Buyers responsible for tax sale property violations

(KAIR)—As the 2019 Atchison County Tax Sale approaches, the City of Atchison is sending a reminder regarding the responsibility of those who buy property that has current code violations.

According to a news release issued by the City, while a tax sale effectively wipes the slate clean on back taxes owed, it does not resolve buyers of responsibility to bring the property up to minimum codes or recent mowing assessments.

11 properties listed for the sale have such violations.

The release explains that code issues on the properties range from cosmetic issues to a demolition order.

Joe Warren, Director of Administrative Services for the City of Atchison, in the release, said the one property under a demolition order "has been inspected and is probably unsalvageable."

He also explained that property maintenance becomes the responsibility of the bidder when a property is bought at tax sale.

If a prospective buyer would like to know more about any code issues with current tax sale properties, they should contact City of Atchison Community Development at (913) 367-5560.

The tax sale will be held Wednesday morning at 10:00 at the Atchison County Courthouse.

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