

September 26, 2019

Office of Financial Services – Real Estate Section
25 W. 4th St., Rm. 1000
St. Paul, MN 55102
Attn: Bruce Engelbrekt, Real Estate Manager

Re: 2019 Tax Forfeiture Classification List

Dear Bruce Engelbrekt:

Enclosed is a list of properties which forfeited on August 3, 2019 for failure of the owners to pay the property taxes. Pursuant to county board resolutions 98-047 and 2010-366 delegating classification authority to Property Tax, Records and Elections Services, we have reviewed and classified all of the parcels on the list as either non-conservation or conservation lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 282.01, subd. 1, requires the county to notify each city or township of the classification or reclassification and sale of the tax-forfeited properties located within their boundaries for their approval or disapproval of the classification or reclassification and sale of the properties. The city or township is considered to have approved the classification or reclassification and sale if the Property Tax, Records and Election Services Department is not notified of the disapproval of the classification or reclassification and sale within 60 days of the date the request for approval is sent to you.

At this time you may request a parcel of tax-forfeited land be withheld from sale or lease to others for a maximum of six-months. Withhold requests must be in writing and submitted to this office. You are responsible for paying maintenance costs incurred during the withholding period and until the sale of the property is completed if you acquire the property. If a request to withhold a property is not received the property will become available for public sale.

If you wish to acquire any of the parcels for an authorized public use you must submit an application for a conditional "use deed" accompanied by a certified resolution of the governing body stating the public use for the property. The use must qualify as one of the eight defined uses listed in statute and outlined further below. The fee for a use deed is \$250, payable to the commissioner of revenue. Use deed forms can be obtained from our office upon request.

Please be advised that you have three years from the date of the use deed to put the land to its stated use. If you fail to do so or abandon the use, you have the option to purchase the property; otherwise it will revert back to the State. This also applies when only part of the parcel is being used for an authorized public use. Governmental subdivisions may retain title to the part that continues to be used as authorized; however, title to the part that is not being used must be purchased or re-conveyed.

Correspondence regarding this notice may be addressed to:

**Ramsey County Property Tax, Records and Election Services
Property Tax Services
Attn: Tax Forfeited Lands
PO Box 64097
St. Paul, MN 55164-0097**

If you have any questions regarding this information please feel free to contact me at (651) 266-2081.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristine A. Kujala". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Kristine A. Kujala, Supervisor
Tax Forfeited Lands

Enclosures