bidder from the sheriff's sale and pay interest, fees, and other claims against the property. If there is any money left from the sale of the house after all these debts are paid, you can keep the money. You can also enter into a "short sale." A short sale is an agreement in which the lender agrees to accept less than the full amount you owe on the mortgage.

### **Get More Information and Advice**

For more information and advice, contact an attorney or a mortgage foreclosure prevention counselor. You can find a mortgage foreclosure prevention counselor by contacting the Minnesota Home Ownership Center at 651-659-9336 or 866-462-6466 or [www.hocmn.org](http://www.hocmn.org) or contact the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development at 1-800-569-4287 or [www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm?webListAction=search=MN#searchArea](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm?webListAction=search=MN#searchArea) to get the phone number and location of the nearest certified counseling organization."

Subd. 3. **Affidavit.** Any person may establish compliance with or inapplicability of this section by recording, with the county recorder or registrar of titles, an affidavit by a person having knowledge of the facts, stating that the notice required by this section has been delivered in compliance with this section or that this section is not applicable because the property described in the notice of foreclosure did not consist of one to four family dwelling units, one of which was occupied by the owner as the owner's principal place of residency. The affidavit and a certified copy of a recorded affidavit shall be prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the affidavit. The affidavit may be recorded regarding any foreclosure sale, including foreclosure sales which occurred prior to August 1, 2005, and may be recorded separately or as part of the record of a foreclosure.

Subd. 4. **Validation of foreclosure sales.** No mortgage foreclosure sale under this chapter shall be invalid because of failure to comply with this section unless an action to invalidate the sale is commenced and a notice of lis pendens is filed with the county recorder or registrar of titles within one year after the last day of the redemption period of the mortgagor, the mortgagor's personal representatives, or assigns. This subdivision shall not affect any action or proceeding pending on August 1, 2005, or which is commenced before February 1, 2006, in any court of this state, provided a notice of lis pendens of the action is filed with the county recorder or registrar

of titles before February 1, 2006.

**History:** 2004 c 263 s 23,26; 2005 c 10 art 1 s 76; 2005 c 119 s 5-7,9; 2007 c 106 s 22; 2008 c 341 art 5 s 10,23; 2009 c 123 s 7; 2009 c 130 s 7; 2010 c 375 s 10

### **580.042 FORECLOSURE ADVICE NOTICE TO TENANT.**

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** This section applies to foreclosure of mortgages by advertisement under this chapter and foreclosure of mortgages by action under chapter 581 on property consisting of one to four family dwelling units, one or more of which are occupied by a tenant as a residence.

Subd. 2. **Form of delivery of notice.** The notice required by this section must be in 14-point boldface type and must be printed on colored paper that is other than the color of the notice of foreclosure and of the notice to be given under section 580.041, subdivision 1b, and that does not obscure or overshadow the content of the notice. The title of the notice must be in 20-point boldface type. The notice must be on its own page.

Subd. 3. **Content of notice.** The notice required by this section must appear substantially as follows.

#### **"Foreclosure: Advice to Tenants**

You are renting in a property that is in foreclosure. Minnesota law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully.

**The mortgage foreclosure does not change the terms of your lease. You and your landlord must continue to follow the terms of your lease, including the rights and responsibilities of you and your landlord. You must keep paying rent unless you have a legal reason to withhold it. Your landlord must keep the property repaired. Utilities must be paid under the terms of your lease or under state law.**

**Moving out of the property early might be a violation of your lease.** The date of the sheriff's foreclosure sale is in the attached foreclosure notice. In most cases you do not need to move from the property before the sheriff's foreclosure sale. Read your lease to see if it says anything about foreclosure and about the rights you may have if the property is in foreclosure. If you have a month-to-month lease, the foreclosure notice does not change the rules for ending your lease. You and your landlord must still give legal notice to end your lease.

In most cases, your landlord has six months after the date of the sheriff's foreclosure sale to pay off the mortgage. This is called the "redemption period." Read the attached foreclosure notice to determine the length of the redemption period. You cannot be asked to move during the redemption period except for lease violations or if your lease expires during the redemption period. If your landlord stops the foreclosure, you may not have to move from the property. If your landlord does not stop the foreclosure, there will be a new owner of the property at the end of the redemption period.

The new owner may have the legal right to ask you to move even if your lease is not over. But, the new owner must still give you a written notice stating that the new owner wants you to move.

Do not wait to get information about foreclosure. Mortgage foreclosure is a complicated process. It is important you learn about your rights as a renter when there is a mortgage foreclosure. You may have fewer options if you wait too long. There are government agencies and nonprofit organizations that you may contact for helpful information about the foreclosure

process. For the name and telephone number of an organization near you, please call the legal aid office or bar association office in your county. You also can find information on tenant rights at HOME Line at (866) 866-3546 and Law Help Minnesota at <http://www.LawHelpMN.org>. The state of Minnesota does not guarantee the advice of these agencies and organizations."

Subd. 4. **Affidavit.** Any person may establish compliance with or inapplicability of this section by recording, with the county recorder or registrar of titles, an affidavit by a person having knowledge of the facts, stating that the notice required by this section has been delivered in compliance with this section. The affidavit and a certified copy of a recorded affidavit is prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the affidavit. The affidavit may be recorded regarding any foreclosure sale, including foreclosure sales that occurred prior to August 1, 2008, and may be recorded separately or as part of the record of a foreclosure.

Subd. 5. **Validation of foreclosure sales; remedy for violation.** (a) No mortgage foreclosure sale under this chapter is invalid because of failure to comply with this section.

