



DOOE (Distressed Owner-Occupant Extension)

Your property is facing tax foreclosure due to unpaid property taxes. If you are the taxpayer, you may be able to get a "DOOE" to save your property from foreclosure and give you time to pay off the back taxes.

What is it?

DOOE is a protection that can take your property out of tax foreclosure for the year.

Do I Qualify?

- You must pay off all property taxes prior to 2014 to the Wayne County Treasurer
- You must live in the home in foreclosure
- You must be the homeowner of the property in foreclosure

To Apply (Get your application from UCHC or the Wayne County Treasurer)

- Complete application
- Sign and complete Income Affidavit
- Provide a copy of current driver's license or state ID the address of the property in foreclosure
- Provide a recent DTE bill or other similar document showing your name and address (no water bill)
- Provide recorded proof of ownership (aka your deed). All documents must have the name of the owner/occupant and match the address on the DOOE application. Any name change (for example, a name change due to marriage or divorce) should be explained and documented (for example, marriage license, divorce judgment, etc.).
- You must have a hardship and briefly explain that hardship
 - You should receive written notice telling you that your DOOE application has been granted and if you do not receive that notice, you should assume that it has not been granted or was not received.
 - **DOOE applications are due March 15, 2017.**

More Info

- A DOOE does not reduce the taxes owed or eliminate interest or penalties.
- We highly recommend that you make monthly payments to pay your back taxes as quickly as possible. If you are on a payment plan, keep up with *that plan*, not the suggested payment plan in the DOOE.
- If you qualify for State Emergency Relief (SER) or any other assistance that is based on your home being in foreclosure, the SER should be requested before the DOOE.
- **The only way to stay out of foreclosure in the long term is to pay off your back taxes.** A DOOE alone is not enough. It is a safety net to give you time to pay off taxes but you should still seek other options.
- See flyers or ask counselors about other homeowner assistance
 - Payment Plans
 - Poverty Tax Exemption
 - Step Forward Michigan
 - Property Reassessment

Free Counseling Assistance

United Community Housing Coalition / Michigan Legal Services

Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings 9 am - noon

2727 Second Ave., Suite 313, Detroit, MI 48201

UCHC: 313.963.3310 | MLS: 313.964.4130 | Tax Foreclosure Hotline: 313.405.7726