

RESOLUTION NO. 195

**PROHIBITING THE SALE OF IN REM FORECLOSED PROPERTY
WITHOUT RECOUPING COUNTY COSTS**

Introduced: 5/10/10

By Ms. Benedict and Mr. Clouse:

WHEREAS, Albany County government acquires property through in rem foreclosure, and

WHEREAS, Albany County is owed back property taxes from these parcels, all of which have some land value, and

WHEREAS, These back taxes constitute the cost of these parcels, and

WHEREAS, Albany County is now facing a significant and unprecedented budget crisis, and

WHEREAS, This is an effort to address this situation in a bipartisan fashion, and

WHEREAS, Albany County residents should rightly expect that their County government take all possible steps to recoup back property taxes thereby lessening the burden of taxpayers, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County cannot, with the exception of sales or transfers to other Municipalities strictly and solely for municipal use only, convey any in rem foreclosure property to a charitable or not-for-profit organization unless said organization pays the full amount of back taxes, interest and any other reasonable costs owed to the County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Audit and Finance Committee. 5/10/10

Withdrawn by Sponsors. 11/23/10