

  
Councilmember Muriel Bowser

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5 A BILL  
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9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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13 To amend Title 47 of the District of Columbia Code to increase the notice requirements before  
14 the sale of a real property for delinquent taxes.  
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
17 act may be cited as the “Real Property Tax Sale Notice Amendment Act of 2013”.

18 Sec. 2. Title 47 of the District of Columbia Code is amended as follows:

19 (a) Section 47-1341(a) is amended to read as follows:

20 “(a) At least 30 days before real property is first advertised for a tax sale under this  
21 chapter, the Mayor shall notify the person who last appears as owner of the real property on the  
22 tax roll of the tax sale by:

23 (1) (A) Conspicuously posting a delinquency notice on the real property,  
24 identifying:

25 (i) The name of the person who last appeared as owner on the tax  
26 roll;

27 (ii) The taxation square, suffix, and lot number, or parcel and lot  
28 number of the real property to be sold; and

29 (iii) The amount of taxes due (whether included in the actual notice  
30 or by attached tax bill);

31 (B) The delinquency notice may also include the following:

1 ".....

2 "Date

3 "This Is a Notice of Delinquency and Final Bill to the Person Whose Name Appears on  
4 This Notice.

5 "According to the Mayor's tax roll, you are the owner of the real property appearing on  
6 this notice of delinquency. Some of the taxes listed are in arrears and this list may not include all  
7 taxes in arrears. Notice is given to you that unless all taxes in arrears and appearing on this  
8 Notice are paid within 30 days from the date of this notice, the Mayor will proceed to sell the  
9 above real property. Interest, penalties, and costs not included in this notice of delinquency must  
10 be added to the total at the time of payment. A final payoff amount must be obtained at.....You  
11 must make payment by cash, certified check, cashier's check or money order at.....You must act  
12 now to avoid additional costs and significant expenses, including a reasonable attorney's fee.";  
13 and by

14 (2)(A) Mailing a delinquency notice via first-class mail to the last address shown  
15 on the tax roll, as updated by the filing of a change of address at the Recorder of Deeds,  
16 identifying the same information contained in the posted delinquency notice required under  
17 subsection (a)(1).

18 (B) The outside of the envelope of the mailed notice shall conspicuously  
19 state, "NOTICE OF TAX DELINQUENCY AND PROPERTY SALE."

20 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

21 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
22 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the Home Rule Act, approved December 24,  
23 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(3)).

1           Sec. 4. Effective date.

2           This act shall take effect after approval by the Mayor (or in the event of a veto by the  
3 Mayor, override of the veto by the Council, a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided  
4 in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973  
5 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia  
6 Register.