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# **COUNTY JUDGE**

Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert County Judge

August 15, 2013

(281) 341-8608 Fax (281) 341-8609

Douglas Ashmore 8815 Stowe Creek Ln Missouri City, TX 77459

Reference:

Account Number: 8135-19-001-0080-907

Tax Year 2012, Precinct 1

Dear Mr. and/or Mrs. Ashmore:

The County has received your request to waive penalty, interest, and collection fees on Fort Bend County property taxes. Fort Bend County is also authorized to act on behalf of Fort Bend Independent School District which represents a total amount of \$546.30 for penalties assessed on the referenced account for tax year 2012. The Tax Assessor's Office has conducted research on your account; a copy of the research is enclosed with this letter, and has also been provided to the Commissioners Court.

The information you provided, along with the Tax Office research, has been placed on the Agenda, becoming part of public record, for the Commissioners Court meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Commissioners Court is located at the William B. Travis Building, 301 Jackson Street, Suite 700, in Richmond, Texas.

You are not required to appear in order for the Court to consider your request. Action by the Court is governed by guidelines under Texas Tax Code, Chapter 33, Section 33.011\*, Commissioners Court cannot waive penalty, interest and/or collection fees unless there is evidence of an error by the appraisal district or the County. However, if you have any new information showing proof of an error that was not researched by the Tax Assessor and wish to discuss, please contact your Commissioner, Richard Morrison, prior to August 27, 2013, at telephone 281-344-9400 or by email at richard.morrison@fortbendcountytx.gov, to discuss any additional documentation you may wish to provide to the Court when they consider your request.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Hebert

Enclosure

Copy:

Commissioner Richard Morrison, Precinct No. 1

\*Section 33.011(a)(1) of the Texas Tax Code states, "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."



## COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR / COLLECTOR

Fort Bend County, Texas

Patsy Schultz, RTA County Tax Assessor/Collector 1317 Eugene Heimann Circle Richmond, TX 77469-3623 (281) 341-3710
Fax (281) 341-9267
Email: schulpat@co.fort-bend.tx.us
www.fortbendcountytax.com

DATE:

August 6, 2013

TO:

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

FROM:

Tammy Staton T.S.
Tax Division Supervisor

Re: Waiver of Penalty and Interest – Ashmore, Douglas: Account # 8135-19-001-0080-907, 2012 Tax Year; Legal Description: Sienna Village of Waters Lake Sec 19, Block 1, Lot 8

# Precinct 1

Douglas Ashmore is requesting waiver of penalty and interest for 2012 tax year due to online bill payment not received by the Tax Office prior to the due date.

#### Tax Office Records Indicate:

- August 29, 2007 General Warranty Deed #2007109002 recorded owner Douglas Ashmore, 8815 Stowe Creek Lane, Missouri City, TX 77459.
- November 16, 2012 The Original 2012 Tax Statement was mailed to Ashmore, Douglas, 8815 Stowe Creek Ln, Missouri City, TX 77459-6192.
- February 20, 2013 2012 Reminder Notice was mailed to Ashmore, Douglas, 8815 Stowe Creek Ln, Missouri City, TX 77459-6192.
- July 16, 2013 Mr. Ashmore provided a letter from Bank of America stating that his online payment was mailed to Fort Bend County Tax Office on January 31, 2013.
- There is evidence of a failed electronic fund transfer.
- Fort Bend ISD has 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 8135-19-001-0080-907:

## 2012 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Collection Fees	Total Waiver Request
FBISD	\$5,964.61	\$417.53		\$417.53
FBC	\$1,839.60	\$128.77		\$128.77
Total	\$7,804.21	\$546.30		\$546.30

Total Penalty, Interest & Collection Fees: \$546.30

I <u>do</u> recommend waiver of penalty, interest and collection fees for 2012. 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..."

