



COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

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April 12, 2012

Lin Dong
24706 Red Bluff Trill
Katy, Texas 77494

Reference: Account Number 2965-07-001-0070-914
Tax Year 2011, Precinct 3

Dear Mrs. Dong:

The County has received your request to waive penalty and interest on Fort Bend County property taxes. Fort Bend County is also authorized by Fort Bend Emergency Service District No. 2 and Willowfork Drainage to act on their behalf, bringing the total amount requested to \$119.48 for the referenced account for tax year 2011.

If you have documented proof of an *error* on the part of the County Tax Office or the Central Appraisal District, you may present that documentation to the Commissioners Court on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., when your request will be considered. The Commissioners Court is located at the William B. Travis Building, 301 Jackson Street, Suite 700, in Richmond, Texas.

Please contact your Commissioner Andy Meyers, at 281-238-1400 or andy.meyers@co.fort-bend.tx.us, if you wish to discuss your request in further detail.

State law mandates that the Commissioners Court cannot approve a waiver of penalty and interest on property taxes unless an error can be proved on the part of either the County Tax Office or the Central Appraisal District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Hebert".

Robert E. Hebert

Copy: Andy Meyers, Commissioner Precinct 3

Section 33.011(a)(1) of the Texas Property Code states, "The governing body of a taxing unit: shall waive penalties and interest on a delinquent tax if an act or omission of an officer, employee, or agent of the taxing unit or the appraisal district in which the taxing unit participates caused or resulted in the taxpayer's failure to pay the tax before delinquency."

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR / COLLECTOR

Fort Bend County, Texas

Patsy Schultz, RTA
County Tax Assessor/Collector
1317 Eugene Heimann Circle
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April 9, 2012

TO: County Judge Robert E. Hebert
Commissioner Richard Morrison
Commissioner Grady Prestage
Commissioner Andy Myers
Commissioner James Patterson
Roy Cordes, County Attorney

FROM: Tammy Staton T.S.
Tax Division Supervisor

RE: Waiver of Penalty and Interest –Dong, Lin & Bing Shen : Account # 2965-07-001-0070-914, 2011 Tax Year; Legal Description: Falcon Ranch Sec 7, Block 1, Lot 7

Precinct 3

Mrs. Lin Dong, is requesting waiver of penalty and interest for 2011 tax year because they did not receive their tax statement.

Tax Office Records Indicate:

1. Original deed # 2008072621 recorded on July 3, 2008 with the owners listed as Lin Dong and Bing Shen. Grantee address was listed as: 24706 Red Bluff Trail, Katy, Texas 77494.
2. November 17, 2011 – 2011 Original Owner Tax Statement was mailed to: Dong Lin & Bing Shen, 24706 Red Bluff Trl, Katy, TX 77494-6696. **Tax Office records do not indicate the 2011 Original Tax Statement being returned by the Post Office.**
3. February 29, 2012 – 2011 Reminder Notice was mailed to: Dong Lin & Bing Shen, 24706 Red Bluff Trl, Katy, TX 77494-6696. **Tax Office records do not indicate the 2011 Reminder Notice being returned by the Post Office.**
4. There is no evidence of an error by the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District or the Fort Bend County Tax Office.
5. Fort Bend ESD #2 and Willowfork Drainage have authorized Fort Bend County Tax Office to handle the processing of the waiver of penalty and interest, and allow the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court to make the determination based on 33.011 of the State Property Tax Code.

Breakdown of Taxes Paid:

Account 2965-07-001-0070-914:

2011 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Collection Fees	Total Waiver Request
Fort Bend ESD #2	\$ 155.62	\$ 14.01	\$0.00	\$ 14.01
Millowfork Drng	\$ 377.15	\$ 33.94	\$0.00	\$ 33.94
IBC	\$ 793.61	\$ 71.43	\$0.00	\$ 71.43
Total	\$1,326.38	\$119.38	\$0.00	\$119.48

Total Penalty & Interest: \$119.48

do not recommend waiver of penalty and interest. Property Tax Code Section 33.011 (a) (1). "The governing body of a taxing unit: shall waive penalties and may provide for the waiver of interest on a delinquent tax if an act or omission of an officer, employee, or agent of the taxing unit or the appraisal district in which the taxing unit participates caused or resulted in the taxpayer's failure to pay the tax before delinquency..."

Lin Dong
24706 Red Bluff Trl.
Katy, TX, 77494

Dear Judge Hebert,

My name is Lin Dong. My husband Bing Shen and I are the home owners of the property (address: 24706 Red Bluff Trl, Katy, TX, 77494) in Fort Bend County. I am writing this letter wanting to claim for waiver of penalty and interest of our property tax for year 2011.

We paid off our mortgage last September but didn't get any official documentation or house title from our mortgage company or county office, so we didn't realize it was our responsibility to track and pay the property tax until we saw the tax reminder sent by the tax office recently. It says the print date was 02/17/2012 and this was the first time we saw the tax bill. I called the county tax office and was told a tax bill was sent last November but we never got it. As I said in above, as first-time home owners, without knowing it is our responsibility to pay the property tax, we didn't realize that we need to proactively track the tax bill if we didn't get it timely.

Honestly we can not, and don't know how to either, provide any evidence showing that we did not get the first tax bill, but still we would like to see with all of the issues going on, if it is possible that the penalty and interest could be waived.

We already paid in full (includes the penalty and interest) the account as soon as we got the bill. I am listing all of the other info that was requested in the following.

Account number: 2965-07-001-0070-914

Years in question: 2011

Mailing address: 24706 Red Bluff Trl., Katy, TX, 77494

Phone number: 281-733-5331

Thank you so much for your consideration.



3/2/2012

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RECEIVED
MAR 15 2012

DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPT



PATSY SCHULTZ, RTA
FORT BEND COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/ COLLECTOR
1317 EUGENE HEIMANN CIRCLE
RICHMOND, TEXAS 77469-3623

Certified Owner:

DONG LIN & BING SHEN
24706 RED BLUFF TRL
KATY, TX 77494-6696

Legal Description:

FALCON RANCH SEC 7, BLOCK 1, LOT 7

Parcel Address: 24706 RED BLUFF TRL
Legal Acres: 0.0000

Remit Seq No: 20693144
Receipt Date: 03/13/2012
Deposit Date: 03/14/2012
Print Date: 03/22/2012

Deposit No: L1120313
Validation No: 0
Account No: 2965-07-001-0070-914
Operator Code: CRUZ

Year	Tax Unit Name	Tax Value	Tax Rate	Levy Paid	P&I	Coll Fee Paid	Total
11	Fort Bend Esd#2	158,800	0.098000	155.62	14.01	0.00	169.63
11	Willowfork Drainage	198,500	0.190000	377.15	33.94	0.00	411.09
11	Fort Bend Co Drainage	158,800	0.018800	29.85	2.69	0.00	32.54
11	Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd	158,800	0.480960	763.76	68.74	0.00	832.50
				\$1,326.38	\$119.38	\$0.00	\$1,445.76

Check Number(s):
5282

PAYMENT TYPE:

Checks: \$1,445.76

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Exemptions on this property:

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Total Applied: \$1,445.76

Change Paid: \$0.00

ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL

PAYER:

LIN DONG
24706 RED BLUFF TRAIL
KATY, TX 77494

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