

THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN

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DOCKET DIRECTIVE 2007 - 18

STATE OF MICHIGAN THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SUBJECT: REASSIGNMENT OF DOCKET FOR CITY OF DETROIT PROPERTY TAX FORECLOSURE CASES

This docket directive is issued pursuant to MCR 8.110 and 8.111.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Effective January 2, 2008, the pending **CFCON** docket previously assigned to Judge Michael F. Sapala, and all future property tax foreclosure cases (CH) filed by the City of Detroit shall be assigned to the docket of Judge William J. Giovan.

This docket directive is necessary for the purpose of administrative efficiency, judicial economy and to avoid the potential for conflicting decisions on the same issues by judges of the same court.

These cases will continue to be assigned to the judicial docket code of **CFCON** on the Court's case management system in order to separate these actions from Judge Giovan's current civil inventory.

The City of Detroit or firm representing the same shall affix the following language to the face of each complaint: <u>DETROIT (CITY OF) – TAX</u> to clearly identify these filings and the Office of the Wayne County Clerk shall assign them pursuant to this Docket Directive.

Each filed complaint must include, as an exhibit, the relevant tax bill(s) evidencing the alleged unpaid taxes owed.

Upon the filing of a motion for default judgment, the most recent copy of the City of Detroit Tax Bill and an affidavit of fees and costs shall be attached to the motion. The motion shall otherwise be in conformity with applicable court rules.

This Docket Directive rescinds Docket Directive 2006 – 05.

The Wayne County Clerk, Circuit Court Case Processing and Circuit Court Information and Technology Systems Bureau are directed to take the appropriate actions necessary to implement this Directive.

MARY BETH KELLY

CHIEF JUDGE

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DATED: December 19, 2007