

BARNEY WRIGHT, WARREN COUNTY TREASURER, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL USE NEGOTIATED TAX LIEN SALES TO COLLECT DELINQUENT TAXES

The Warren County Treasurer, Barney Wright, will be collecting more revenue for the county, local governments and the schools by conducting a Tax Certificate Sale. The primary benefit of a Tax Certificate Sale is that it allows the treasurer an opportunity to give taxpayers more time to pay their delinquent property taxes rather than the last resort of sending their file to the County Prosecuting Attorney to file a foreclosure action against them.

Notices are being sent to taxpayers to give them time and opportunity to pay any delinquent tax in full or to enter into a payment agreement, if they qualify, with the County Treasurer's office.

The Treasurer has history of working with taxpayers in difficulty when possible. This Tax Certificate sale will give public bodies revenue immediately and will reduce the percentage of taxes that remain unpaid. It also gives a taxpayer with a sold certificate an additional 12 to 18 months to pay their delinquent taxes.

Tax lien sales is a tool approved by the Ohio Revised Code that is designed to motivate property owners to come in and meet their obligations. In this sale the Treasurer has negotiated to sell past due taxes to Tax Ease Ohio II LLC. Once the sale is completed, the property owner is notified and is directed to make future payments on the delinquent taxes directly to Tax Ease, who handles all administrative costs of the program, instead of Warren County. The property owner gains additional time to pay and will have a 17.5% annual simple interest rate on the unpaid balance.

If you have any questions, please call the Warren County Treasurer's Office at 513.695.1300.