(b) A person who violates this section is liable for \$500 to the lessee of the mortgagor at the time the notice should have been served. A person is not liable in an action for a violation of this section if the person shows by a preponderance of the evidence that the violation was not intentional and resulted from a bona fide error and the person adopted and maintained reasonable procedures to avoid the error. A plaintiff does not have cause of action if the defendant has complied with section 580.03.

**History:** 2008 c 341 art 5 s 11; 2009 c 123 s 8; 2009 c 130 s 8

#### **580.045 RECORD OWNER WITH NO FINANCIAL INTEREST.**

A notice of foreclosure required under section 580.04 must include the name of each mortgagor who, at the time of first publication of the notice, has been released from financial obligation on the mortgage and a statement that the named mortgagor has been released from financial obligation on the mortgage.

**History:** 1988 c 421 s 1

#### **580.05 ATTORNEY TO FORECLOSE; RECORD OF POWER.**

When an attorney at law is employed to conduct such foreclosure, the authority of the attorney at law shall appear by power of attorney executed and acknowledged by the mortgagee or assignee of the mortgage in the same manner as a conveyance, and recorded prior to the sale in the county where the foreclosure proceedings are had. If such attorney be employed on behalf of such mortgagee or assignee by an attorney in fact, the attorney's authority shall likewise be evidenced by recorded power.

**History:** (9606) RL s 4461; 1986 c 444

#### **580.06 SALE, HOW AND BY WHOM MADE; NOTICE TO MORTGAGOR.**

Subdivision 1. **Requirements for sale.** The sale shall be made by the sheriff or the sheriff's deputy at public venue to the highest bidder, in the county in which the premises to be sold, or some part thereof, are situated, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Subd. 2. **Notice of results of sale required; contents.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c), a person attempting to acquire fee title to the mortgagor's property directly from the mortgagor following the sheriff's sale and prior to the end of the redemption period must provide to the mortgagor, by personal delivery three days prior to entering into an agreement with the mortgagor

to acquire title, notice of the results of the foreclosure as provided under paragraph (b).

(b) The notice required under paragraph (a) must contain the following information:

(1) the date the sale occurred;

(2) the identity of the purchaser and any assignees of the purchaser;

(3) the sheriff's sale price; and

(4) the following statement: "There are very important things you need to know now that your house has been auctioned at the sheriff's sale:

(i) you have (insert the number of months) to "redeem," which means to pay the winning bidder the sale price listed above (plus interest and costs) and keep your house;

(ii) whether you can pay off the amount or not, **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO MOVE RIGHT AWAY. YOU CAN KEEP LIVING IN YOUR HOME** until the end of this redemption period;

(iii) read all notices and documents related to the foreclosure of your home carefully! **THE AMOUNT YOU NEED TO PAY THE WINNING BIDDER TO REDEEM YOUR HOUSE (THE SHERIFF'S SALE PRICE LISTED ABOVE, PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS) MAY BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT YOU OWED ON YOUR MORTGAGE BEFORE THE SHERIFF'S SALE;** and

(iv) you can also try to sell your home during this "redemption period." You must sell it for enough to pay off the winning bidder from the sheriff's sale and pay interest, fees, and other claims against the property. You can also enter into a "short sale." A short sale is an agreement in which the lender accepts less than the full amount you owe on the mortgage.

If there is any money left from the sale of the house after all these debts are paid, you can keep the money.

For more information and advice, contact an attorney or a mortgage foreclosure prevention counselor. You can find a mortgage foreclosure prevention counselor in your county by calling the Minnesota Home Ownership Center at 651-659-9336 or 866-462-6466 or [www.hocmn.org](http://www.hocmn.org) or contact the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development at 1-800-569-4287 or [www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm?webListAction=search=MN#searchArea](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm?webListAction=search=MN#searchArea)."

(c) This subdivision does not apply to:

(1) a seller or buyer who has entered into a signed agency agreement, facilitator agreement, or other written agreement to buy or sell the mortgagor's property with a person licensed under chapter 82;

(2) a buyer who offers to buy the mortgagor's property for a purchase price that meets or exceeds the amount required to be paid by the mortgagor to redeem the property, unless the buyer or the mortgagor enters into a short sale agreement with the holder of the sheriff's certificate in which the holder agrees to accept less than the full amount required to redeem;

(3) a foreclosing lender acquiring the mortgagor's property by a deed in lieu of foreclosure;

(4) a nonprofit lender holding a certificate of exemption from the Department of Commerce;

or

(5) the state or a local unit of government or an agent of the state or a local unit of government.

Subd. 3. **Private right of action.** (a) Any person who violates subdivision 2 is liable to the mortgagor for the sum of:

- (1) actual, incidental, and consequential damages;
- (2) \$1,000 statutory damages; and
- (3) costs, disbursements, and reasonable attorney fees.

(b) It shall be a rebuttable presumption that a person has complied with subdivision 2 if the person has recorded with the county recorder or registrar of titles an affidavit by a person having knowledge of the facts, stating that the mortgagor received the notice required under subdivision 2. The affidavit and a certified copy of a recorded affidavit shall be prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the affidavit.

**History:** (9607) *RL s 4462; 1986 c 444; 2008 c 341 art 5 s 12; 2010 c 375 s 11*

**NOTE:** This section, including any subsequent amendments to subdivision 2 or 3, is expired by Laws 2010, chapter 375, section 11, effective December 31, 2012. Laws 2010, chapter 375, section 11, the effective date.

