

MUNICIPAL CHARTERS

[(e). Payment prior to sale. At any time before the ratification of the sale of real or leasehold property, the person charged with the taxes under which sale was made, or such person's heirs, personal representatives or assigns, or his, her or their agent or attorneys, or any mortgagees or other lien holders, may pay to the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, the amount paid to the clerk for taxes, interest, costs and expenses as aforesaid, with interest thereon from the day of sale at the rate of fifteen per cent (15%), and such payment shall render the sale null and void, and such payment shall be an absolute bar to the ratification of the sale, upon payment as aforesaid, the purchaser, his executors, administrators or assigns, shall execute a deed or release, which shall be recorded as a deed of real estate.]

[(f). Ratification. Twelve months after the date of sale, or as soon thereafter as may be reasonably convenient, the clerk shall, under oath, report the said sale, together with all the proceedings had in relation thereto, to the Circuit Court for Dorchester County. The court shall examine the said proceedings and, if the same appear to be regular and the provisions of the law in relation thereto have been substantially complied with, the court shall order notice to be given by advertisement, published in such newspaper or newspapers as the court shall direct, warning all persons interested in the property sold to be and appear by a certain day in the said notice to be named, to show cause, if any they have, why said sale shall not be ratified and confirmed; and, if no cause or an insufficient cause be shown against said ratification, the said sale shall, by order of said court, be ratified and confirmed, and the purchaser shall, on payment of the balance of the purchase money, have a good title to the property sold; and the clerk and president of the Board of Commissioners shall execute an appropriate deed for such property and all right, title and interest of all persons in said property shall pass to the grantee in such deed, but if good cause, in the judgment of said court, be shown, in the premises, the said sale shall be set aside, in which case the said clerk shall proceed to a new sale of the property, and shall bring the proceeds into court, out of which the purchaser shall be repaid the purchase money paid by the purchaser to the clerk on said rejected sale, and all taxes assessed on said property paid by the purchaser after said sale and all costs and expenses properly incurred under said sale and in said court, with interest on all such sums from the time of payment; and if the purchaser has not paid the purchase money or costs or any subsequent taxes, said proceeds shall be applied to the payment of taxes for which said property may have been sold, and all subsequent taxes due thereon and in