

**LAND DISPOSITION REPORT  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE**

**DATE**

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**STAFF**

DCD Yves LaPierre

**EXPANSION OF \$1.00 VACANT LOT SALES PROGRAM**

The \$1.00 vacant lot program began with adoption of Common Council File No. 140326, and sales began on July 1, 2014 in the 15th Aldermanic District. To date, 77 lots have been sold in the 15th Aldermanic District.

Vacant lot sales have continued City-wide, with a total of 72 sold outside of the 15th Aldermanic District. Vacant lot sales outside of the 15th Aldermanic District have been in the \$100 to \$300 range, with the price based on street frontage and square footage.

**TABLE LISTING LOT SALES BY ALDERMANIC DISTRICT**

<b>Aldermanic District</b>	<b>Vacant Lot Sales</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>77</b>

City-wide vacant lot sales from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 = 149.

**REVENUE IMPACT**

Increase in tax revenue of minimum \$75 per vacant lot x 149 = \$11,175.

Decrease in maintenance of \$320 per vacant lot x 149 = \$47,680.

## **VACANT LOT SALES PROCESS – APPROXIMATE TIMELINE**

- Constituent vacant lot purchase requests received (phone, email, walk-ins).
- Requests are logged in order received and batched into reports.
- Reports forwarded to local Common Council Members for approval (two weeks allowed for approval).
- After aldermanic approvals are received by DCD, offers-to-purchase are mailed to constituents.
- Offers-to-purchase are processed as received (two weeks).
  - Background checks
  - City memos for outstanding charges and special assessments
  - Outstanding charges to be paid (add two weeks)
- Create deeds and closing documents.
- Contact constituents for closing appointments.
- Total of six to eight weeks from constituent requests to closings.

## **POST CLOSING**

- Process closing documents and record deeds (two weeks).
- Update records and databases.
- Notify all City departments of sales (two weeks).