### **580.07 POSTPONEMENT.**

Subdivision 1. **Postponement by mortgagee.** (a) The sale may be postponed, from time to time, by the party conducting the foreclosure. The party requesting the postponement must, at the party's expense:

(1) publish, only once, a notice of the postponement and the rescheduled date of the sale, if known, as soon as practicable, in the newspaper in which the notice under section 580.03 was published; and

(2) send by first class mail to the occupant, postmarked within three business days of the postponed sale, notice:

(i) of the postponement; and

(ii) if known, of the rescheduled date of the sale and the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the sheriff's sale is not further postponed, the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30, the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, or the redemption period is not reduced under section 582.032. The notice must state that the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on the specified date.

(b) If the rescheduled date of the sale is not known at the time of the initial publication and notice to the occupant of postponement, the foreclosing party must, at its expense if and when a new date of sale is scheduled:

(1) publish, only once, notice of the rescheduled date of the sale, as soon as practicable, in the newspaper in which the notice under section 580.03 and the notice of postponement under paragraph (a) was published; and

(2) send by first class mail to the occupant, postmarked within ten days of the rescheduled sale, notice:

(i) of the date of the rescheduled sale; and

(ii) of the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23. The notice must state that the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on the specified date.

Subd. 2. **Postponement by mortgagor or owner.** (a) If all or a part of the property to be sold is classified as homestead under section 273.124 and contains one to four dwelling units, the

mortgagor or owner may, in the manner provided in this subdivision, postpone the sale to the first date that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday and is:

(1) five months after the originally scheduled date of sale if the original redemption period was six months under section 580.23, subdivision 1; or

(2) 11 months after the originally scheduled date of sale if the original redemption period was 12 months under section 580.23, subdivision 2. To postpone a foreclosure sale pursuant to this subdivision, at any time after the first publication of the notice of mortgage foreclosure sale under section 580.03 but at least 15 days prior to the scheduled sale date specified in that notice, the mortgagor shall: (1) execute a sworn affidavit in the form set forth in subdivision 3, (2) record the affidavit in the office of each county recorder and registrar of titles where the mortgage was recorded, and (3) file with the sheriff conducting the sale and deliver to the attorney foreclosing the mortgage a copy of the recorded affidavit, showing the date and office in which the affidavit was recorded. Recording of the affidavit and postponement of the foreclosure sale pursuant to this subdivision shall automatically reduce the mortgagor's redemption period under section 580.23 to five weeks. The postponement of a foreclosure sale pursuant to this subdivision does not require any change in the contents of the notice of sale, service of the notice of sale if the occupant was served with the notice of sale prior to postponement under this subdivision, or publication of the notice of sale if publication was commenced prior to postponement under this subdivision, notwithstanding the service and publication time periods specified in section 580.03, but the sheriff's certificate of sale shall indicate the actual date of the foreclosure sale and the actual length of the mortgagor's redemption period. No notice of postponement need be published. An affidavit complying with subdivision 3 shall be prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein, and shall be entitled to be recorded. The right to postpone a foreclosure sale pursuant to this subdivision may be exercised only once, regardless whether the mortgagor reinstates the mortgage prior to the postponed mortgage foreclosure sale.

(b) If the automatic stay under United States Code, title 11, section 362, applies to the mortgage foreclosure after a mortgagor or owner requests postponement of the sheriff's sale under this section, then when the automatic stay is no longer applicable, the mortgagor's or owner's election to shorten the redemption period to five weeks under this section remains applicable to the mortgage foreclosure.

Subd. 3. **Affidavit form.** The affidavit referred to in subdivision 2 shall be in substantially the following form and shall contain all of the following information.

STATE OF .....

COUNTY OF .....

..... (whether one or more, "Owner"),  
being first duly sworn on oath, states as follows:

1. (He is) (She is) (They are) the owner(s) or mortgagor(s) of the real property (the "Property") situated in ..... (Name of) County, Minnesota, legally described in the attached published Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale (the "Notice"), and make this affidavit for the purpose of postponing the foreclosure sale of the Property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 580.07, subdivision 2, for five months from the date scheduled in the attached Notice if the original redemption period is six months, or for 11 months if the original redemption period is 12 months.

2. The Property is classified as homestead under Minnesota Statutes, section 273.124, is occupied by Owner as a homestead, and is improved with not more than four dwelling units.

3. Owner has elected to shorten Owner's redemption period from any foreclosure sale of the Property to five weeks in exchange for the postponement of the foreclosure sale for five months if the original redemption period was six months, or for 11 months if the original redemption period was 12 months.

..... (signature(s) of owner)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on ..... (date) by ..... (name(s) of person(s) making statement).

..... (signature of notary public)

Notary Public

**History:** (9608) RL s 4463; 1993 c 6 s 4; 2008 c 341 art 5 s 13; 2009 c 78 art 8 s 21; 2009 c 130 s 9; 2010 c 237 s 1,2

**580.08 SEPARATE TRACTS.**

If the mortgaged premises consist of separate and distinct farms or tracts, they shall be sold separately, and no more farms or tracts shall be sold than are necessary to satisfy the amount due on such mortgage at the date of notice of such sale, with interest, taxes paid, and costs of sale.

