

Fort Bend County - Excess Funds Recovery Guide

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For MaxSam V4 - Automated Excess Funds Recovery System

OVERVIEW

Fort Bend County (Sugar Land/Richmond area) handles excess funds through the District Clerk's Office. The county provides an "Excess Proceeds from Tax Sale" report through their Research/Resource Information section. When properties sell at tax foreclosure for more than the amount owed, surplus funds are held for eligible claimants.

KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

| Contact | Details |

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| Office | Fort Bend County District Clerk's Office |

| Address | 301 Jackson St, Richmond, TX 77469 |

| Phone | (281) 342-3411 |

| Department | Research/Resource Information |

EXCESS PROCEEDS REPORT

Fort Bend County provides a downloadable "Excess Proceeds from Tax Sale" PDF document through the District Clerk's Research/Resource Information section.

Check this report first to identify potential claims.

DEADLINE TO FILE CLAIM

2 YEARS from the date of the tax foreclosure sale.

If no petition is filed within this timeframe, funds are distributed to the taxing units.

STEP-BY-STEP CLAIM PROCESS

Step 1: Request Excess Proceeds Report

- Call District Clerk's Office at (281) 342-3411
- Or visit fortbendcountytexas.gov for downloadable report
- Identify your property and available funds

Step 2: Gather Required Documentation

For Property Owners:

- Deed showing ownership before judgment date
- Government-issued photo ID

For Heirs:

- Proof of relationship
- Probate records
- Death certificate

For Lienholders:

- Recorded lien documentation

Step 3: Prepare Petition

- Draft petition for excess proceeds
- Include property details and cause number
- State your claim and relationship to property

Step 4: File with Court

- Submit to Fort Bend County District Court
- File under original cause number if available
- Pay required filing fees

Step 5: Serve All Parties

- Serve copy on all parties to underlying action
- Must serve at least 20 days before hearing
- Follow Texas Rules of Civil Procedure

Step 6: Attend Hearing

- Present your documentation and claim
- Court determines distribution priority
- Receive court order directing payment

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- [] Petition for Excess Proceeds
- [] Proof of ownership (deed from before judgment)