

COUNTY JUDGE
Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

(281) 341-8608
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March 24, 2016

Peter Levonowich
27819 Colonial Point Drive
Katy, TX 77494

Reference: Account Number: 3105-26-001-0400-914
Tax Year 2015, Precinct 3

Dear Mr. and/or Mrs. Levonowich:

The County has received your request to waive penalty and interest fees on Fort Bend County property taxes. Fort Bend County is also authorized to act on behalf of Katy Independent School District which represents a total amount of \$494.73 for penalties assessed on the referenced account for tax year 2015. 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, April 5, 2016 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, Andy Meyers, prior to April 5, 2016, at telephone 281-238-1400 or by email at andy.meyers@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 blue ink that reads "Robert E. Hebert".

Robert E. Hebert

Enclosure

Copy: Commissioner Andy Meyers, Precinct No. 3

*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, PCC
County Tax Assessor/Collector
1317 Eugene Heimann Circle
Richmond, TX 77469-3623

(281) 341-3710
Fax (281) 341-9267
Email: patsy.schultz@fortbendcountytexas.gov
www.fortbendcountytexas.gov

DATE: March 23, 2016

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

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FROM: Tammy Staton *T.S.*
Chief of Property Taxes

Re: Waiver of Penalty and Interest – Peter F. Levonowich: Account # 3105-26-001-0400-914, 2015 Tax
Year; Legal Description: Firethorne Sec 26, Block 1, Lot 40

Precinct 3 ✓

Peter F. Levonowich is requesting waiver of penalty and interest for 2015 tax year, stating he did not receive a tax statement and he did not know that he needed to request a copy after his escrowed mortgage was paid in full.

Tax Office Records Indicate:

- 2015 – The Tax Office received an electronic request for the 2015 Tax Statement, which was requested by Chase. Our office sent this statement electronically to Chase in November, 2015.

- November 25, 2015 - As stated in his payoff letter from Chase, he is now responsible for paying the items that were previously paid by his escrow and must contact taxing authorities to get all future statement sent directly to him.
- There is no evidence of an error by the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District or the Fort Bend County Tax Office.
- Katy ISD 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 4752-01-001-0070-907:

2015 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest		Total Waiver Request
Katy ISD	\$5873.03	\$411.11		\$411.11
FBC	\$1194.59	\$83.62		\$83.62
TOTAL	\$7067.62	\$494.73		\$494.73 ✓

Total Penalty, Interest & Collection Fees: \$494.73 ✓

I do not recommend waiver of penalty, interest and collection fees. 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..."

March 4, 2016

County Judge Robert E. Hebert
401 Jackson
Richmond, Texas 77469-3110

Re: Request for waiver of penalty, interest and collection fees for 2015 Homestead (Over 65) Property Taxes for Account Number 3105-26-001-0400-914; CAD NO R416407; Legal Description Firethorne Sec 26, BLOCK 1, LOT 40; Parcel Address 27819 Colonial Point Drive, Katy, TX 77494

Honorable Judge Hebert,

I hereby respectfully request the penalty, interest and collection fees for late payment on my above mentioned homestead property tax be waived and the amount so charged, \$494.73 (\$7,562.35 past due amount including penalty, interest and collection fee, less \$7,067.62 original tax bill due February 1, 2016) be refunded to me. I have enclosed a copy of the past due tax bill with copy of my check for \$7,562.35 which was cashed in February.

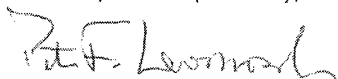
As soon as I received the past due notice of the taxes, I contacted the Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector's office to find out why I had not received the bill so I could pay it on time. Finding out it was a system issue, I immediately paid the past due tax bill as mentioned above and am now requesting waiver and refund of the penalty, interest and collection fees.

While discussing the matter with the Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector's office by phone, it appears that per their system, the tax bill was sent only to my mortgage bank, . On November 19, 2015 I finalized the refinance of my homestead property, paying off my mortgage. See attached confirmation from on the pay-off of my mortgage. I was unaware that the tax payment was not made by the bank and further, since I was never sent a copy, I did not receive details of the tax bill before the due date.

I have only recently moved to Fort Bend County and established my Homestead (over 65), and this was my first tax bill on the normal billing cycle, so I was not familiar with the system and procedures. In all other places that I have lived, I have always received a copy of the tax bill that was sent to the bank holding my mortgage for payment. I recommend the Fort Bend tax system be changed so that owners always receive at least a copy of the tax bill. Incurring a large penalty for a tax bill not received before the due date is a very significant burden for homestead owners, especially those over 65 like myself.

For the above mentioned reasons, I respectfully request that the penalty, interest and collection fee of \$494.73 be waived and that amount refunded to me.

Sincerely and respectfully,



Peter F. Levonowich
27819 Colonial Point Drive
Katy, TX 77494

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November 25, 2015

Peter Levonowich
27819 Colonial Pt Dr
Katy, TX 77494 0000

Your mortgage is paid off

Account:
Property Address: 27819 Colonial Pt Dr
Katy TX 77494

Dear Peter Levonowich :

Congratulations on paying off your mortgage.

Here's what you need to know:

- We'll send you a check for any payoff surplus and remaining escrow balance to the address above within 3 business days of the payoff. It may take up to 10 days for you to receive the check.
- We'll send the lien release documents to your county recorder's office. Until the release is recorded, you can use this letter to confirm your mortgage has been paid off. Please contact your county recorder's office if you have any questions or want a copy of the lien release documents.
- If your mortgage had an escrow account, you're now responsible for paying the items we paid from escrow, such as your taxes and/or insurance and other assessments, unless you have a new mortgage and it has an escrow account. Please contact your insurance agent and taxing authority to ask them to send all future bills to you.
- We'll send you your annual tax and interest statements, such as IRS Form 1098 (Mortgage Interest Statement), at the beginning of the calendar year, if required by IRS regulations. Contact your tax advisor if you have questions about how this affects your tax return.

DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPT



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

Certified Owner:

LEVONOWICH PETER FRANCIS
27819 COLONIAL POINT DR
KATY, TX 77494

Legal Description:

FIRETHORNE SEC 26, BLOCK 1, LOT 40

Parcel Address: 27819 COLONIAL POINT DR
Legal Acres: 0.0000

Remit Seq No: 31952063
Receipt Date: 02/29/2016
Deposit Date: 03/03/2016
Print Date: 03/21/2016 02:08 PM
Printed By: SOLEDADF

Deposit No: J160303BNS
Validation No: 7
Account No: 3105-26-001-0400-914
Operator Code: CARLISLE

Table with 8 columns: Year, Tax Unit Name, Rec Type, Tax Value, Tax Rate, Levy Paid, P&I, Coll Fee Paid, Total. Rows include 2015 Katy Isd, Fort Bend Co Drainage, Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd, and a total row.

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Check Number(s):
000540

PAYMENT TYPE:
Checks: \$7,562.35

Exemptions on this property:
OVER 65
HOMESTEAD

Total Applied: \$7,562.35
Change Paid: \$0.00

PAYER:
LEVONOWICH PETER FRANCIS
27819 COLONIAL POINT DR
KATY, TX 77494

ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL