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- 2 **SB 5554** H COMM AMD
- 3 By Committee on Law & Justice
- 4 ADOPTED AS AMENDED 4/14/97
- 5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
- 6 following:
- 7 "Sec. 1. RCW 61.24.010 and 1991 c 72 s 58 are each amended to read
- 8 as follows:
- 9 (1) The terms "record" and "recorded" as used in this chapter,
- 10 shall include the appropriate registration proceedings, in the instance
- 11 of registered land.
- 12 (2) The trustee of a deed of trust under this chapter shall be:
- 13 (a) Any domestic corporation incorporated under Title 23B, 30, 31,
- 14 32, or 33 RCW; or
- 15 (b) Any title insurance company authorized to insure title to real
- 16 property under the laws of this state, or its agents; or
- 17 (c) Any attorney who is an active member of the Washington state
- 18 bar association at the time he is named trustee; or
- 19 (d) Any professional corporation incorporated under chapter 18.100
- 20 RCW, all of whose shareholders are licensed attorneys; or
- 21 (e) Any agency or instrumentality of the United States government;
- 22 or
- 23 (f) Any national bank, savings bank, or savings and loan
- 24 association chartered under the laws of the United States.
- 25 (3) ((The trustee shall resign at the request of the beneficiary
- 26 and may resign at its own election. Upon the resignation, incapacity,
- 27 disability, or death of the trustee, the beneficiary shall nominate in
- 28 writing a successor trustee.)) The beneficiary may appoint in writing
- 29 <u>a successor trustee at any time.</u> Upon recording in the mortgage
- 30 records of the county or counties in which the trust deed is recorded,
- 31 of the appointment of a successor trustee, the successor trustee shall
- 32 be vested with all powers of the original trustee. Recording of the
- 33 appointment of a successor trustee shall be deemed a resignation by the
- 34 <u>predecessor trustee</u>.

- Sec. 2. RCW 61.24.040 and 1989 c 361 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:
- A deed of trust foreclosed under this chapter shall be foreclosed as follows:
 - (1) At least ninety days before the sale, the trustee shall:

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- 6 (a) Record a notice in the form described in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) in 7 the office of the auditor in each county in which the deed of trust is 8 recorded;
- 9 (b) If their addresses are stated in a recorded instrument evidencing their interest, lien, or claim of lien, or an amendment 10 thereto, or are otherwise known to the trustee, cause a copy of the 11 notice of sale described in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) to be transmitted by 12 both first class and either certified or registered mail, return 13 receipt requested, to the following persons or 14 their legal representatives, if any, at such address: 15
- 16 (i) The grantor or the grantor's successor in interest;
- (ii) The beneficiary of any deed of trust or mortgagee of any mortgage, or any person who has a lien or claim of lien against the property, that was recorded subsequent to the recordation of the deed of trust being foreclosed and before the recordation of the notice of sale;
- (iii) The vendee in any real estate contract, the lessee in any lease or the holder of any conveyances of any interest or estate in any portion or all of the property described in such notice, if that contract, lease, or conveyance of such interest or estate, or a memorandum or other notice thereof, was recorded after the recordation of the deed of trust being foreclosed and before the recordation of the notice of sale;
- (iv) The last holder of record of any other lien against or interest in the property that is subject to a subordination to the deed of trust being foreclosed that was recorded before the recordation of the notice of sale; and
- 33 (v) The last holder of record of the lien of any judgment 34 subordinate to the deed of trust being foreclosed;
- 35 (c) Cause a copy of the notice of sale described in RCW 36 61.24.040(1)(f) to be transmitted by both first class and either 37 certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney of record, in any court action to 39 foreclose a lien or other encumbrance on all or any part of the

