

AUCTION OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTY

The City of New Iberia has announced that beginning September 2015 it will be taking the necessary steps to auction about 130 adjudicated properties across the city. This process will be done through an online auction process. The sale will provide winning bidders with full ownership of each property and with title insurance. The City will be able to collect important revenue, and encourage new construction and new development in many neighborhoods throughout the City.

Adjudicated property is property that has been placed in the local governmental hands because local taxes have not been paid and sequentially have not been redeemed by the debtor. Louisiana law authorizes governmental bodies having jurisdiction over these properties to sell or donate only those that have been adjudicated. The City will only auction those properties where five (5) years have elapsed from the date of the attempted tax sale.

On September 1, 2015 the City of New Iberia will list about 130 adjudicated properties for sale online at <http://www.CivicSource.com>. These properties will be plotted on a map and each property will include a detailed description. The earliest possible auction date will take place in January 2016.

The key goal of the adjudicated property auction is to provide title insurance to the winning bidder. In order for this to happen there is a two step process.

First Step is for the investor to place a \$750 deposit on each property which begins the prerequisite legal research and notification process. This process must be done before an auction can take place. This process takes approximately 120 days to complete. (If within those 120 days the current owner redeems his property the depositor will be refunded his money) and the sale is stopped.

Second Step is if the property is not redeemed by the conclusion of the research and notification period, the auction date is set and the depositors are notified. When the auction goes live, the depositors place their bids and a regular online auction takes place. The minimum starting price will include the cost of the research and legal notifications, closing costs and the cost of the title insurance. Unlike online tax sales, the successful purchaser will own the property free and clear with title insurance. Losing bidders will be refunded their \$750 deposit.

Questions about delinquent taxes and the adjudicated property sale process should be directed to The City of New Iberia by calling 1-888-690-5937.