July 11, 2013

County Judge Robert E. Hebert 301 Jackson, Suite 719 Richmond, TX 77469

Account: 8135-19-001-0080-907

Legal Description:

Sienna Village of Waters Lake Sec 19,

Block 1, Lot 8

Year in Question: 2012

Taxpayer Current Mailing Address:

8815 Stowe Creek Ln Missouri City, TX 77459

281.778.3675

### County Judge Robert E. Hebert,

Please kindly consider refunding the short payment/overdue amount of \$546.30 for my 2012 property taxes. As with every year, I paid my taxes via online bill payment no later than January 28. This was the first year, as you will see from my extensive Fort Bend County real estate tax payment history, that I have ever late paid and I was never aware that online banking didn't postmark payments. In order for a payment to be received by an entity such as the Fort Bend County Tax Assessor by February 4 (a Monday), the check had to be cut and mailed prior to January 31. I, unfortunately, cannot control the delivery of my check and did not intend for the delivering mechanism to not have postmarked the envelope. I was extremely disappointed to hear about the "late" payment and there were certainly manual checks postmark dated January 31 that were received and processed the same date or even later.

Your consideration to refund the \$546.30 would be extremely appreciated. I will no longer be using online banking to pay my property taxes so please consider that this is a onetime event and a similar request will not be made in the future.

Please contact me with any questions/concerns @ 281.844.6906.

Many thanks,

Douglas Ashmore

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Bank of America Interactive Banking P.O. Box 655961 Dallas, TX 75265-9961

July 16, 2013

Patsy Schultz, RTA 713.844.6401

Re: Amy and Doug Ashmore

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in reference to our mutual customer Amy and Doug Ashmore, who uses our Online Banking Services to pay bills online.

Amy and Doug Ashmore established Patsy Schultz, RTA as a payee and scheduled a payment of \$7804.21 to be delivered by February 4, 2013. However, this payment was not credited to the customer's account until February 6, 2013. Payment was scheduled on January 30, 2013 and the payment was mailed on January 31, 2013.

Please accept this letter as proof that Amy and Doug Ashmore made this payment in good faith and believed that enough time was allowed for the payment to be received and posted by the due date. Please reverse any late fees and finance charges due to this late payment, as well as any negative credit information.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation with this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact us at the number listed below and reference case number

Sincerely,

Juanita H. Bank of America Online Banking Bill Pay 800.278.6302

# **DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPT**



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

Certified Owner:

ASHMORE DOUGLAS 8815 STOWE CREEK LN MISSOURI CITY, TX 77459-6192 Legal Description:

SIENNA VILLAGE OF WATERS LAKE SEC 19,

BLOCK I, LOT 8

Parcel Address: 8815 STOWE CREEK LN

Legal Acres:

0.0000

Remit Seq No: 22928421 Receipt Date: 02/04/2013

Deposit Date: 02/05/2013 Print Date: 07/24/2013 Printed By: DEANNS

\$0.00

\$7,804.21

Validation No:

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Account No:

Deposit No:

8135-19-001-0080-907

Operator Code: MPARKER

Year	Tax Unit Name	Tax Value	Tax Rate	Levy Paid	P&1	Coll Fee Paid	Total
2012	Fort Bend Isd	445,120	1.340000	5,574.39	390.21	0.00	5,964.60
2012	Fort Bend Co Drainage	368,096	0.019000	65.36	4.58	0.00	69.94
2012	Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd	368,096	0.480760	1,653.90	115.77	0.00	1,769.67
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\$7,293.65

Check Number(s): 0020786984

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PAYMENT TYPE:

\$510.56

Checks:

\$7,804.21

Exemptions on this property:

HOMESTEAD

Total Applied:

\$7,804.21

Change Paid:

\$0.00

ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL

PAYER:

DOUGLAS C ASHMORE AMY M ASHMORE 8815 STOWE CREEK LN MISSOURI CITY, TX 77459-6192

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BLOCK 1, LOT 8

Parcel Address: 8815 STOWE CREEK LN

Legal Acres:

0.0000

Remit Seq No: 23165805 Receipt Date: 02/26/2013 Deposit Date: 02/28/2013 Print Date: 07/24/2013

Printed By: DEANNS

Deposit No:

CC130228

Validation No:

8135-19-001-0080-907

Account No: Operator Code:

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2012 Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd	368,096	0.480760	115.76	8.10	0.00	123.86
			\$510.56	\$35.74	\$0.00	\$546.30

Check Number(s):

Credit Card Authorization No:

0

Credit Cards:

PAYMENT TYPE:

\$546.30

Exemptions on this property:

HOMESTEAD

Total Applied:

\$546.30

Change Paid:

\$0.00

ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL

PAYER:

Douglas Ashmore 8815 Stowe Creek Ln Missouri City , TX 77459

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