

**City of Minneapolis**  
**Request for Committee Action**

**To:** Community Development & Regulatory Services  
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**From:** Community Planning & Economic Development  
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**Subject:**

Adopt a resolution for the classification of certain tax-forfeited land.

**Description:**

Passage of a resolution in accordance with Minnesota Statute 282.01, which affords government entities with an opportunity to provide comment about plans, projects, or ideas that apply to tax-forfeited properties at a publicly held classification meeting and delegating certain related actions to the CPED Director. The public meeting will be on December 17, 2015 for property included in this report.

**Previous Actions:**

None.

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**Ward/Neighborhood/Address:**

All Wards

**Background/Analysis:**

The City of Minneapolis received notification from Hennepin County that certain properties located within the jurisdiction of the municipality had forfeited to the State of Minnesota for unpaid taxes. These properties will be classified or reclassified by Hennepin County as conservation or non-conservation lands following a public meeting, which is currently scheduled for December 17, 2015. In accordance with Minnesota Statute 282.01, the City of Minneapolis has an opportunity to review the list and make a recommendation for submittal at the public meeting on the classification of such land as conservation or non-conservation. Properties classified as non-conservation are available for sale to government entities or through a public auction. Properties that are classified as conservation cannot be sold through a public auction and must meet one of the following criteria:

- 1) Encourage and foster a mode of land utilization that will facilitate the economical and adequate provision of transportation, roads, water supply, drainage, sanitation, education, and recreation,
- 2) Facilitate reduction of governmental expenditures,
- 3) Conserve and develop the natural resources, and
- 4) Foster and develop agriculture and other industries in the districts and places best suited to them.

In accordance with Minnesota Statute 282.01, the City has 60 days from receipt of the notice to approve or reject the proposed classification of properties. On October 23, 2015, notification was sent to all neighborhood groups, applicable City departments, the City Council, the Twin Cities Community Land Bank, and City Council-approved developers for the Neighborhood

Stabilization Program and Home Ownership Works programs for review and comment on the 1807 Conservation/Non-Conservation List.

Based on input received and in accordance with Minnesota Statute 282.01, City staff recommends that:

- All properties are classified as non-conservation
- Delegate to the CPED Director the authority to provide comment on all future classification of tax-forfeited properties

It is the obligation of the County to solicit input from the City on the disposition plans for the parcels, whether by public auction, private auction to adjacent owners only, request public use conveyance, or a non-public sale to the City. City staff will perform necessary due diligence to determine the appropriate disposition strategy to employ with each property and requests that the City Council delegate to the CPED Director, the authority to submit input to the County on this list and on future lists on behalf of the City after such due diligence is completed.

Pursuant to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances section 415.40(c), the Council has delegated to the CPED Director the authority to make offers to acquire development property consistent with project plans, programs, and budgets approved by the Council. If the City decides to acquire any of these properties, the City receives tax title and title clearance actions are necessary prior to re-sale. Consequently, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 508A.03 and 508.03(6), any acquisition will necessitate Mayor and City Clerk, as the appropriate City officials, to sign applications for title registration on all City-acquired properties. Staff hereby requests that the City Council authorize the CPED Director to order such title clearance actions for the properties that will be acquired by the City using budgets previously approved by the Council, where appropriate.

**Financial Review:**

**No financial impact.**

**Attachments:**

1. 1807 Tax Forfeit Classification List Resolution
2. 1807 Tax Forfeit Classification List
3. 1807 Tax Forfeit Classification List Map