

(i) establish their eligibility for bidding by presenting evidence of the legal existence of the bidding entity that is satisfactory to the collector;

(ii) limit their representation at a tax sale to no more than a single agent per bidding entity; and

(iii) refrain from any act, agreement, consent, or conspiracy to suppress, predetermine, rig, or fix the bidding at the sale.

(5) (i) If determined by the collector to be in the best public interest and included in the required public notice of the sale, the collector may solicit and accept bids from the highest bidder for any group of properties to be sold at the tax sale.

(ii) 1. Upon the request of any individual or group, the collector may remove any individual property or properties from a group of properties to be sold at the tax sale.

2. Upon the request of the property owner at least 15 days before the date of the tax sale, the collector shall remove any individual property or properties from a group of properties to be sold at the tax sale.

(iii) The collector shall provide notice to the potential bidders of any alterations to a group of properties at the time the bidders become known.

(iv) The collector may conduct the sale of a group of properties under this paragraph by a sealed bid process.

(v) Except in Montgomery County, the collector shall establish a high-bid premium under subsection (b)(2) of this section for all properties to be sold:

1. in groups; or
2. by sealed bid process.

(b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, property may not be sold for a sum less than the total amount of all taxes on the property that are certified to the collector under § 14-810 of this subtitle, together with interest and penalties on the taxes and the expenses incurred in making the sale, and the lien for the taxes, interest, penalties, and expenses passes to the purchaser.

(2) (i) The collector may establish a high-bid premium to be applied to all properties to be sold at the tax sale.

(ii) Except as provided in subparagraphs (iii) and (iv) of this paragraph, the high-bid premium shall be 20% of the amount by which the highest bid exceeds 40% of the property's full cash value.

(iii) Except as provided in subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, in Baltimore City AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, the high-bid premium shall be 20% of the amount by which the highest bid exceeds the greater of:

1. the lien amount; or