**History:** (9609) RL s 4464

**580.09 FORECLOSURE OF INSTALLMENT; SALE; PROCEEDS; REDEMPTION.**

Where a mortgage is given to secure the payment of money by installments, each installment, either for principal or interest, or both, as is due at any time, may be taken and deemed to be a separate and independent mortgage, and such mortgage for each such installment may be foreclosed by advertisement or by action, in the same manner and with like effect as if a separate mortgage were given for each of such installments, and such foreclosure may be made and sale had subject to the installments yet to become due upon the mortgage; and a redemption from any such sale shall have the like effect as if the sale for such installment had been made upon an independent subsequent mortgage; provided in such cases the attorney's fee on the foreclosure so made shall not exceed the amount permitted by law in case of a mortgage securing the amount of the debt then due on such foreclosure. The proceeds of the sale shall be applied first in payment of the costs of the foreclosure sale, and of the installment due, with interest thereon, taxes and insurance premiums paid, if any, and then towards the payment of the residue of the sum secured by such mortgage, and not due and payable at the time of such sale; and, if such residue does not bear interest, such application shall be made with rebate of the legal interest for the time during which the residue shall not be due and payable; and the surplus, if any, shall be paid to the subsequent lienors, if any, in the order of their priority, and then to the owner of the equity of redemption, the owner's legal representatives or assigns. In case of redemption from any sale herein authorized, at the option of the redemptioner, the whole amount remaining unpaid on the mortgage, with interest and other items, if any, which have become part of the amount secured by the lien of the mortgage, may be included in the amount paid on redemption and, in such event, the redemption so made shall have like effect as if the foreclosure sale had been made for the entire amount secured by the mortgage, including such additional items.

Before any sale herein authorized, the holder of the mortgage shall file with the sheriff a verified itemized statement in writing showing the entire amount remaining unpaid on the

mortgage, including taxes and insurance premiums paid and other items which have become part of the amount secured, and the rate of interest to accrue on same, which statement shall be subject to public inspection and shall be read by the sheriff at the sale, immediately after reading the notice of sale. The certificate of sale shall set forth correctly, in addition to the amount of sale, the remaining amount still unpaid on and secured by the mortgage, subject to which the sale is made, and the rate of interest to accrue on same. If, during the time to redeem from the sale, any additional or other item, other than interest at the rate so stated in the certificate, shall attach to such amount subject to which the sale was made, or any change shall occur in such amount or the rate of interest thereon, the facts with respect thereto shall be set forth by affidavit, made and recorded, and a copy furnished the sheriff, in accordance with the provisions of section 582.03, and the provisions of that section shall apply thereto.

**History:** (9610) *RL s 4465; 1925 c 280 s 1; 1986 c 444; 2005 c 4 s 146*

#### **580.10 SURPLUS.**

In all cases not provided for in section 580.09, if, after sale of any real estate, made as herein prescribed, there remains in the hands of the officer making the sale any surplus money, after satisfying the mortgage, with interest, taxes paid, and costs of sale, the surplus shall be paid over by such officer, on demand, to the mortgagor, the mortgagor's legal representatives or assigns.

**History:** (9611) *RL s 4466; 1986 c 444*

#### **580.11 MORTGAGEE OR ASSIGNEE MAY PURCHASE.**

The mortgagee, the mortgagee's assignee, or the legal representative of either or both, may fairly and in good faith purchase the premises so advertised, or any part thereof, at such sale.

**History:** (9612) *RL s 4467; 1986 c 444*

#### **580.12 CERTIFICATE OF SALE; RECORD; EFFECT.**

When any sale of real property is made under a power of sale contained in any mortgage, the officer shall make and deliver to the purchaser a certificate, executed in the same manner as a conveyance, containing:

- (1) a description of the mortgage;
- (2) a description of the property sold;
- (3) the price paid for each parcel sold;
- (4) the time and place of the sale, and the name of the purchaser;
- (5) the interest rate in effect on the date of the sheriff's sale; and

(6) the time allowed by law for redemption, provided that if the redemption period stated in the certificate is five weeks and a longer redemption period was stated in the published notice of foreclosure sale, a certified copy of the court order entered under section 582.032, authorizing reduction of the redemption period to five weeks, must be attached to the certificate.

A certificate which states a five-week redemption period must be recorded within ten days after the sale; any other certificate must be recorded within 20 days after the sale. When so recorded, upon expiration of the time for redemption, the certificate shall operate as a conveyance to the purchaser or the purchaser's assignee of all the right, title, and interest of the mortgagor in and to the premises named therein at the date of such mortgage, without any other conveyance. A



certificate must not contain a time allowed for redemption that is less than the time specified by section 580.23, 582.032, or 582.32, whichever applies.

**History:** (9613) *RL s 4468; 1986 c 444; 1989 c 328 art 3 s 7; 1994 c 388 art 1 s 6; 2008 c 341 art 5 s 14*

### **580.13 PREMISES IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY; RECORD.**

If any mortgage covering real estate in more than one county be foreclosed by proceedings had in one county, and the mortgage debt be thereby paid, in whole or in part, there may be recorded by the county recorder of the other county a certified copy of the certificate of sale and other foreclosure proceedings of record in the county in which the foreclosure proceedings were had.

**History:** (9616) *RL s 4470; 1976 c 181 s 2*

### **580.14 EXECUTION AFTER EXPIRATION OF TERM.**

Where the term of office of the sheriff or deputy who made the sale expires within 20 days thereafter, and before executing the certificate required by law, that sheriff or deputy may execute and acknowledge the same in like manner and with like effect as if the term had not expired.

