

# **COUNTY JUDGE**

Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert County Judge

October 15, 2013

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

Steve Hulsey 1106 West Lobit Street Baytown, TX 77520

Reference:

Account Number: 6718-01-001-0041-907

Tax Year 2012, Precinct 1

Dear Mr. Hulsey:

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 \$5,588.87 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, October 22, 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 October 22, 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:

October 15, 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 – Hulsey, Stephen D (Steve): Account # 6718-01-001-0041-907, 2012 Tax Year; Legal Description: Plantation Lakes Sec 1, Block 1, Lot 4 (Pt), Acres 1.00

#### Precinct 1

Stephen Hulsey is requesting waiver of penalty and interest for 2012 tax year due to an internet error when paying on several accounts.

### Tax Office Records Indicate:

- December 28, 2007 Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien#2007156132 recorded owner Stephen D Hulsey, 614 Miller Rd, Rosharon, TX 77583-4559
- November 16, 2012 The Original 2012 Tax Statement was mailed to Hulsey, Stephen D, 614 Miller Rd, Rosharon, TX 77583-4559. This statement was not returned by the Post Office."
- Tax office records indicate credit card payments totaling \$5,694.41 were processed through Certified Payments on January 30, 2013 for five other accounts owned by Mr. Hulsey. However, due to an internet error on the Certified Payments website, the payment for this waiver account was not processed, and the owner was unable to acquire a confirmation of his payment status.
- February 20, 2013 2012 Reminder Notice was mailed to Hulsey, Stephen D, 614 Miller Rd, Rosharon, TX 77583-4559. This statement was returned by the Post Office, stating "Temporarily Away" and "Return to Sender."
- May 24, 2013 2012 33.07 Notice was mailed to Hulsey, Stephen D, 614 Miller Rd, Rosharon, TX 77583-4559. This statement was returned by Post Office, stating "No Such Number" and "Unable to Forward"

- Per Section 33.011(h)(2)(A) of the Property Tax Code, there is evidence of an electronic transfer error.
- 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 6718-01-001-0041-907:

### 2012 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Collection Fees	Total Waiver Request
FBISD	\$9,489.34	\$1802.97	\$844.42	\$2,647.39
FBC	\$3,529.10	\$683.02	\$2,258.46	\$2,941.48
Total	\$13,018.44	\$2485.99	\$3,102.88	\$5.588.87

Total Penalty, Interest & Collection Fees: \$5,588.87

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..."



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"WHEN YOU NEED TO KNOW"

1106 West Lobit Street Baytown, Texas 77520 Office: 281.837.1048 Fax: 281.837.1024 pmi@pmispecialists.com

County Judge Robert E Hebert 301 Jackson, Suite 719 Richmond Texas 77469 August 22, 2013

Re: 614 Miller Road-Plantation Lakes Sec1 Block1 Lot4 PT(Acres 1.00)

Your Honor:

This is a request regarding the penalty interest charged to Account 6718-01-001-0041-907.

I charged all seven our Fort Bend Tax Statement payments over the internet on 1/30/13 through the online bill pay service with Certified Payments.....who issued invoice numbers and confirmation number on all seven payments. Certified Payment cannot say why Account 6718-01-0041-907 was not charged to the credit card. We did not receive any notification regarding unpaid taxes until I received an email from Victor Rivero in July. Victor claimed to be from the tax office and accused me of not paying my bill. I sent him my receipt proving it was paid. He still said I owed, but he would not send me a bill.

I checked the documentation, called Patsy's office (discovering Victor does not work for Patsy) and submitted payment in full. I request that penalty interest charges (totaling \$5,576.15) be removed. I have always paid timely in the past and present. 6 of my 7 accounts were paid on January 29<sup>th</sup>. As soon as I became aware of the problem I made the account whole.

If someone sends me a letter or calls me on the phone or sends an email I pay immediately. It is true that the Tax Office does not mail my bills correctly, but I receive and pay those bills timely anyway. I have been doing it since I moved to Miller Road....no hitches.

I have attached a copy of the confirmation payments from Certified Payments. I am also enclosing the Delinquent Tax Statement from Patsy showing the bill (\$13,028.44) and the penalty interest (\$5,576.15). Will you please forgive the penalty interest portion of the bill to my account?

Thank you for considering this!

Sincerely,

Steve Hulsey
Steve Hulsey

COUNTY JUDGE RECEIVED CET 08 2013

Patsy Schultz, RTA Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector 1317 Eugene Heimann Circle Richmond, Texas 77469-3623 www.fortbendcountygov.com RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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**HULSEY STEPHEN D** 614 MILLER RD ROSHARON TX 77583-4559

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## FORT BEND COUNTY 2012 TAX STATEMENT

Payments are processed by postmark date. Payment must be U.S. Legal Tender. The tax office is here to assist you with problems or answer your questions, please call (281) 341-3710. Taxes are due and payable upon receipt. Failure to receive a statement does not relieve you of the liability.

Please take time to be sure your statement is correct. If you do not own this property or you have a question on values or exemptions - contact the Appraisal District below. The Appraisal District is a separate local agency and not part of the Fort Bend County Tax office. The agency and not part of the Fort Bend County Tax office. The Appraisal District is the only agency allowed to make changes or corrections. Fort Bend County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of service.

FORT BEND CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2801 B F TERRY BLVD ROSENBERG TX 77471 (281) 344-8623

11/09/2012

Legal Description: PLANTATION LAKES SEC 1, BLOCK 1, LOT 4

(PT), ACRES 1.00

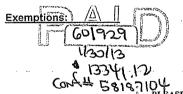
Acct No:
6718-01-001-0041-907

CAD NO: R235344 Legal Acres: 1.0000

Roll Code: REAL PROPERTY Parcel Address: 614 MILLER RD

Market Value Appraised Agricultural Assessed Homesite Non-Qualifying Capped Value Value Value Value Value Value Land Improvement \$19.250 \$688.910 \$708,160 \$708.160 \$708,160

Taxing Unit	Assessed	Exemptions		Taxable	Tax	т
	Value (100%)	Code	Value	Value	Rate	Tax
FORT BEND ISD	\$708,160		\$0	\$708,160	1.3400000	\$9,489.34
FORT BEND CO DRAINAGE	\$708,160		\$0	\$708,160	.01900000	\$134.55
FORT BEND CO GEN FND	\$708,160		\$0	\$708,160	.48076000	\$3,404.55



Total Tax Due Before February 1, 2013 is \$13,028.44

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TAXES BECOME DELINQUENT FEB 1, 2013 . AMOUNT DUE IF PAID BY THE END OF:

JAN 2013	FEB 2013 7%	101711 2010 570	"If there is an active lawsuit on prior year delinquent taxes pending as of February 1, 2013 or filed prior to July 1, 2013, there will be an additional
\$13,028.44	\$13,940.43	\$14,201.00	collection fee added to any 2012 taxes that remain delinquent at that time".

PLEASE NOTE YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER ON YOUR CHECK AND MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Patsy Schultz, RTA • Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector P.O. Box 1028 • Payment Processing Dept • SugarLand, Texas 77487-1028 (281) 341-3710









(American Express Credit Card and E-Check accepted via internet only.) Credit/Debit Cards are accepted at all Fort Bend County Tax Office locations and via the internet by visiting www.fortbendcountygov.com

(a convenience fee is charged by a third party vendor)

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