- 1 property, provided a court action is pending and a lis pendens in 2 connection therewith is recorded in the office of the auditor of any 3 county in which all or part of the property is located on the date the 4 notice is recorded;
- 5 (d) Cause a copy of the notice of sale described in RCW 6 61.24.040(1)(f) to be transmitted by both first class and either 7 certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to any person 8 who has recorded a request for notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.045, 9 at the address specified in such person's most recently recorded 10 request for notice;
- (e) Cause a copy of the notice of sale described in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) to be posted in a conspicuous place on the property, or in lieu of posting, cause a copy of said notice to be served upon any occupant of the property;
- 15 (f) The notice shall be in substantially the following form:
- 16 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
- 17 I.
- NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee will on the 18 day of , 19. . . , at the hour of o'clock M. 19 20 21 22 State of Washington, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following described real 23 property, situated in the County(ies) of State of 24 25 Washington, to-wit:
- which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated , 26 19. . ., recorded 19. . ., under Auditor's File No. 27 ..., records of County, Washington, 28 29 , as Grantor, to , as Trustee, to 30 secure an obligation in favor of as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned by , under 31 an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No. 32 recording information for all counties if the Deed of Trust is recorded 33 34 in more than one county.]

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2 No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust or the

- 3 Beneficiary's successor is now pending to seek satisfaction of the
- 4 obligation in any Court by reason of the Grantor's default on the
- 5 obligation secured by the Deed of Trust.
- 6 III.
- 7 The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows:
- 8 [If default is for other than payment of money, set forth the
- 9 particulars]
- 10 Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears:
- 11 IV.
- 12 The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is:
- 13 Principal \$, together with interest as provided in the note
- 14 or other instrument secured from the day of ,
- 15 19. . ., and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or
- 16 other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.
- 17 V.
- 18 The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense
- 19 of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by
- 20 statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied,
- 21 regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on the . . . day of
- 22 The default(s) referred to in paragraph III must
- 23 be cured by the day of (11 days before the
- 24 sale date), to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be
- 25 discontinued and terminated if at any time on or before the . . . day
- 26 of (11 days before the sale date), the default(s)
- 27 as set forth in paragraph III is/are cured and the Trustee's fees and
- 28 costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after the
- 29 day of , 19. . . (11 days before the sale date), and before
- 30 the sale by the Grantor or the Grantor's successor in interest or the

- 1 holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire
- 2 principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees,
- 3 and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation
- 4 and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults.
- 5 VI.
- 6 A written notice of default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or
- 7 Trustee to the Grantor or the Grantor's successor in interest at the
- 8 following address:

- 12 by both first class and certified mail on the ... day of
- 13 proof of which is in the possession of the
- 14 Trustee; and the Grantor or the Grantor's successor in interest was
- 15 personally served on the . . . day of , 19. . ., with said
- 16 written notice of default or the written notice of default was posted
- 17 in a conspicuous place on the real property described in paragraph I
- 18 above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or
- 19 posting.
- 20 VII.
- 21 After receiving a request for a statement of all costs and fees due at
- 22 any time prior to the sale from any person entitled to notice under RCW
- 23 61.24.040(1)(b), the Trustee whose name and address are set forth below
- 24 will provide the requested statement in writing to ((anyone requesting
- 25 it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the
- 26 sale)) such person.
- 27 VIII.
- 28 The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who
- 29 hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the
- 30 above-described property.
- 31 IX.
- 32 Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will
- 33 be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they
- 34 bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130.

1	Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper			
2	grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale.			
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9	[Individual or corporate acknowledgment]			
10	(2) In addition to providing the grantor or the grantor's successor			
11	in interest the notice of sale described in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f), the			
12	trustee shall include with the copy of the notice which is mailed to			
13	the grantor or the grantor's successor in interest, a statement to the			
14	grantor or the grantor's successor in interest in substantially the			
15	following form:			
16	NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE			
17	Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington,			
18	Chapter 61.24 RCW			
19	The attached Notice of Trustee's Sale is a consequence of			
20	${\tt default(s)}$ in the obligation to , the Beneficiary of your			
21	Deed of Trust and owner of the obligation secured thereby. Unless the			
22	default(s) is/are cured, your property will be sold at auction on the			
23	day of , 19			
24	To cure the default(s), you must bring the payments current, cure			
25	any other defaults, and pay accrued late charges and other costs,			
26	advances, and attorneys' fees as set forth below by the day of			
27	(11 days before the sale date). To date, these			
28	arrears and costs are as follows:			

