



THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

THE JUSTICE CENTER 1215 West 3rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Civil Division – FAQ

FORCLOSURE SALES:

I have heard that a property has gone into foreclosure. However, I have not seen it appear yet on your foreclosure list. How do I find out the status of this property and when it is scheduled for sale by the Sheriff's Department?

Search the case number or address on the Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts Docket at <https://cpdocket.cp.cuyahogacounty.us/tos.aspx> to see the current filings on the case. The Sheriff will assign a sale date approximately six weeks from the date an order of sale is issued to the Sheriff by the Clerk of Courts.

I'm afraid that my home is going into foreclosure. Is there anything I can do?

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I have a question about a property that is scheduled for a Sheriff's Foreclosure Sale. Who do I contact for more information?

Contact the Sheriff's Civil Land Sales Department at (216) 443-6000 x1226.

Where are Sheriff Sales held and how do I register or bid on a parcel?

All Cuyahoga County Sheriff Sales are held on online only and cannot be attended in person. Please visit <https://cuyahoga.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov/> for sale lists and registration requirements.

I am having troubles registering with Real Auction or have questions about my registered account. Who do I contact?

All questions relating to your account and Real Auction must be answered by Real Auction. Please visit <https://cuyahoga.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov/>.

What do the terms WITHDRAWN, BANKRUPTCY, POSTPONED, CANCELLED and UNSOLD mean? Why are some parcels marked with these terms even before the sale takes place?

All of the terms indicate the current status. With the exception to UNSOLD, the remaining indicate the reason why the parcel is no longer being offered for sale.

- WITHDRAWN – The Sheriff's Department received a Court Order not to sell the property.
- BANKRUPTCY – Bankruptcy has been filed on the parcel and the sale has been stopped.
- POSTPONED – The Sheriff's Department has received a notice from the judgment creditor to postpone the sale for a rescheduled sale date.
- CANCELLED – The Sheriff's Department has received a notice from the judgment creditor to cancel the sale.
- UNSOLD – The property did not receive bids for purchase during the sale, the Sheriff may offer the parcel at a second sale two weeks later.

It is not unusual that a parcel may be withdrawn well in advance of the scheduled sale date. When this happens the Sheriff's Department does not remove the listing, it is merely marked with the appropriate status to display the reason why it will not be offered for sale.

My home (parents' home, business...etc.) is scheduled for a Sheriff's Sale and a petition of bankruptcy has been filed in order to have the sale stayed. How do I get the property removed from your sale listing?

Deliver the proper Bankruptcy paperwork (with the bankruptcy seal) to the Sheriff's Civil Land Sales Department on the 2nd floor of the Justice Center. The property will remain on the Foreclosure Sale List however it will be marked with a BANKRUPTCY status.

I have reason to believe that information on the Sheriff's Foreclosure Sale page is incorrect, how do I get that information corrected/removed?

Contact the Sheriff's Civil Land Sales Department at (216) 443-6000 x1226. The case will be reviewed and adjusted accordingly if needed.

How can I go about viewing a property before I decide if I want to bid on it?

There are no allowances for viewing properties before the sale. Please be sure to read the Terms of Sale and Sheriff Sale Warning Letter.

WRITS / SERVING DOCUMENTS:

How can I have documents served in Cuyahoga County?

A deposit, service instructions, service packet of documents and a self-addressed stamped envelope must be received by mail or in person at the below address.

Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department
Civil Division – Writs Department
1215 West 3rd Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Please review the Civil Division's POLICY page for specific details pertaining to service for Cuyahoga County and foreign documents.

I did not see an answer to my question on this page, where do I go?

Please refer to the Civil Division's POLICY and the documents posted on the Foreclosure page. If your question is still not answered please contact the Sheriff's Civil Division at (216) 443-6000 x1226.