ORDINANCE GIVING PREFERENCE
TO FORMER OWNER TO PURCHASE
TAX-DEEDED LANDS

WHEREAS, the County of Iowa desires to give former owners who lost his or her title through delinquent tax collection enforcement procedure preference in the right to purchase such lands;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF IOWA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

(1) Purpose. This ordinance is intended to establish a procedure which will allow preference to former owners to repurchase tax-deeded lands.

(2) Definitions.
A. "Former Owner" means person who lost his or her title through delinquent tax collection enforcement procedure, or his or her heirs.

B. "Tax Deed" means a tax deed executed under Section 75.14, a deed executed under Section 75.19 or a judgment issued under Section 75.521.

C. "Tax-Deeded Lands" means lands which have been acquired by Iowa County through enforcement of the collection of delinquent taxes by tax deed, foreclosure of tax certificate, deed in lieu of tax deed, action in rem under Section 75.521 or other means.

(3) Policy and Procedure. The Iowa County Board may, at its option, provide the former owner who lost title through delinquent tax collection enforcement procedure, preference to repurchase tax-deeded land acquired by the County. This option shall be granted to the former owner, or his or her heirs upon payment of the following:

a. All delinquent taxes and accumulated interest charges to repurchase date.

b. Costs incurred by Iowa County in proceedings necessary to obtain and file the tax deed.

D. Option Period. This repurchase option shall be available for a maximum of up to five (5) months after the date of tax deed acquisition. After termination of the option period, the former owner can purchase the tax-deeded property only through the competitive public auction as provided in Section 75.69.
E. Limitation on Procedure. This ordinance shall not apply to tax-deeded lands which have been improved for or dedicated to a public use by the County subsequent to its acquisition thereof.

F. Effective Date. The herein ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and posting.

Approved and presented for consideration by the Committee on Tax Claims.

LaVerne McCarville, Chairman
Daniel Bentzler
Lambert Palzkill
Gerald Fritsch

Wayne R. Martin

Adopted this 26th day of June, 1990.

Richard Scullion
Iowa County Board Chairman

ATTEST:
David D. Meudt
Iowa County Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

This is to certify that the above ordinance was duly adopted by the County Board of Iowa County on the 17th day of July, 1990.

David D. Meudt
County Clerk
Iowa County, Wisconsin
ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE
ORDINANCE GIVING PREFERENCE
TO FORMER OWNER TO PURCHASE
TAX-DEEDED LANDS

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Board passed an ordinance giving preference to former owners to purchase tax-deeded lands at its July 17, 1990 meeting; and

WHEREAS, Section D of said ordinance provided for a repurchase option of up to one (1) year after the date of tax deed acquisition.

WHEREAS, the Committee on Tax Claims desires to amend said ordinance section limiting the availability of the repurchase option to a maximum of three (3) months.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Iowa County amend said ordinance as follows:

D. Option Period. This repurchase option shall be available for a maximum of up to three (3) months after the date of tax deed acquisition. After termination of the option period, the former owner can purchase the tax-deeded property only through the competitive public auction as provided in Section 75.69 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this amendment is effective retroactively to July 17, 1990.

Approved and presented for consideration by the Committee on Tax Claims.

LaVerne McCarville
Daniel Bentzler
Lambert Palzkill
Gerald Fritsch
Wayne R. Martin
Adopted this 16th day of October, 1990.

Richard Scullion
Iowa County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

David D. Meudt
Iowa County Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

This is to certify the above ordinance amendment was duly adopted by the County Board of Iowa County on the 16th day of October, 1990.

David D. Meudt
County Clerk
Iowa County, Wisconsin