1			Estimated amount
2		Currently due	that will be due
3		to reinstate	to reinstate
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6			(11 days before
7			the date set
8			for sale)
9	Delinquent payments		
10	from ,		
11	19, in the		
12	amount of		
13	\$ /mo.:	\$	\$
14	Late charges in		
15	the total		
16	amount of:	\$	\$
17			Estimated
18			Amounts
19	Attorneys' fees:	\$	\$
20	Trustee's fee:	\$	\$
21	Trustee's expenses:		
22	(Itemization)		
23	Title report	\$	\$
24	Recording fees	\$	\$
25	Service/Posting	ų · · ·	y · · ·
26	of Notices	\$	\$
27	Postage/Copying	ų · · ·	Ş · · · ·
28		\$	\$
29	expense Publication	\$	
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	charges	\$	\$
32	Inspection fees	\$	\$
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35	TOTALS	\$	\$

As to the defaults which do not involve payment of money to the Beneficiary of your Deed of Trust, you must cure each such default. Listed below are the defaults which do not involve payment of money to the Beneficiary of your Deed of Trust. Opposite each such listed default is a brief description of the action necessary to cure the default and a description of the documentation necessary to show that the default has been cured.

Default Description of Action Required to Cure and Documentation Necessary to Show Cure

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You may reinstate your Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby at any time up to and including the . . . day of , 19. . . (11 days before the sale date), by paying the amount set forth or estimated above and by curing any other defaults described above. Of course, as time passes other payments may become due, and any further payments coming due and any additional late charges must be added to your reinstating payment. Any new defaults not involving payment of money that occur after the date of this notice must also be cured in order to effect reinstatement. In addition, because some of the charges can only be estimated at this time, and because the amount necessary to reinstate may include presently unknown expenditures required to preserve the property or to comply with state or local law, it will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. Tender of payment or performance must be made , whose address is , telephone () AFTER THE DAY OF , 19 . . . , YOU MAY NOT REINSTATE YOUR DEED OF TRUST BY PAYING THE BACK PAYMENTS AND COSTS AND FEES AND CURING THE OTHER DEFAULTS AS OUTLINED ABOVE. In such a case, you will only be able to stop the sale by paying, before the sale, the total principal balance (\$) plus accrued interest, costs and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the documents and by curing the other defaults as outlined above.

You may contest this default by initiating court action in the Superior Court of the county in which the sale is to be held. In such action, you may raise any legitimate defenses you have to this default. A copy of your Deed of Trust and documents evidencing the obligation 4 secured thereby are enclosed. You may wish to consult a lawyer. Legal action on your part may prevent or restrain the sale, but only if you persuade the court of the merits of your defense.

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If you do not reinstate the secured obligation and your Deed of Trust in the manner set forth above, or if you do not succeed in restraining the sale by court action, your property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by your Deed of Trust. The effect of such sale will be to deprive you and all those who hold by, through or under you of all interest in the property;

- (3) In addition, the trustee shall cause a copy of the notice of sale described in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) (excluding the acknowledgment) to be published in a legal newspaper in each county in which the property or any part thereof is situated, once on or between the ((thirtysecond)) thirty-fifth and twenty-eighth day before the date of sale, and once on or between the ((eleventh)) fourteenth and seventh day before the date of sale;
- (4) On the date and at the time designated in the notice of sale, the trustee or its authorized agent shall sell the property at public auction to the highest bidder. The trustee may sell the property in gross or in parcels as the trustee shall deem most advantageous;
- (5) The place of sale shall be at any designated public place within the county where the property is located and if the property is in more than one county, the sale may be in any of the counties where the property is located. The sale shall be on Friday, or if Friday is a legal holiday on the following Monday, and during the hours set by statute for the conduct of sales of real estate at execution;
- (6) The trustee may for any cause the trustee deems advantageous, continue the sale for a period or periods not exceeding a total of one hundred twenty days by a public proclamation at the time and place fixed for sale in the notice of sale or, alternatively, by giving notice of the time and place of the postponed sale in the manner and to the persons specified in RCW 61.24.040(1) (b), (c), (d), and (e) and publishing a copy of such notice once in the newspaper(s) described in RCW 61.24.040(3), more than seven days before the date fixed for sale

