

## WALLER COUNTY TAX OFFICE

## WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS

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Starting October 7, 2003, two new legislative mandates take effect:

To participate in a tax sale, an individual must obtain a statement from the Tax Assessor-Collector confirming that they do not have any outstanding taxes in Waller County or within any school district or municipality that includes territory in Waller County. To request this statement, the individual must provide a list of all properties they currently own or have owned, along with the names as they appear on each property's deed. Those with overdue taxes are not allowed to bid in the tax sale.

The fee is \$10.00, and the qualified bidder will receive three copies of the statement. This statement will be valid for 90 days from the issuance date. This document is issued pursuant to Texas Tax Code sections 34.0445 and 34.015 requirements and is not a tax certificate issued per Texas Tax Code section 31.08.

To request this statement, call or visit the Tax Office at least five (5) days before the sale.

The second section of the new law specifies that the bidder in a tax sale must be recorded as the grantee of the tax deed. Consequently, a bidder can no longer place bids on behalf of someone else; however, this regulation excludes corporations, partnerships, charities, and agencies.