

## OFFICE OF TAX AND REVENUE

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Office of Tax and Revenue (“OTR”), pursuant to the authority set forth in D.C. Official Code § 47-1335 (2001), Section 155 of the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2001 (P.L. 106-522, D.C. Official Code § 1- 204.24c (2001)), and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer Financial Management and Control Order No. 00-5, effective June 7, 2000, hereby gives notice of the adoption on an emergency basis of amendments to section 316 of Chapter 3 to Title 9 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (“DCMR”). A redeeming party shall be required to obtain a certificate of redemption from the Office of Tax and Revenue in order to provide proof to the Taxing Agency (other than the Office of Tax and Revenue) that the real property has been redeemed. Preceding the issuance of the certificate of redemption, the other Taxing Agency shall be required to certify to the Office of Tax and Revenue that the account of the real property is current, excepting the amount for the periods certified to and sold by the Office of Tax and Revenue at tax sale. Many real properties sold at tax sale are abandoned or impose a nuisance upon the neighborhood within which they are situated. As such, these properties pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the District of Columbia (“District”). In order to abate effectively nuisance properties and blight, the District needs to sell these properties as quickly and efficiently as possible. This emergency action is necessary to facilitate the operation of the tax sale, and to support the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the District.

The emergency regulation was adopted and became effective on July 3, 2008. The emergency regulation shall expire within 120 days from its effective date or upon publication of a Notice of Final Rulemaking in the *D.C. Register*, whichever occurs first.

OTR also gives notice of its intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt these regulations in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.

Section 316 of Chapter 3 of Title 9 DCMR is amended as follows:

(1) New subsection 316.2(a)(8)(F) is added to read as follows:

(F) If the real property was sold for a liability owing to a Taxing Agency other than the Office of Tax and Revenue, the redeeming party shall request, and shall pay the fee to obtain, a certificate of redemption. Preceding the issuance of the certificate of redemption, such other Taxing Agency shall certify to the Office of Tax and Revenue whether the account of the real property is current, excepting the amount for the periods certified to and sold by the Office of Tax and Revenue. The Office of Tax and Revenue shall not issue a certificate of redemption unless and until such other Taxing Agency certifies that the account of the real property is current, excepting the amount for the periods certified to and sold by the Office of Tax and Revenue.

(2) New subsection 316.5(j) is added to read as follows:

(j) If the real property was sold for a liability owing to a Taxing Agency other than the Office of Tax and Revenue, the redeeming party shall request, and shall pay the fee to obtain, a certificate of redemption. Preceding the issuance of the certificate of redemption, such other Taxing Agency shall certify to the Office of Tax and Revenue whether the account of the real property is current, excepting the amount for the periods certified to and sold by the Office of Tax and Revenue. The Office of Tax and Revenue shall not issue a certificate of redemption unless and until such other Taxing Agency certifies that the account of the real property is current, excepting the amount for the periods certified to and sold by the Office of Tax and Revenue.

Comments on this proposed rulemaking should be submitted in writing to Mr. Robert McKeon, Acting Deputy Director, Real Property Tax Administration, Office of Tax and Revenue, 941 North Capitol Street, NE, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20002, not later than thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*. Copies of this rule and related information may be obtained by writing to the person at the address stated herein.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**ERRATA NOTICE**

This errata notice officially rescinds as of July 3, 2008, a Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking that was published in the *D.C. Register* on June 6, 2008, at 55 DCR 6385, and established curbside loading and unloading zones for intercity bus services. A future Notice of Proposed Rulemaking soliciting public comments on this effort will be published at a later date.

Inquiries regarding this errata notice should be addressed to Karina Ricks, Associate Director, District Department of Transportation, 2000 14th Street, N.W., 7th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20009. Inquiries also may be sent electronically to [publicspace.committee@dc.gov](mailto:publicspace.committee@dc.gov).