

TAX LIEN SALE Q & A

1. **What authorizes Dallas County Tax Collector Office to hold a tax lien auction?**

Act 2018-577, providing counties an alternative remedy for collecting delinquent property taxes by the sale of a tax lien. This law vests the taxing official with the authority to use either the sale of a tax lien or the sale of property to collect delinquent property taxes each year.

2. **What is a tax lien auction and what is the purpose?**

A tax lien auction is the public sale of all tax liens advertised under Alabama Code § 40-10-182 and held no earlier than March 1 or later than June 15 of the current ad valorem tax year where the awarding of the tax lien certificate is based on the lowest interest rate bid on a tax lien.

The purpose of the tax lien auction is to secure payment of delinquent real property taxes in Dallas County. Owners are required to pay property taxes annually to the Tax Collector. Real property taxes become due and payable on October 1 of each year and become delinquent December 31.

The Tax Collector is authorized to secure payment of delinquent taxes through a tax lien auction, in which the perpetual priority lien provided by Alabama Code § 40-1-3 is sold and transferred to a purchaser through a public auction, to recover any taxes assessed and levied against the property, along with interest, penalties, fees, and costs.

3. **Where can I find a copy of the statues regarding tax lien auctions?**

The Code of Alabama Title 40, Article 7, 40-10-180 through 40-10-200. Act 2018-577

4. **When will I be able to register for the tax lien auction?**

Bidder registration will be available three weeks prior to the tax lien auction. **You may register as a bidder by going to www.GovEase.com** . During the registration process, participants are encouraged to thoroughly review the instructions regarding setting up payment, frequently asked questions (FAQs), rules, and the provided online training videos.

5. **May I transfer or sell my tax lien certificate to someone else?**

Yes, a tax lien certificate may be transferred and assigned to another party. Please refer to Alabama Code § 40-10-187(e) for additional information on transferring tax lien certificates.