

**United States District Court
Eastern District of Michigan
Southern Division**

Bowles v. County of Oakland, et al., Case No. 20-cv-12838

Date of Notice: _____

If you or a deceased family member were a resident of Oakland County, Michigan and lost your real estate to a tax foreclosure between 2009 and 2019, a \$38 million settlement may affect your rights.

A federal court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- Class Representatives (“Plaintiffs”) and Oakland County have reached a settlement (“the Settlement”) in a class action lawsuit called *Bowles v. County Of Oakland, et al.*, Case No 20-cv-12838.
- Plaintiffs allege that Oakland County violated the law by foreclosing on the homes of property owners for unpaid taxes and retaining more than the tax delinquency after the properties were sold at a tax foreclosure auction.
- Oakland County denies wrongdoing and asserts it was following state law and procedures that were required to be taken when a property owner does not pay their property taxes.
- The Court has not decided who is right or wrong. Instead, Plaintiffs and Oakland County have agreed to the Settlement to avoid the risk and cost of further litigation.
- If you are receiving this Notice, you have been identified as a Class Member. If approved by the Court, the Settlement will establish a \$38 million Settlement Fund (“the Settlement Fund”) for the common benefit of the class (“the Settlement Class”).
- Your legal rights are affected whether you act or do not act, so please read this Notice carefully.