

LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Effective January 1, 2026, and pursuant to Pennsylvania Act 48 of 2024, the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office will impose a mandatory fee of \$250.00 on each purchaser for every parcel of real property sold at tax sales and mortgage foreclosure sales. A fee of \$250.00 shall be assessed per parcel of real estate sold, without exception. For third party bidders, this fee will be automatically deducted from your deposit balance at the time of sale. Third-party bidders must ensure that they have sufficient funds available and are allocated to cover both the 10% deposit fee and the Act 48 fee. The Act 48 fee is assessed to the plaintiff if the property is awarded to them if they had placed a competitive bid. The plaintiff is required to remit payment for the Act 48 fee within 10 business days from the date of sale. Act 48 fee checks must be made payable to "Lancaster County Sheriff's Office" and hand delivered or mailed to the Sheriff's Office at 50 North Duke Street Lancaster, PA 17602, and addressed to Corporal Snively. **No deed or transfer of title shall be executed or delivered until the Act 48 fee has been received in full by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office. Failure to submit this payment by the required deadline may result in delays, administrative costs, including but not limited to attorney's fees and/or additional administrative action.**

All bidding will be solely through this service and anyone interested in bidding is required to place their bids solely through REALAUCION. REALAUCION is the only accepted service for Lancaster County Sheriff Sales.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

The Sheriff's Office reserves the right to accept or to reject any one or more bids, and to sell the properties in any order or combination, as determined by the Sheriff's Office. The sale of any property may, at the discretion of the Sheriff's Office, be stayed or continued in whole or in part.

If any irregularities, defects, or failures to comply with these Conditions of Sale occur during the sale, properties may be placed back up for sale at any time prior to the conclusion of the sale.

All properties are sold "AS IS", with NO expressed or implied warranties or guarantees whatsoever. In other words, the Sheriff's Office does not guarantee or warrant, in any way, the real estate upon which you are bidding. The Sheriff's Office is merely following the requests of the plaintiffs and selling whatever interests the defendants may have in the properties. It is up to you or your attorney to determine what those interests are, before you buy. There may be mortgages or other liens against the properties that you may have to pay before you obtain clear title to a property. All of these factors are for you alone to determine. **NOTE: The RealAuction website provides a "Street View" of the listed properties for reference only! This should not be used as a representation as to the condition, or even existence of, the Property and such views may be out of**

date. The Sheriff's Office will not make these determinations for you. Bidders are solely responsible for the conditions of the actual real property and improvements thereon.

Once you make a bid, which is accepted as the highest bid, you have bought whatever interests the defendants have in that property and you must pay that sum of money to the Sheriff's Office regardless of what you later find out about the title or condition of the property. You must know what you are bidding on before you bid and NOT after. All sales are FINAL after the property has been struck off to you as the highest bidder, and no adjustments will be made thereafter.

In addition to the \$250.00 Act 48 fee (per parcel), a 10% down payment towards the purchase of any property must be made prior to the Sale through the REALAUCATION website. The final 90% of the purchase price for properties must be in the form of lawful money of the United States, a certified or cashier's check from a bank, or a Lancaster County attorney's check. The Sheriff's Office will NOT accept any other form of payment.

In order to expedite the sale, the Sheriff's Office encourages, but does not require, plaintiffs to make an opening bid of costs and, if necessary, to thereafter place competitive bids. Any bidding above the plaintiff's opening costs bid for such property will begin at the next increment of One Thousand Dollars over the Costs bid. Subsequent bids shall be in no less than \$1000 increments. Pursuant to Pennsylvania law, Plaintiffs may withdraw a property from sale any time before the property is struck off as sold to the highest bidder.

Immediately upon a property being struck off to the highest bidder, the buyers' name will be made public on the REALAUCATION website. The 10% down payment and Act 48 fee will be deducted from any funds on deposit with REALAUCATION. Be advised the \$250 fee is per parcel. The Buyer must upload picture ID as part of the registration process. If a Buyer chooses to use a corporate, partnership, or other entity form, Pennsylvania ID of a responsible individual must be submitted to the Sheriff's Office via e-mail to ksnavely@lancastercountypa.gov. The buyer must subsequently pay the balance of their bid within 30 days after the sale date by a certified check or business check payable to the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office. Checks can be personally delivered or mailed to the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office at 50 North Duke Street Lancaster, PA 17602, addressed to Corporal Snavelly. Failure to pay the balance of your bid in the required amount of time will result in the loss of your deposit. Forfeiture of the deposit does not relieve the obligation to pay the balance due.

Each buyer shall file a properly completed and signed Pennsylvania Realty Transfer Tax Statement of Value with Sheriff's Office within 15 days after the sale date. Two statements are required- each must have an original signature. All applicable realty transfer taxes will be fully paid from the sale proceeds by the Sheriff's Office. If the proceeds are insufficient to pay all the sale costs, realty transfer taxes, and priority liens, then the buyer shall pay the balance of such amounts to the Sheriff's Office within 30 days after the sale date.

If no petition has been filed to set aside a property sale, the Sheriff will execute and record a deed 60 days or more after the Sale Date conveying all the real estate rights, title, & interests of the defendants in the property. In addition, prior to payout of funds on hand

from the Sale, the Sheriff shall file a proposed Schedule of Distribution with the Prothonotary's Office, Distribution of the sale proceeds will be made per the proposed Schedule of Distribution 30 or more days after the filing of such Schedule provided no exceptions are filed regarding the proposed distribution.

The Sheriff's Office may hold agents responsible for their winning bids if their principal fails to comply with these Conditions of Sale, unless the agent has a notarized agency agreement and presents same to the Sheriff's Office prior to the beginning of the sale.

If a buyer breaches or otherwise fails to comply with these Conditions of Sale, the buyer shall forfeit their down payment to the Sheriff's Office in its entirety as liquidated damages, and the buyer also shall be liable to the Sheriff's Office for all costs, expenses, losses, and damages (including, without limitation, attorney fees) suffered or incurred by the Sheriff's Office (1) to resell the property or (2) above and beyond such down payment amount, or both of the foregoing.

The Sheriff's Office reserves the right to alter or modify these conditions of sale during or before each sale, or on a case by case basis. The Sheriff's Office decision shall be final regarding all sale issues and disputes.

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