

CHAPTER 3

ORDINANCE DELEGATING POWER TO ACQUIRE, MANAGE, AND SELL TAX-DEEDED LANDS

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of St. Croix does ordain as follows:

1. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to delegate powers and duties vested in the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors relating to the acquisition of tax-deeded lands to the County Clerk and the management and sale of tax-deeded lands to the Finance Committee.
2. **AUTHORITY.** Wisconsin Statutes section 75.35(2)(d) authorizes the County Board to delegate its power to acquire, manage, and sell tax-deeded lands.
3. **PROCEDURES.**
 1. All procedures up to the issuance of a tax deed shall be performed by the persons indicated in Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 75.
 2. The County Clerk is authorized to issue (record) a tax deed on behalf of St. Croix County without County Board approval. The County Clerk shall comply with all the other requirements of Wisconsin Statutes section 75.14(1) and (2).
 3. The County Clerk is authorized to cancel a tax certificate if she/he finds that the description of the parcel of land in the tax certificate is incorrect, and direct the County Treasurer to correct the description using the procedure under Wisconsin Statutes section 74.61.
 4. The Finance Committee is authorized to sell tax-deeded land, following the procedures in Wisconsin Statutes section 75.35 and section 75.69, including sale by land contract, or quit-claim deed or warranty deed with a mortgage from the purchaser, without County Board approval.
 5. The Finance Committee may retain licensed appraisers to determine the value of tax-deeded land and licensed real estate brokers or salespersons to assist in selling tax-deeded land, and to pay fees or commissions for such services.
 6. Any conveyance of tax-deeded land by deed or land contract, or satisfaction of a mortgage, shall be executed by the County Clerk under the Clerk's hand and the seal of the County.
 7. The Finance Committee is authorized to cancel delinquent real property taxes on contaminated property, following the requirements of Wisconsin Statutes section 75.105, without County Board approval.

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR SALES. The sales or other disposition of tax-deeded lands done without County Board approval prior to the adoption of this ordinance are hereby approved.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective on the day after its publication.

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