

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PENDING FORECLOSURES
TO COLLECT DELINQUENT TAXES

Please be advised and take notice, beginning in March of 2015, the Washington County Tax Department will start making periodic referrals of overdue and delinquent tax accounts to Zacchaeus Legal Services, an independent law firm specializing in the collection of overdue and delinquent taxes. This firm will pursue collection of such taxes on behalf of Washington County using all available legal remedies, including if necessary, the filing of foreclosure actions against property upon which such taxes are levied.

Be further advised that you may have the option of voluntarily participating in a delinquent tax re-payment plan to pay overdue taxes owed over a reasonable period of time. Participants who enroll and remain in good standing by making active meaningful progress toward paying off overdue and delinquent taxes under the terms of any such re-payment plan, may have their accounts temporarily excluded from referral to Zacchaeus Legal Services. Once referred, an account is no longer eligible to participate in this program. Therefore, if you are interested in, or would like more information about, this re-payment program, please contact the Washington County Delinquent Tax Coordinator at 252-793-3927 at your earliest possible convenience.

Referrals will be made on a parcel by parcel basis, but be aware it is the intent of Washington County to continue making referrals until all overdue and delinquent tax accounts are: paid, actively participating in any re-payment program offered, or only if absolutely necessary, foreclosed upon.

The costs associated with collection activities undertaken on behalf of Washington County for each referred account will be passed along to the owner(s) of the property associated with such account against which the overdue taxes are levied. These costs are based on a sliding scale that increases in relation to the amount of work required to eventually collect the taxes owed. Therefore, owners of referred accounts will likely benefit financially by paying taxes owed to Washington County as soon as possible during the collection process.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact the Washington County Delinquent Tax Coordinator at 252-793-3927 at your earliest convenience.