**History:** (9617) *RL s 4471; 1986 c 444*

### **580.15 PERPETUATING EVIDENCE OF SALE.**

Any party desiring to perpetuate the evidence of any sale made in pursuance of this chapter may procure:

(1) an affidavit of the publication of the notice of sale and of any notice of postponement to be made by the printer of the newspaper in which the same was inserted or by some person in the printer's employ knowing the facts;

(2) an affidavit or return of service of such notice upon the occupant of the mortgaged premises to be made by the officer or person making such service or, in case the premises were vacant or unoccupied at the time the service must be made, an affidavit or return showing that fact, to be made by the officer or person attempting to make such service;

(3) an affidavit by the person foreclosing the mortgage, or that person's attorney, or someone knowing the facts, setting forth the facts relating to the military service status of the owner of the mortgaged premises at the time of sale;

(4) an affidavit by the person foreclosing the mortgage, or that person's attorney, or someone having knowledge of the facts, setting forth the fact of service of notice of sale upon the secretary of the Treasury of the United States or the secretary's delegate in accordance with the provisions of Section 7425 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended by Section 109 of the Federal Tax Lien Act of 1966, and also setting forth the fact of service of notice of sale upon the commissioner of revenue of the state of Minnesota in accordance with the provisions of section 270C.63, subdivision 11. Any such affidavit recorded prior to May 16, 1967 shall be effective as prima facie evidence of the facts therein contained as though recorded subsequent to May 16, 1967;

(5) an affidavit by the person foreclosing the mortgage, or that person's attorney, or someone having knowledge of the facts, setting forth the names of the persons to whom a notice of sale was mailed as provided by section 580.032; and

(6) one or more affidavits by the person foreclosing the mortgage, or that person's attorney or a person having knowledge of the facts, stating:

(i) whether section 580.021, 580.04, 580.041, 580.042, 582.039, 582.041, or 582.042 applies to the foreclosure proceedings; and

(ii) if any or all of those sections apply, that all notices required under those sections have been provided.

Such affidavits and returns shall be recorded by the county recorder and they and the records thereof, and certified copies of such records, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein contained.

The affidavit provided for in clause (3) hereof may be made and recorded for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, and may be made and recorded at any time subsequent to the date of the mortgage foreclosure sale.

**History:** (9618) *RL s 4472; 1941 c 477 s 1; 1967 c 428 s 1; 1976 c 181 s 2; 1982 c 523 art 2 s 48; 1986 c 444; 1992 c 463 s 33; 2005 c 4 s 147; 2005 c 151 art 2 s 17; 2008 c 277 art 1 s 97; 2009 c 130 s 10*

**580.16** [Repealed, 2005 c 4 s 153]

#### **580.17 AFFIDAVIT OF COSTS.**

Within ten days after the filing for record of the certificate of sale, the party foreclosing, or the party's attorney, shall make and record with the county recorder an affidavit containing a detailed bill of the costs and disbursements of the foreclosure, including attorney's fees, and setting forth that the same have been absolutely and unconditionally paid or incurred. Costs and disbursements shall be allowed as provided in section 549.04.

**History:** (9620) *RL s 4474; 1976 c 181 s 2; 1983 c 93 s 2; 1986 c 444; 2005 c 4 s 148*

#### **580.18 EXCESSIVE COSTS OR INTEREST.**

At any time within one year after the sale, the mortgagor, the mortgagor's heirs or assigns, may recover from the owner of the mortgage at the time of foreclosure three times the amount of any sums charged as costs or disbursements on such foreclosure but not absolutely paid, unless such amounts have been paid to the mortgagor or the mortgagor's assigns.

**History:** (9621) *RL s 4475; 1986 c 444*

#### **580.19 CERTIFICATE AS EVIDENCE.**

Every sheriff's certificate of sale made under a power to sell contained in a mortgage shall be prima facie evidence that all the requirements of law in that behalf have been complied with, and prima facie evidence of title in fee thereunder in the purchaser at such sale, the purchaser's heirs or assigns, after the time for redemption therefrom has expired.

**History:** (9622) *RL s 4476; 1986 c 444*

#### **580.20 ACTION TO SET ASIDE FOR CERTAIN DEFECTS.**

No such sale shall be held invalid or be set aside by reason of any defect in the notice thereof, or in the publication or service of such notice, or in the proceedings of the officer making the sale, unless the action in which the validity of such sale is called in question be commenced, or the defense alleging its invalidity be interposed, with reasonable diligence, and not later than five years after the date of such sale; provided that persons under disability to sue when such sale was made by reason of being minors, insane persons, persons developmentally disabled, or persons in

captivity or in any country with which the United States is at war, may commence such action or interpose such defense at any time within five years after the removal of such disability.

**History:** (9623) *RL s 4477; 2005 c 56 s 1*

#### **580.21 ACTION TO SET ASIDE SALE; LIMITATION.**

No such sale shall be held invalid or set aside unless the action in which its validity is called in question be commenced, or the defense alleging its invalidity be interposed, within 15 years after the date of such sale; provided that persons under disability, as provided in section 580.20, may commence such action or interpose such defense within the time therein provided. This section shall not affect or prejudice the rights of any bona fide purchaser.

**History:** (9624) *RL s 4478*

#### **580.22 INTEREST OF PURCHASER; ATTACHMENT OR JUDGMENT.**

The interest acquired upon such sale is subject to the lien of any attachment or judgment duly made or docketed against the person holding the same, as in case of real property, and may be attached and sold on execution in the same manner.

**History:** (9625) *RL s 4479*

#### **580.225 SATISFACTION OF JUDGMENT.**

The amount received from foreclosure sale under this chapter is full satisfaction of the mortgage debt, except as provided in section 582.30.

