

Travis County Tax Assessor/Collector

Buyer's Guide to Tax Sales

Minimum Bids

A minimum bid is set for each property at the time of posting. The bid consists of the amount of taxes and fees due.

1. Check property sale listings
Twenty-one days in advance of the sale, check the Public Notice section of area newspapers or our web site (http://www.co.travis.tx.us/tax_assessor/foreclosure/tax_sales.asp) (which includes maps). You may also subscribe to our mail service, 512-854-9473.
2. Visit or call the Tax Office
Contact the Tax Office(http://www.co.travis.tx.us/tax_assessor/reach_us.asp) to obtain property information on the property worksheet below or check property records at www.traviscountytax.org(<http://www.traviscountytax.org>) or www.traviscad.org(<http://www.traviscad.org>).
3. Inspect the property
Decide if this is a property you wish to own
4. Visit the County Clerk
Using the legal description, research the Property Ownership Record in the county clerk's office(http://www.co.travis.tx.us/county_clerk/default.asp) for liens and note those that have not been released. You must have the owner's name to research the deed index.
5. Visit the District Clerk
If there are liens that remain, research the lawsuit (including the judge's remarks) in the district clerk's office(http://www.co.travis.tx.us/district_clerk/default.asp) to determine if the lien will be released or not when the property is sold.
6. Attend the Tax Sale
Bring your worksheet.

Property Worksheet

Property Identification:

Access the website, call the Tax Office at 512-473-9473, or visit 1010 Lavaca, Compliance Public Research area for this information.

Parcel Number	
Billing Number	

Control Number	
Cause Number	
Owner's Name (MUST have to research deed index)	
Owner's Mailing Address	
Property Type	
Property Characteristics	
Legal Description (needed for lien research)	
Property Location	
Property Address	
Homestead?	Yes / No
Agricultural Use?	Yes / No
Approximate minimum bid	
Approximate annual taxes	
Additional Taxes: years and amount due	

Property Ownership Record:

Research this information in the county clerk's office
(http://www.co.travis.tx.us/county_clerk/default.asp).

You must have the property owners' name to research the deed index.

Deed Number	
Liens other than delinquent taxes	Yes / No
Lien Details	
Was lien released?	Yes / No

If there is a lien which has not been released, proceed to the district clerk's office.
(http://www.co.travis.tx.us/district_clerk/default.asp)

Lawsuit:

Research this information in the district clerk's office
(http://www.co.travis.tx.us/district_clerk/default.asp).

Lawsuit Cause	
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Number:	
Defendants or lien holders to contact	
Judge's comments, if any	
Lien status -- extinguished?	

Property Summary:

Minimum bid:	
Additional taxes:	
Status of liens:	
Redemption period:	6 months / 1 year
Estimated annual taxes:	
Visual inspection:	

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