

## Decatur County Auditor's Office Checklist for Liens or Lien Releases

- Owners Name
- Legal Description
  - MUST be a complete legal description
    - May be obtained in the Recorder's Office
    - Abbreviated legal descriptions/information from Beacon website will not be accepted
    - Street address is not considered as the legal description
- □ Parcel Number (18 digit)
- Property Address
- □ Specific type of lien
- □ Amount of lien (specific break down of lien amount, fees and total)
  - Please add "Notice: Subject to additional County filing fees"
    - County fee: \$15.00
      - payable at time of lien payment by property owner but is added on in the Auditor's Office
- Notary
  - $\circ \quad \text{Must have complete notarial statement} \\$
- Preparer of the document
- □ Affirmation statement
- NOTE: HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS/PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS FEES CANNOT BE FILED AS A TAX LIEN
- □ Must be an original document
  - $\circ$   $\,$  All copies must be stamped COPY and will be recorded as such

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF RELEASING A LIEN:

- □ Instrument and recording information of the original lien
- □ Amount of lien being released
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Sometimes, there are more than one lien on a property so please be specific.

Liens and/or releases **must** be filed with the Auditor then recorded in the Recorder's Office.

\*\$25.00 due to Decatur County Recorder upon recording the lien. \*Additional \$25.00 due to Decatur County Recorder upon recording the lien release.