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Developer Name Contact Address

To developers:

The City of Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) is facilitating a process to convey tax forfeit property from Ramsey County to developers ("Process"). To ensure tax forfeit property is returned to productive use, the HRA has established a Process to facilitate sale to developers.

Primary goals of the Process are as follows:

- To build Saint Paul's density and tax base by ensuring tax forfeit parcels are developed
- To create a clear, straightforward, and efficient procedure for the HRA and its partners to act on acquisition of tax forfeit property
- To support the efforts of developers to stabilize Saint Paul neighborhoods

# **Process Summary**

The HRA will not be providing <u>any</u> financing for the acquisition or redevelopment of tax forfeit parcels conveyed through the Process. If your organization is interested in acquiring a tax forfeit property that the HRA has placed on hold, please refer to the attached Process description (Attachment A).

# Compliance

Zoning and code regulations applied by the City of Saint Paul to all development activities will apply. The HRA has determined that because it is not directly subsidizing any activity on the property, there will not be additional compliance requirements from the HRA, subject to approval of the attached policy and procedures by the HRA Board.

# Timeline

The HRA will accept applications to acquire property on a rolling basis. The following firm deadlines will apply:

Developer deadlines: April 1, 2014: HRA begins accepting and processing applications to acquire tax forfeit property June 13, 2014: Deadline to submit applications June 30, 2014: Deadline to submit Contract, acquisition price, and HRA fee

# HRA and Ramsey County deadlines:

May 14, 2014:	Approval of tax forfeit policy and procedures by HRA Board
July 23, 2014:	Approval of 2013 Tax forfeit property acquisitions by HRA Board
August 19, 2014:	HRA deadline to submit proposal and acquisition price to Ramsey
	County
December 31, 2014:	Ramsey County deadline to close on property with HRA and
	Developer

# **Application Submittal**

Applications must be received by **3 pm on June 13, 2014** to be considered for the Process. Applications shall be submitted to:

City of Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority City Hall Annex, Suite 1100 25 West Fourth Street Saint Paul, MN 55102 Attn: Cynthia Carlson Heins

# Questions

Any questions about the tax forfeit acquisition process or requests to gain access to the properties should be submitted to Cindy Carlson at 651-266-6608 or <u>cindy.carlson@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>.

This year is the pilot year of the Process and feedback or recommendations for improvements are welcome. The policy and procedure attached are in draft form only until approval by the HRA board on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and therefore subject to change. The HRA is hopeful that by working together, the tax forfeit properties in Saint Paul will return to productive use. Thank you for your cooperation and interest in improving Saint Paul.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Carlson Heins Senior Project Manager

Attachments:

- Draft policy and procedures for tax forfeit acquisition
- Application for tax forfeit properties
- Homeownership budget
- Rental budget
- List of eligible properties for application
- Ramsey County discount policy

PIN	Street	Street	Ward	District	type	Price*	Applicant Name	Date submitted
35.29.23.13.0095	76	64 Edmund		1	7 Vac House	\$20,000		
35.29.23.11.0129	66	7 Lafond		1	7 Vac land	\$8,000		
35.29.23.14.0097	63	2 Edmund		1	7 Vac land	\$8,000		
35.29.23.42.0025	82	23 Aurora		1	8 Vac House	\$55,000		
35.29.23.41.0048	67	5 Aurora		1	8 Vac House	\$75,000		
35.29.23.42.0026	81	9 Aurora		1	8 Occ House	\$105,000		
35.29.23.42.0066	76	66 Aurora		1	8 Occ House	\$75,000		
35.29.23.42.0070	77	7 Fuller		1	8 Occ House	\$75,000		
35.29.23.11.0115	65	7 Dale		1	7 Vac land			
36.29.23.23.0003	59	5 Mackubin		1	7 Vac land			
01.28.23.34.0002	38	88 Goodrich		2	9 Vac land			
01.28.23.34.0038	42	28 Banfil		2	9 Vac land			
28.29.22.34.0103	98	33 Minnehaha		7	4 Vac land	\$7,000		
32.29.22.22.0065	67	4 Rivoli		5	5 Vac land	\$5,000		
23.29.22.23.0034	186	53 Montana		6	2 Vac land			
27.29.22.43.0078	164	4 Reaney		7	1 Vac land			
28.29.22.21.0093	100	00 Jessamine		6	5 Vac land			
29.29.22.24.0151	97	'8 Desoto		5	5 Vac land			
33.29.22.43.0094	111	1 McLean		7	4 Vac land			
33.29.22.21.0158	96	7 Margaret		7	4 Vac land	\$6,500		
34.29.22.33.0126	137	2 McLean		7	4 Vac land			
35.29.23.11.0029	69	2 Minnehaha		7	7 Vac land			
35.29.23.23.0180	105	8 Sherburne		1	7 Vac land			
29.29.22.13.0012	65	54 Magnolia		6	5 Vac land			

\*Purchase Price listed is without discounts and does not include recording/maintenance fees (to be determined) or relocation costs for occupied houses We have requested prices for all of the above properties and spreadsheet will be updated as prices are available.