- 1 in the notice of sale. No other notice of the postponed sale need be 2 given;
- (7) The purchaser shall forthwith pay the price bid and on payment 3 4 the trustee shall execute to the purchaser its deed; the deed shall 5 recite the facts showing that the sale was conducted in compliance with all of the requirements of this chapter and of the deed of trust, which 6 7 recital shall be prima facie evidence of such compliance and conclusive 8 evidence thereof in favor of bona fide purchasers and encumbrancers for value, except that these recitals shall not affect the lien or interest 9 10 of any person entitled to notice under RCW 61.24.040(1), if the trustee fails to give the required notice to such person. In such case, the 11 12 lien or interest of such omitted person shall not be affected by the 13 sale and such omitted person shall be treated as if such person was the holder of the same lien or interest and was omitted as a party 14 15 defendant in a judicial foreclosure proceeding;
- 16 (8) The sale as authorized under this chapter shall not take place 17 less than one hundred ninety days from the date of default in any of 18 the obligations secured.
- 19 **Sec. 3.** RCW 61.24.050 and 1965 c 74 s 5 are each amended to read 20 as follows:
- The trustee's sale shall be deemed final when the bidding is closed 21 and either: (1) The beneficiary is the successful bidder or (2) the 22 23 trustee holds cash, a certified check, a cashier's check, a money order, or funds received by electronic transfer, or any combination 24 25 thereof, payable to the trustee or the beneficiary in the amount of the successful bid. The deed of the trustee, executed and delivered to the 26 purchaser, shall convey all of the right, title, and interest in the 27 property which the grantor had or had the power to convey at the time 28 29 of the execution by him of the deed of trust, and such as he may have 30 thereafter acquired. After sale, as in this chapter provided, no person shall have any right by statute or otherwise to redeem from the 31 32 deed of trust or from the sale.
- 33 **Sec. 4.** RCW 61.24.070 and 1965 c 74 s 7 are each amended to read 34 as follows:
- 35 <u>(1)</u> The trustee may not bid at the trustee's sale. Any other 36 person including the beneficiary under the deed of trust may bid at the 37 trustee's sale.

- (2) The beneficiary may credit bid all or any part of the 1 obligations secured by the deed of trust. If the beneficiary is the 2 3 purchaser, any amount bid in excess of the obligations secured by the 4 deed of trust shall be paid to the trustee in the form of cash, certified check, cashier's check, or money order, or any combination 5 thereof. If the purchaser is not the beneficiary, the entire bid shall 6 7 be paid to the trustee in the form of cash, certified check, cashier's 8 check, money order, or funds received by electronic transfer, or any combination thereof. 9
- 10 **Sec. 5.** RCW 61.24.080 and 1981 c 161 s 5 are each amended to read 11 as follows:
- 12 The trustee shall apply the proceeds of the sale as follows:
- (1) To the expense of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee and by his attorney: PROVIDED, That the aggregate of the charges by the trustee and his attorney, for their services in the sale, shall not exceed the amount which would, by the superior court of the county in which the trustee's sale occurred, have been deemed a reasonable attorney fee, had the trust deed been foreclosed as a mortgage in a noncontested action in the said court;
 - (2) To the obligation secured by the deed of trust; and

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(3) The surplus, if any, less the clerk's filing fee shall be 21 deposited together with written notice of the amount of the surplus, a 22 23 copy of the recorded notice of sale, and an affidavit of mailing as 24 provided below with the clerk of the superior court of the county in which the sale took place. The trustee shall mail copies of the notice 25 of the surplus, the notice of sale, and the affidavit of mailing to 26 each party to whom the notice of sale was sent pursuant to RCW 27 61.24.040(1). The clerk shall index such funds under the name of the 28 29 grantor as set out in the recorded notice. Upon ((depositing such surplus)) compliance with the foregoing, the trustee shall be 30 discharged from all further responsibilities ((therefor)) for the 31 Interests in, or liens or claims of liens against the 32 33 property eliminated by sale under this section shall attach to such 34 surplus in the order of priority that it had attached to the property. A party seeking disbursement of funds shall file a motion requesting 35 36 disbursement and shall mail notice of the motion to all parties to whom 37 the trustee mailed notice of the surplus and any other party who has 38 entered an appearance in the proceeding established by the notice of

- 1 surplus at least ten days prior to the hearing of the motion. The
- 2 clerk shall not disburse such surplus except upon order of the superior
- 3 court of such county.

