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IN RE THE PROCEEDING FOR KING COUNTY FOR THE FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TAXES AND FEES FOR THE YEARS 2020-2023 AND SOME PRIOR YEARS. NO. **23-2-2**2449-3 SEA

SUMMONS FOR AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TAXES AND FEES

1. A lawsuit has been initiated to foreclose real property tax liens on the property described in a Certificate of Delinquency filed with the Court on November 14, 2023. The parcel or parcels included in the Certificate of Delinquency is/are described in a document enclosed with this notice. King County's records and/or a title report issued by Chicago Title Insurance Company, reveal that you may own or have an interest in the property described in the enclosed document. Also enclosed with this Summons is a copy of the Complaint and the Notice of Protection: Servicemembers Civil Relief Act that were filed with the Certificate of Delinquency.

2. Pursuant to RCW 84.64.050, King County issued a Certificate of Delinquency on November 14, 2023, for the delinquent real property taxes, fees, interest and penalties owed, for 2020 through 2023 and/or prior years, on the real property described in the document enclosed with this notice.

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3. In order to defend against this foreclosure lawsuit, you must appear and defend this action by answering this summons and notice of foreclosure of liens for delinquent real property taxes and fees within thirty (30) days, exclusive of the day of service or pay all amounts due for taxes, fees, interest, penalties and foreclosure costs. All pleadings and process may be served upon King County by serving the same upon the undersigned attorneys. If you will serve documents by mail or by personal delivery via messenger, please mail or deliver to:

King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Columbia Tower, Suite 600 Attn: Thuy Nguyen 701 5th Avenue Seattle, Washington 98104

- 4. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written answer, if any, may be served on time.
- 5. Important -- Judgment and Order of Sale Without Notice. King County will apply to the Superior Court no earlier than June 14, 2024, for a judgment foreclosing its lien for taxes, interest, penalties and fees and an order allowing the County to sell the property against which judgment is rendered. If you fail to answer or pay the amounts due, a default judgment will be entered against the property foreclosing the lien for taxes, fees, interest, penalties and foreclosure costs against the land and premises described in the enclosed statement and on Exhibit A to the Certificate of Delinquency. A default judgment is one where King County is entitled to have the application for judgment foreclosing the tax lien and order allowing the County to sell the property granted because you have not responded. Default judgment will be entered without notice unless you or your attorney serves a notice of appearance on the undersigned person. The judgment would be against the property and not a personal judgment against you.

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6. As this action includes approximately 204 unrelated parcels, <u>you must make</u> reference to the tax parcel number in your answer, notice of appearance or any other response, inquiry or correspondence concerning this foreclosure action.

- 7. If judgment is rendered against the property, either by default or after a hearing by the Court, the property will be sold to satisfy the judgment. <u>Unless the property is redeemed on or before September 17, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.</u>, the sale will take place at an on-line public auction commencing no earlier than September 18, 2024.
- 8. Important -- Redemption Rights. The property may be redeemed from foreclosure, and sale of the property avoided, by paying the delinquent taxes, fees, interest, penalties and foreclosure costs, prior to the day of the public auction as authorized by the court. The amount of taxes may also include, if applicable, the amount of any assessment or taxes deferred under chapters 84.37 and 84.38 RCW. The payment must be by cash, cashier's check, or certified check. The right to redeem the property expires on September 17, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. There is no right of redemption on the day of or after the public on-line auction begins, unless the property is owned by a minor or a person adjudicated to be legally incompetent. Once judgment has been entered, if no payment has been received by the King County Treasury Operations Section on or before September 17, 2024 at 4:30 p.m., the property will be sold at an on-line auction beginning on September 18, 2024.
- 9. <u>Important -- Right to Surplus Sale Proceeds</u>. If the property is sold by order of this Court and you are the record owner of the property on the day the Certificate of Delinquency was filed, then consistent with RCW 84.64.080 you are entitled to make an application for any sale proceeds which exceed the taxes, fees, interest, penalties, foreclosure costs, and water-sewer district liens, if any.

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