

PART 5 – MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AMENDMENTS

Local Government Act

13 *The Local Government Act, R.S.B.C. 2015, c. 1, is amended by adding the following section:*

Owners must be given notice before tax sale

- 647.1** (1) At least 60 days before the date of the annual tax sale, the collector must, in relation to any property subject to tax sale, give written notice, either by serving the notice or by sending it by registered mail, to persons registered in the land title office as
- (a) owner of the fee simple of the property, or
 - (b) owner of a charge on the property.
- (2) A notice under subsection (1) must include the following:
- (a) the time and place of the annual tax sale;
 - (b) the legal description and street address, if any, of the property subject to tax sale;
 - (c) the amount of all taxes owing to the municipality on the property and the amount of interest to the date of the annual tax sale;
 - (d) the upset price of the property for the purpose of the tax sale;
 - (e) a statement that, if the amounts referred to in section 649 (1) (a) and (b) [*upset price for tax sale*] are not paid before the annual tax sale, the collector will offer the property for sale by public auction at the time and place stated in the notice;
 - (f) a statement that, if the property is sold at the annual tax sale, a right of redemption will remain in the owner or holder of the charge until the end of the redemption period.
- (3) On application, the Supreme Court may order that a notice under subsection (1) may be served by substituted service in accordance with the order.
- (4) The collector must retain a copy of each notice under subsection (1).

14 *Section 657 (3) is amended by adding “and section 647.1 [owners must be given notice before tax sale]” after “set out in subsection (1)”.*

15 *Section 666 (2) (c) is amended by striking out “section 657 [notice of tax sale and redemption period]” and substituting “section 647.1 [owners must be given notice before tax sale] or 657 [owners must be given notice of tax sale and redemption period]”.*