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- 4 **Sec. 6.** RCW 61.24.090 and 1987 c 352 s 4 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- (1) At any time prior to the eleventh day before the date set by 6 7 the trustee for the sale in the recorded notice of sale, or in the 8 event the trustee continues the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.040(6), at 9 any time prior to the eleventh day before the actual sale, the grantor or his successor in interest, any beneficiary under a subordinate deed 10 11 of trust or any person having a subordinate lien or encumbrance of 12 record on the trust property or any part thereof, shall be entitled to cause a discontinuance of the sale proceedings by curing the default or 13 defaults set forth in the notice, which in the case of a default by 14 15 failure to pay, shall be by paying to the trustee:
- 16 (a) The entire amount then due under the terms of the deed of trust 17 and the obligation secured thereby, other than such portion of the 18 principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, and
 - (b) The expenses actually incurred by the trustee enforcing the terms of the note and deed of trust, including a reasonable trustee's fee, together with the trustee's reasonable attorney's fees, together with costs of recording the notice of discontinuance of notice of trustee's sale.
- 24 (2) Any person entitled to cause a discontinuance of the sale 25 proceedings shall have the right, before or after reinstatement, to request any court, excluding a small claims court, for disputes within 26 27 jurisdictional limits that the of court, to determine reasonableness of any fees demanded or paid as a condition to 28 29 reinstatement. The court shall make such determination as it deems appropriate, which may include an award to the prevailing party of its 30 costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, and render judgment accordingly. 31 32 An action to determine fees shall not forestall any sale or affect its
- 34 (3) Upon receipt of such payment the proceedings shall be 35 discontinued, the deed of trust shall be reinstated and the obligation 36 shall remain as though no acceleration had taken place.
- 37 (4) In the case of a default which is occasioned by other than 38 failure to make payments, the person or persons causing the said

- 1 default shall pay the expenses incurred by the trustee and the 2 trustee's fees as set forth in subsection (1)(b) of this section.
- 3 (5) Any person having a subordinate lien of record on the trust 4 property and who has cured the default or defaults pursuant to this 5 section shall thereafter have included in his lien all payments made to cure any defaults, including interest thereon at eight percent per 6 7 annum, payments made for trustees' costs and fees incurred as 8 authorized herein, and his reasonable attorney's fees and costs 9 incurred resulting from any judicial action commenced to enforce his 10 rights to advances under this section.
- (6) If the default is cured and the obligation and the deed of 11 trust reinstated in the manner hereinabove provided, the trustee shall 12 properly execute, acknowledge and cause to be recorded a notice of 13 discontinuance of trustee's sale under such deed of trust. A notice of 14 15 discontinuance of trustee's sale when so executed and acknowledged is entitled to be recorded and shall be sufficient if it sets forth a 16 record of the deed of trust and the auditor's file number under which 17 the deed of trust is recorded, and a reference to the notice of sale 18 19 and the auditor's file number under which the notice of sale is 20 recorded, and a notice that such sale is discontinued.
- 21 (7) Any payments required under this section as a condition 22 precedent to reinstatement of the deed of trust shall be tendered to 23 the trustee in the form of cash, certified check, cashier's check, 24 money order, or funds received by electronic transfer, or any 25 combination thereof.
- 26 **Sec. 7.** RCW 61.24.130 and 1987 c 352 s 5 are each amended to read 27 as follows:
- (1) Nothing contained in this chapter shall prejudice the right of 28 29 the grantor, the grantor's successor in interest, or any person who has 30 an interest in, lien, or claim of lien against the property or some part thereof, to restrain, on any proper ground, a trustee's sale. The 31 32 court shall require as a condition of granting the restraining order or 33 injunction that the applicant pay to the clerk of the court the sums 34 that would be due on the obligation secured by the deed of trust if the deed of trust was not being foreclosed: 35
- 36 (a) In the case of default in making the periodic payment of principal, interest, and reserves, such sums shall be the periodic

1 payment of principal, interest, and reserves paid to the clerk of the 2 court every thirty days.

