

News From Ingham County Treasurer Eric Schertzing

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RECORD NUMBER OF PARCELS PUBLISHED IN JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MASON, MI – A record number of Ingham County properties are in danger of tax foreclosure. Tomorrow, Ingham County Treasurer Eric Schertzing publishes the 2009 Notice of Judicial Foreclosure Hearing. The 2009 Notice lists 1,500 parcels in danger of tax foreclosure - an 82.4% increase from 2008 when 822 parcels were listed.

Parcels on the tax foreclosure notice are currently in forfeiture, meaning 2007 or prior year's property taxes have not been paid. If property taxes go unpaid for 25 months after a local treasurer turns the property over delinquent to the county treasurer, the property can be foreclosed upon - completely extinguishing the owner's interest in the property. Prior to foreclosure, parcels are listed on a Notice of Judicial Foreclosure.

The tax foreclosure list is widely distributed in the community and is available on Treasurer Schertzing's website at www.ingham.org/TR/TRINDEX.HTM or by calling 517.676.7220.

Ingham County Treasurer Eric Schertzing has made access to property tax assistance a priority. "Foreclosure is final. Property owners must act now to prevent foreclosure." The Judicial Foreclosure Hearing takes place February 24, 2010 at 9 a.m. at the Ingham County Courthouse in Mason.

"Property owners facing foreclosure should call my office at 517.676.7220 and we will direct them to community resources or try and work out a payment plan. We don't foreclose on anyone who works out a payment plan and makes a good-faith effort to pay their property taxes," Schertzing said.

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