

306.23 Notice preference of sale.

1. The agency in control of a tract, parcel, or piece of land, or part thereof, which is unused right-of-way shall send by certified mail to the last known address of the present owner of adjacent land from which the tract, parcel, piece of land, or part thereof, was originally purchased or condemned for highway purposes, and to the person who owned the land at the time it was purchased or condemned for highway purposes, notice of the agency's intent to sell the land, the name and address of any other person to whom a notice was sent, and the fair market value of the real property based upon an appraisal by an independent appraiser.

2. The notice shall give an opportunity to the present owner of adjacent property and to the person who owned the land at the time it was purchased or condemned for highway purposes to be heard and make offers within sixty days of the date the notice is mailed for the tract, parcel, or piece of land to be sold. An offer which equals or exceeds in amount any other offer received and which equals or exceeds the fair market value of the property shall be given preference by the agency in control of the land. If no offers are received within sixty days or if no offer equals or exceeds the fair market value of the land, the agency shall transfer the land for a public purpose or proceed with the sale of the property.

3. For the purposes of this section, "*public purpose*" means the transfer to a state agency or a city, county, or other political subdivision for a public purpose.

[C35, § 4755-f2; C39, § **4755.45**; C46, 50, § 313.54; C54, 58, 62, 66, § 306.17; C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 306.23; 81 Acts, ch 98, § 1; 82 Acts, ch 1104, § 7]

87 Acts, ch 35, §1; 97 Acts, ch 149, §2, 3