



COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

April 17, 2014

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

Linh Lam
4135 Monarch Drive
Sugar Land, TX 77479

Reference: Account Number: 1815-02-002-0010-907
Tax Year 2013, Precinct 4
This letter replaces the letter dated April 15, 2014

Dear Mr. and/or Mrs. Lam:

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 and the City of Sugar Land which represents a total amount of \$589.70 for penalties assessed on the referenced account for tax year 2013. 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, May 6, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Commissioners Court is located at the Historic Courthouse, 401 Jackson Street, 2nd Floor, 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, James Patterson, prior to May 6, 2014, at telephone 281-980-2235 or by email at james.patterson@fortbendcountytexas.gov, to discuss any additional documentation you may wish to provide to the Court when they consider your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Hebert", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert E. Hebert

Enclosure

Copy: Commissioner James Patterson, Precinct No. 4

*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

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DATE: April 15, 2014

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 – Diehl Matthew B & Linh M Lam: Account # 1815-02-002-0010-907, 2013 Tax Year; Legal Description: Brazos Landing Sec 2, Block 2, Lot 1

Precinct 4

Linh M Lam and Matthew B Diehl are requesting waiver of penalty and interest for 2013 tax year, stating they attempted to mail payment by January 31, 2014. They are requesting for penalty and interest amount to be prorated for only six days of February.

Tax Office Records Indicate:

- October 25, 2013 – 2013 Original Statement was mailed to Diehl Matthew B & Linh M Lam, 4135 Monarch Dr, Sugar Land, TX 77479-4241. **This statement was not returned by the Post Office.**
- February 6, 2014 – Payment of \$8424.24 was received with February 5, 2014 postmark on payment envelope.
- February, 2014 – Reminder Notice was mailed to Diehl Matthew B & Linh M Lam, 4135 Monarch Dr, Sugar Land, TX 77479-4241. **This statement was not returned by the Post Office.**
- There is no evidence of an error by the Fort Bend County Tax Office or Fort Bend Central Appraisal District.
- Fort Bend ISD and City of Sugar Land have authorized Fort Bend County Tax Office to handle the processing of the waiver of penalty, interest and collection fees 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 1815-02-002-0010-907:

2013 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Total Waiver Request
FBISD	\$5500.57	\$385.04	\$385.04
City S/L	\$1222.53	\$85.58	\$85.58
FBC	\$1701.14	\$119.08	\$119.08
Total	\$8424.24	\$589.70	\$589.70

Total Penalty, Interest & Collection Fees: \$589.70

I do not recommend waiver of penalty and interest for **2013** tax year. 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..."

Judge Robert E. Hebert
Fort Bend County
301 Jackson, Suite 719
Richmond, Texas 77469

RE: Waiver of Penalty and Interest for 2013 Property Tax
Account: 1815-02-002-0010-907
Property Description: Brazos Landing SEC 2, BLOCK 2, LOT 1
Address: 4135 Monarch Drive Sugar Land, TX 77479
Phone: 713-517-3413

Dear Honorable Judge Hebert:

This letter is submitted to you to request for the waiver of penalty and interest of property tax of \$589.70. For 2013 property tax, I mailed in the full payment of \$8,424.24 near the end of January of 2014. On February 18, 2014, I received a Notice of Penalty and Interest due of \$589.70 and learned that this penalty and interest was assessed since the check was cashed or deposited until February 6, 2014. I sent the payment of \$589.70 for this penalty and interest on February 20, 2014.

In the past, the property tax payment usually was sent in before end of year. However, this year, due to my sister's diagnosis of terminal illness, my schedule in recent months since last November has been over stretched with work and hospital stays. Therefore, this payment was mailed in the hospital post office box near end of January. I have never late on the property tax payment over the past 11 years since we live in Fort Bend. I'm not sure why the check was not deposited until February 6, 2014, but I believe that I should not be penalized for the penalty and interest for the entire month of February, but rather the penalty and interest be prorated for the 6 days after January 31.

I respectfully request your Honor Judge Hebert to fairly rule that penalty and interest be prorated for the 6 days after January 31 for the amount of \$126.36(6days/28days x \$589.70), instead of for the entire month of February of \$589.70 and order a refund of \$463.34 to be issued to me.

If you have any comments/questions, please contact me at 713-517-3413.

Sincerely,

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Linh Lam

Enclosures

DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPT



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

Certified Owner:

DIEHL MATTHEW B & LINH M LAM
4135 MONARCH DR
SUGAR LAND, TX 77479-4241

Legal Description:

BRAZOS LANDING SEC 2, BLOCK 2, LOT 1

Parcel Address: 4135 MONARCH DR
Legal Acres: 0.0000

Remit Seq No: 25729239

Receipt Date: 02/06/2014

Deposit Date: 02/07/2014

Print Date: 03/17/2014 08:54 AM

Printed By: SANDYG

Deposit No: L140206

Validation No: 75

Account No: 1815-02-002-0010-907

Operator Code: GUEBARA

Year	Tax Unit Name	Tax Value	Tax Rate	Levy Paid	P&I	Coll Fee Paid	Total
2013	Fort Bend Isd	410,490	1.340000	5,140.72	359.85	0.00	5,500.57
2013	City Of Sugar Land	395,706	0.308950	1,142.55	79.98	0.00	1,222.53
2013	Fort Bend Co Drainage	340,392	0.015000	47.72	3.34	0.00	51.06
2013	Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd	340,392	0.484760	1,542.13	107.95	0.00	1,650.08
				\$7,873.12	\$551.12	\$0.00	\$8,424.24

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Check Number(s):
001229

PAYMENT TYPE:

Checks:

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\$8,424.24

Exemptions on this property:

HOMESTEAD

Total Applied:

\$8,424.24

Change Paid:

\$0.00

ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL

PAYER:

DIEHL MATTHEW B & LINH M LAM
4135 MONARCH DR
SUGAR LAND, TX 77479-4241

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Certified Owner:

DIEHL MATTHEW B & LINH M LAM
4135 MONARCH DR
SUGAR LAND, TX 77479-4241

Legal Description:

BRAZOS LANDING SEC 2, BLOCK 2, LOT 1

Parcel Address: 4135 MONARCH DR
Legal Acres: 0.0000

Remit Seq No: 25882803
Receipt Date: 02/24/2014
Deposit Date: 02/25/2014
Print Date: 03/17/2014 08:54 AM
Printed By: SANDYG

Deposit No: L140224
Validation No: 208

Account No: 1815-02-002-0010-907
Operator Code: GUEBARA

Year	Tax Unit Name	Tax Value	Tax Rate	Levy Paid	P&I	Coll Fee Paid	Total
2013	Fort Bend Isd	410,490	1.340000	359.85	25.19	0.00	385.04
2013	City Of Sugar Land	395,706	0.308950	79.98	5.60	0.00	85.58
2013	Fort Bend Co Drainage	340,392	0.015000	3.34	0.23	0.00	3.57
2013	Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd	340,392	0.484760	107.95	7.56	0.00	115.51
				\$551.12	\$38.58	\$0.00	\$589.70

Check Number(s):
001233

PAYMENT TYPE:

Checks: \$589.70

Exemptions on this property:

HOMESTEAD

Total Applied: \$589.70

Change Paid: \$0.00

ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL

PAYER:

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