IN THE CIRCUIT OURT OF COOK COUNTY COUNTY DEPARTMENT, COUNTY DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-8 (Amended October 26, 2020)

TOLLING ORDER - TAX DEED CASES - COVID-19 EMERGENCY

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the County Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois has not conducted any hearings on Tax Deed Petitions since March 17, 2020 and will not do so on any case involving a property that is occupied until further order of this court. This order is entered to remain consistent with Cook County Circuit Court General Administrative Order 2020-02 (Amended October 16, 2020) which stays such proceedings which effect occupied properties until further order of court.

Because this court has been unable to act since March 17, 2020 and is still unable to act with respect to Tax Deed Petitions concerning occupied properties, the court, pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/22-85, hereby tolls the time tax purchasers have to take out and record a tax deed and/or obtain an order declaring a sale in error until further order of this court.

Even though Cook County Circuit Court General Administrative Order 2020-02 (Amended October 16, 2020) allows Tax Deed Petitions which involve properties that are unimproved, abandoned or vacant, to proceed, the court, pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/22-85, hereby tolls the time tax purchasers have to take out and record a tax deed and/or obtain an order declaring a sale in error until further order of court due to the backlog and current delays caused by the COVID-19 crises with other county offices in processing orders directing issuance of tax deed, obtaining tax deeds and recording tax deeds.

This order will be amended, pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/22-85, once hearings on all Tax Deed Petitions resume to exclude the exact number of days that the court was unable to act since March 17, 2020.

Administrative Order 2020-8 (Amended October 26, 2020) shall be spread upon the records of this court and remain in effect until further Order of court.

Dated: October 26, 2020

ENTER:

JUDGE SHARON M. SULLIVAN-1614

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COU OF COOK COUNTY, IL Judge Sharon M. Sullivan

Presiding Judge, County Division