(b) In the case of default in making payment of an obligation then fully payable by its terms, such sums shall be the amount of interest accruing monthly on said obligation at the nondefault rate, paid to the clerk of the court every thirty days.

In the case of default in performance of any nonmonetary obligation secured by the deed of trust, the court shall impose such conditions as it deems just.

In addition, the court may condition granting the restraining order or injunction upon the giving of security by the applicant, in such form and amount as the court deems proper, for the payment of such costs and damages, including attorneys' fees, as may be later found by the court to have been incurred or suffered by any party by reason of the restraining order or injunction. The court may consider, upon proper showing, the grantor's equity in the property in determining the amount of said security.

- (2) No court may grant a restraining order or injunction to restrain a trustee's sale ((unless)) except as provided in this section. The person seeking the restraint shall give((s)) five court days notice to the trustee and the beneficiary of the time when, place where, and the judge before whom the application for the restraining order or injunction is to be made. No judge may act upon such application unless it is accompanied by proof, evidenced by return of a sheriff, the sheriff's deputy, or by any person eighteen years of age or over who is competent to be a witness, that the notice has been timely served on the trustee.
- (3) If the restraining order or injunction is dissolved after the date of the trustee's sale set forth in the notice as provided in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) ((and after the period for continuing sale as allowed by RCW 61.24.040(6))), the court granting such restraining order or injunction, or before whom the order or injunction is returnable, has the right to set a new sale date which shall be not less than forty-five days from the date of the order dissolving the restraining order.
- 35 ((At least thirty days before the new sale date,)) The trustee shall:
- 36 (a) Comply with the requirements of RCW 61.24.040(1) (a) through
- 37 (f) at least thirty days before the new sale date; and
- 38 (b) Cause a copy of the notice of trustee's sale as provided in RCW 39 61.24.040(1)(f) to be published ((once weekly during the three weeks

- preceding the time of sale)) in a legal newspaper in each county in which the property or any part thereof is situated, once between the thirty-fifth and twenty-eighth day before the sale and once between the fourteenth and seventh day before the sale.
- (4) If a trustee's sale has been stayed as a result of the filing 5 of a petition in federal bankruptcy court and((, after the period for 6 7 continuing sale as allowed by RCW 61.24.040(6),)) an order is entered 8 in federal bankruptcy court granting relief from the stay or closing or 9 dismissing the case, or discharging the debtor with the effect of removing the stay, the trustee may set a new sale date which shall not 10 11 be less than forty-five days after the date of the bankruptcy court's order. The trustee shall: 12
- (a) Comply with the requirements of RCW 61.24.040(1) (a) through (f) at least thirty days before the new sale date; and
- (b) Cause a copy of the notice as provided in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) to be published in a legal newspaper in each county in which the property or any part thereof is situated, once between the ((thirty-second)) thirty-fifth and twenty-eighth day before the sale and once between the ((eleventh)) fourteenth and seventh day before the sale.
- 20 (5) The provisions of subsections (3) and (4) of this section are permissive only and may not be interpreted to prohibit the trustee from 22 proceeding with a trustee's sale following termination of any 23 injunction or stay on any date to which such sale has been properly 24 continued in accordance with RCW 61.24.040(6).
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. A new section is added to chapter 61.24 RCW to read as follows:
- 27 (1) It is unlawful for a person, acting alone or in concert with others to (a) offer, offer to accept, or accept from another any 28 29 consideration of any type not to bid; or (b) fix or restrain bidding in any manner, at a sale of property conducted pursuant to a power of sale 30 in a deed of trust. However, it is not unlawful for a person, 31 32 including a trustee, to state that a property subject to a recorded 33 notice of trustee's sale or subject to a sale conducted pursuant to 34 this chapter is being sold in an "as-is" condition or for the beneficiary to arrange to provide financing for a particular bidder. 35
- 36 (2) A violation of this section is punishable as a gross 37 misdemeanor according to chapter 9A.20 RCW."

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