**History:** 1986 *c 398 art 19 s 2*

#### **580.23 REDEMPTION BY MORTGAGOR; AFFIDAVIT OF NONAGRICULTURAL USE; WAIVER.**

Subdivision 1. **Six-month redemption period.** (a) When lands have been sold in conformity with the preceding sections of this chapter, the mortgagor, the mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns, within six months after such sale, except as otherwise provided in subdivision 2 or section 582.032 or 582.32, may redeem such lands, as hereinafter provided, by paying the sum of money for which the same were sold, with interest from the time of sale at the rate provided to be paid on the mortgage debt as stated in the certificate of sale and, if no rate be provided in the certificate of sale, at the rate of six percent per annum, together with any further sums which may be payable as provided in sections 582.03 and 582.031.

(b) Delivery of funds and documents for redemption must be made at the normal place of business of the recipient, on days other than Sunday, Saturday, and legal holidays, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

(c) Regardless of the length of the redemption period, the sheriff may accept a specific sum less than the full amount due for redemption by the mortgagor upon receipt by the sheriff, prior to expiration of the redemption period, of written confirmation from the holder of the sheriff's certificate or the attorney for the holder of the sheriff's certificate that the holder of the sheriff's certificate has agreed to accept a specific sum less than the full amount due for redemption.

Subd. 2. **12-month redemption period.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1 hereof, when lands have been sold in conformity with the preceding sections of this chapter, the mortgagor, the mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns, within 12 months after such sale, may redeem such lands in accordance with the provisions of payment of subdivision 1 thereof, if:

- (1) the mortgage was executed prior to July 1, 1967;
- (2) the amount claimed to be due and owing as of the date of the notice of foreclosure sale is less than 66-2/3 percent of the original principal amount secured by the mortgage;
- (3) the mortgage was executed prior to July 1, 1987, and the mortgaged premises, as of the date of the execution of the mortgage, exceeded ten acres in size;
- (4) the mortgage was executed prior to August 1, 1994, and the mortgaged premises, as of the date of the execution of the mortgage, exceeded ten acres but did not exceed 40 acres in size and was in agricultural use as defined in section 40A.02, subdivision 3;
- (5) the mortgaged premises, as of the date of the execution of the mortgage, exceeded 40 acres in size; or
- (6) the mortgage was executed on or after August 1, 1994, and the mortgaged premises, as of the date of the execution of the mortgage, exceeded ten acres but did not exceed 40 acres in size and was in agricultural use. For purposes of this clause, "in agricultural use" means that at least a portion of the mortgaged premises was classified for ad valorem tax purposes as:
  - (i) class 2a agricultural homestead property under section 273.13, subdivision 23;
  - (ii) class 2b rural or agricultural nonhomestead property under section 273.13, subdivision 23;
  - (iii) class 1b agricultural homestead property under section 273.13, subdivision 22; or
  - (iv) exempt wetlands under section 272.02, subdivision 11.

Subd. 3. **Affidavit of nonagricultural use.** (a) With respect to mortgages executed prior to August 1, 1994, an affidavit signed by the mortgagor and a certificate signed by the county assessor where the land is located stating that the mortgaged premises as legally described in the affidavit and certificate are not in agricultural use as defined in section 40A.02, subdivision 3, may be recorded in the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles where the property is located and are prima facie evidence of the facts contained in the affidavit and certificate.

(b) With respect to mortgages executed on or after August 1, 1994, an affidavit signed by the mortgagor and a certificate signed by the county assessor where the land is located, stating that the mortgaged premises as legally described in the affidavit and certificate are not in agricultural use, may be recorded in the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles where the property is located and are prima facie evidence of the facts contained in the affidavit and certificate. For purposes of this paragraph, "not in agricultural use" means that no portion of the mortgaged premises, as legally described in the affidavit or certificate, is currently classified for ad valorem tax purposes in any classification listed in subdivision 2, clause (6), item (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv).

Subd. 4. **Waiver; 12-month redemption for ag use.** A mortgagor, before or at the time of granting a mortgage executed on or after August 1, 1994, may waive in writing the mortgagor's right under subdivision 2, clause (6), to have a 12-month redemption period based upon the premises being in agricultural use as of the date of execution of the mortgage. The written waiver must be either a document separate from the mortgage or a separately executed and acknowledged addendum to the mortgage on a separate page. If the written waiver is a separate document, it must be in recordable form and must either recite the recorded document number of the mortgage or recite the names of the mortgagor and mortgagee, the legal description of the mortgaged property, and the date of the mortgage. If the written waiver is a separate document, it must be recorded in the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles no later than ten days after the

recording of the mortgage. Where there is a waiver of the rights under subdivision 2, clause (6), the redemption period in subdivision 1 applies.

**History:** (9626) *RL s 4480; 1967 c 248 s 2; 1982 c 473 s 29; 1986 c 398 art 19 s 3; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 230 s 1,2; 1989 c 328 art 3 s 8; 1993 c 40 s 2; 1994 c 587 art 5 s 26; 2005 c 4 s 149; 2008 c 341 art 5 s 15*

#### **580.24 REDEMPTION BY CREDITOR.**

(a) If no redemption is made by the mortgagor, the mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns, the most senior creditor having a legal or equitable lien upon the mortgaged premises, or some part of it, subsequent to the foreclosed mortgage, may redeem within seven days after the expiration of the redemption period determined under section 580.23 or 582.032, whichever is applicable; and each subsequent creditor having a lien may redeem, in the order of priority of their respective liens, within seven days after the time allowed the prior lienholder by paying the amount required under this section. However, no creditor is entitled to redeem unless, one week or more prior to the expiration of the period allowed for redemption by the mortgagor, the creditor:

(1) records with each county recorder and registrar of titles where the foreclosed mortgage is recorded a notice of the creditor's intention to redeem;

(2) records with each county recorder and registrar of titles where the notice of the creditor's intention to redeem is recorded all documents necessary to create the lien on the mortgaged premises and to evidence the creditor's ownership of the lien, including a copy of any money judgment necessary to create the lien; and

(3) after complying with clauses (1) and (2), delivers to the sheriff who conducted the foreclosure sale or the sheriff's successor in office a copy of each of the documents required to be recorded under clauses (1) and (2), with the office, date and time of filing for record stated on the first page of each document.

