

Tax Sale Questionnaire

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Thank you very much for your time completing this questionnaire. You may either complete this form in writing and send it to me, or fill in the fields

If you held more than one tax sale in any year, please complete an additional form for each additional sale date. You only need to complete the form for the specific year that had additional sales

2023

For Calendar year 2021 did you publish any Notice(s) of Tax Sale: _____ Y/N

If the answer above is yes, please identify the name of the publication where published and the approximate date of first publishing: _____ / Date: _____

What was the date of sale given in the published Notice of Tax Sale? _____

Did the sale go forward on the date originally noticed? _____ Y/N

If the sale did not go forward please indicate why:

_____ All properties removed for payment / payment arrangement

_____ Difficulty obtaining service of notice

_____ Other reason: _____

How many properties were sold at tax sale? _____

Were any property liens purchased by the municipality? _____ Y/N

Were any property liens not sold? _____ Y/N

Were any tax collector deeds issued as the result of the sale? _____ Y/N

Anything else of note concerning the sales that year? _____

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General Questions

Does your municipality have a written delinquent tax collection policy? _____ Y/N

Do you routinely offer delinquent taxpayers a payment plan? _____ Y/N

If you offer payment plans, do you require that back taxes be paid before the next year's taxes become due? _____ Y/N

How are you compensated for your work as delinquent tax collector?

_____ It is part of my employment in another role (ie. Town Manager, Clerk, Treasurer, etc.)

_____ I am paid based on an annual appropriation

_____ I am paid based on time/expenses submitted

_____ I am paid based on fees charged to taxpayers (ie. the 8% penalty under 32 V.S.A. §1674)

_____ I am not paid / Volunteer

_____ Other: _____

Since 2020, has your municipality utilized any of the following other legal methods to collect delinquent taxes?

_____ Wage Garnishment / Trustee Process

_____ Foreclosure by Judicial Sale

_____ Other: _____

Approximately what was the balance of delinquent property taxes owed to your municipality

as of January 1, 2024? _____

Are there any issues around delinquent tax collection that you think should be raised or addressed by the Vermont Legislature? If so, please explain. Feel free to send longer comments by e-mail to: AlanB72@aol.com

Name of person completing the questionnaire: _____

What is a good phone number to reach you? _____

What municipality do these answers relate to? _____

Thank you very much for taking the time to answer these questions. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to me directly:

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