The sheriff shall maintain for public inspection all documents delivered to the sheriff and shall note the date of delivery on each document. The sheriff may charge a fee of \$100 for the documents delivered to the sheriff relating to each lien. The sheriff shall maintain copies of documents delivered to the sheriff for a period of six months after the end of the mortgagor's redemption period.

(b) Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays, and the first day following the expiration of the prior redemption period must be included in computing the seven-day redemption period. When the last day of the period falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, that day must be omitted from the computation. The order of redemption by judgment creditors subsequent to the foreclosed mortgage shall be determined by the order in which their judgments were entered as memorials on the certificate of title for the foreclosed premises or docketed in the office of the district court administrator if the property is not registered under chapter 508 or 508A, regardless of the homestead status of the property. All mechanic's lienholders who have coordinate liens shall have one combined seven-day period to redeem.

(c) The amount required to redeem from the holder of the sheriff's certificate of sale is the amount required under section 580.23. The amount required to redeem from a person holding a certificate of redemption is:

- (1) the amount paid to redeem as shown on the certificate of redemption; plus
- (2) interest on that amount to the date of redemption; plus

(3) the amount claimed due on the person's lien, as shown on the affidavit under section 580.25, clause (3).

The amount required to redeem may be paid to the holder of the sheriff's certificate of sale or the certificate of redemption, as the case may be, or to the sheriff for the holder.

**History:** (9627) RL s 4481; 1967 c 248 s 3; 1976 c 181 s 2; 1983 c 99 s 3; 1986 c 444; 1989 c 328 art 3 s 9; 1998 c 262 s 10; 2000 c 320 s 6; 2004 c 234 s 4; 2005 c 4 s 150; 2007 c 105 s 13; 2007 c 106 s 21; 2008 c 341 art 5 s 16

### **580.25 REDEMPTION, HOW MADE.**

Redemption shall be made as provided in this section.

The person desiring to redeem shall pay the amount required by law for the redemption, and shall produce to the person or officer receiving the redemption payment:

(1) a copy of the docket of the judgment, or of the recorded deed or mortgage, or of the record or files evidencing any other lien under which the person claims a right to redeem;

(2) a copy of any recorded assignment necessary to evidence the person's ownership of the lien. If the redemption is under an assignment of a judgment, the assignment shall be filed in the court entering the judgment, as provided by law, and the person so redeeming shall produce a copy of it and of the record of its filing, and the copy of the docket shall show that the proper entry was made upon the docket. No further evidence of the assignment of the judgment is required unless the mortgaged premises or part of it is registered property, in which case the judgment and all assignments of the judgment must be entered as a memorial upon the certificate of title to the mortgaged premises and a copy of the judgment and each assignment with the certificate of record endorsed on it must be produced; and

(3) an affidavit of the person or the person's agent, showing the amount then actually claimed due on the person's lien and required to be paid on the lien in order to redeem from the person. Additional fees and charges may be claimed due only as provided in section 582.03.

If redemption is made to the sheriff, the sheriff may charge a fee of \$250 for issuing the certificate of redemption and any related service. No other fee may be charged by the sheriff for a redemption.

Within 24 hours after a redemption is made, the person redeeming shall cause the documents so required to be produced to be recorded with the county recorder, or registrar of titles, who may receive fees as prescribed in section 357.18 or 508.82. If the redemption is made at any place other than the county seat, it is sufficient forthwith to deposit the documents in the nearest post office, addressed to the recorder or registrar of titles, with the postage prepaid. A person recording documents produced for redemption shall, on the same day, deliver copies of the documents to the sheriff for public inspection. The sheriff may receive a fee of \$20 for the documents delivered following a redemption. The sheriff shall note the date of delivery on the documents and shall maintain for public inspection all documents delivered to the sheriff for a period of six months after the end of the mortgagor's redemption period.

**History:** (9628) RL s 4482; 1976 c 181 s 2; 1983 c 99 s 4; 1986 c 444; 2004 c 234 s 5; 2008 c 341 art 5 s 17

**580.26 CERTIFICATE OF REDEMPTION; RECORD.**

The person or officer from whom such redemption is made shall make and deliver to the person redeeming a certificate executed and acknowledged in the same manner as a conveyance, containing:

(1) the name of the person redeeming, and the amount paid by the person on such redemption;

(2) a description of the sale for which such redemption is made, and of the property redeemed;

(3) a statement of the claim upon which such redemption is made and, if upon a lien, the amount claimed to be due thereon at the date of redemption.

If redemption is made by the owner of the property sold, the owner's heirs, personal representatives, or assigns, such certificate shall be recorded within four days after the expiration of the year allowed the owner for redemption and, if made by a creditor holding a lien, the certificate shall be recorded within four days after such redemption. Unless so recorded, the certificate shall be void as against any person in good faith redeeming from the same person or lien.

**History:** (9629) *RL s 4483; 1986 c 444*

**580.27 EFFECT OF REDEMPTION.**

If redemption is made by the owner of the property sold, the owner's heirs, personal representatives or assigns, such redemption annuls the sale; if by a creditor holding a lien on the property, or some part thereof, the certificate of redemption, executed, acknowledged, and recorded as provided in section 580.26, operates as an assignment to the creditor of the right acquired under such sale, subject to such right of any other person to redeem as provided by law.

**History:** (9630) *RL s 4484; 1986 c 444*

**580.28 ACTION TO SET ASIDE MORTGAGE; FORECLOSURE; REDEMPTION.**

When an action is brought wherein it is claimed that any mortgage as to the plaintiff or person for whose benefit the action is brought is fraudulent or void, or has been paid or discharged, in whole or in part, or the relative priority or the validity of liens is disputed, if such mortgage has been foreclosed by advertisement, and the time for redemption from the foreclosure sale will expire before final judgment in such action, the plaintiff or beneficiary having the right to redeem, for the purpose of saving such right in case the action fails, may deposit with the sheriff before the time of redemption expires the amount for which the mortgaged premises were sold, with interest thereon to the time of deposit, together with a bond to the holder of the sheriff's certificate of sale, in an amount and with sureties to be approved by the sheriff, conditioned to pay all interest that may accrue or be allowed on such deposit if the action fail. The person shall, in writing, notify such sheriff that the person claims the mortgage to be fraudulent or void, or to have been paid or discharged, in whole or in part, as the case may be, and that such action is pending, and direct the sheriff to retain such money and bond until final judgment. In case such action fails, such deposit shall operate as a redemption of the premises from such foreclosure sale, and entitle the plaintiff to a certificate thereof. Such foreclosure, deposit, bond, and notice shall be brought to the attention of the court by supplemental complaint in the action, and the judgment shall determine the validity of the foreclosure sale, and the rights of the parties to the moneys and bond so deposited, which shall be paid and delivered by the sheriff as directed by such judgment.

upon delivery to the sheriff of a certified copy thereof. The remedy herein provided shall be in addition to other remedies now existing.

**History:** (9631) *RL s 4485; 1986 c 444; 2008 c 341 art 5 s 18*

### **580.29 HOLDER OF JUNIOR MORTGAGE MAY PAY DEFAULT IN PRIOR MORTGAGE.**

Any person who has a mortgage lien upon any land against which there exists a prior mortgage may pay any taxes or assessments on which any penalty would otherwise accrue, and may pay the premium upon any policy of insurance procured in renewal of any expiring policy upon mortgaged premises, and may, in case any interest upon any prior or superior lien is in default, or any part of the principal shall become due, or amortized installment which may be in default upon any such prior lien, pay the same, and all such sums so paid shall become due upon such payment and be a part of the debt secured by such junior mortgage, shall bear interest from date of payment at the same rate as the indebtedness secured by such prior lien, and shall be collectible with, as a part of, and in the same manner as, the amount secured by such junior mortgage. Such payments shall be proved by the affidavit of the junior mortgagee, the junior mortgagee's agent or attorney, stating the items and describing the premises, and a copy must be recorded with the county recorder.

**History:** (9632) *1923 c 355 s 1; 1927 c 413; 1943 c 395 s 1; 1976 c 181 s 2; 1986 c 444; 2005 c 4 s 151*

### **580.30 MORTGAGES, WHEN REINSTATED.**

Subdivision 1. **Reinstatement.** In any proceedings for the foreclosure of a real estate mortgage, whether by action or by advertisement, if at any time before the sale of the premises under such foreclosure the mortgagor, the owner, or any holder of any subsequent encumbrance or lien, or any one for them, shall pay or cause to be paid to the holder of the mortgage so being foreclosed, or to the attorney foreclosing the same, or to the sheriff of the county, the amount actually due thereon and constituting the default actually existing in the conditions of the mortgage at the time of the commencement of the foreclosure proceedings, including insurance, delinquent taxes, if any, upon the premises, interest to date of payment, cost of publication and services of process or notices, attorney's fees not exceeding \$150 or one-half of the attorney's fees authorized by section 582.01, whichever is greater, any costs incurred when an order to reduce a mortgagor's redemption period under section 582.032 is entered, including costs and disbursements awarded under section 582.032, subdivision 9, together with other lawful disbursements necessarily incurred in connection with the proceedings by the party foreclosing, then, and in that event, the mortgage shall be fully reinstated and further proceedings in such foreclosure shall be thereupon abandoned.

Subd. 2. **Request by sheriff.** Upon written request by the sheriff, the holder of the mortgage or the holder's legal representative shall provide to the sheriff within seven days of the date of the request by the sheriff to the foreclosing attorney: (1) the current payoff amount, showing outstanding principal, interest, and a daily interest accrual amount, (2) an itemized schedule of the current amounts necessary to reinstate the mortgage, and (3) the identity of the person or entity with authority to act on behalf of the holder of the mortgage or the holder's legal representative. If the holder of the mortgage or the holder's legal representative fails to respond to the sheriff's request within seven days of the date of the request, the sheriff shall postpone the sheriff's sale and the sheriff shall announce at the sheriff's sale the postponement of the sale. The postponement



does not need to be published. If the request by the sheriff is made seven days or less before the sheriff's sale, the holder of the mortgage or the holder's representative shall make a good faith effort to respond to the sheriff before the sheriff's sale, but the sheriff may conduct the sheriff's sale without a response from the holder of the mortgage or the holder's legal representative.

**History:** (9633) 1923 c 327 s 1; 1957 c 182 s 1; 1971 c 833 s 1; 2008 c 341 art 5 s 19; 2010 c 375 s 12