

COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

(281) 341-8608
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May 11, 2016

Richard Harris
5222 Willow Way
Richmond, TX 77406

Reference: Account Number: 8965-02-000-1090-901
Tax Year 2015, Precinct 3

Dear Mr. and/or Mrs. Harris:

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 Lamar Consolidated Independent School District which represents a total amount of \$391.97 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, May 24, 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 May 24, 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.

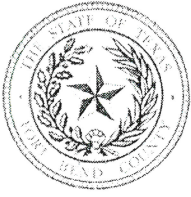
Sincerely,

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@fortbendcountytx.gov
www.fortbendcountytx.gov

DATE: May 10, 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 – Harris, Richard J: Account # 8965-02-000-1090-901, 2015 Tax
Year; Legal Description: Woods Edge Sec 2, Lot 109, Acres 1.557

Precinct 3 ✓

Richard Harris is requesting waiver of penalty and interest for 2015 tax year, stating there was a mail theft at the Post Office on January 3, 2016.

Tax Office Records Indicate:

- November 5, 2015 – The Original 2015 Tax Statement was mailed to Harris Richard J, 5222 Willow Way, Richmond, Tx 77406-7615. **This statement was not returned by the Post Office.**
- February 17, 2016 – Taxpayer called the Tax Office to check status of payment and was told payment has not posted.
- February 18, 2016 – 2015 Reminder Notice was mailed to Harris Richard J, 5222 Willow Way, Richmond, Tx 77406-7615. **This statement was not returned by the Post Office.**

- February 19, 2016 – Received postmarked payment of \$5,991.51 for February penalty & interest from Richard J Harris, 5222 Willow Way, Richmond, Tx 77406-7615.
- February 22, 2016 – United States Postal Service responded to Mr. Richard Harris concerns of a mail theft from the collection box at the Sugar Land Post Office, 225 Matlage Way, Sugar Land, Tx. They stated First-Class mail pieces mailed on January 3, 2016 were reportedly not delivered due to theft of collection box.
- The taxpayer has submitted evidence sufficient to show that tax payment was delivered to the United States Postal Service for delivery by mail.
- Lamar Consolidated Independent School District has authorized Fort Bend County Tax Office to handle the processing of the waiver of penalty and interest 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 8965-02-000-1090-901:

2015 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Total Waiver Request
LCISD	\$4,299.70	\$300.98	\$300.98
FBC	\$1,299.84	\$90.99	\$90.99
Total	\$5,599.54	\$391.97	\$391.97 ✓

Total Penalty and Interest Fees: \$391.97 ✓

I do recommend waiver of penalty and interest fees for **2015** Tax Year. Property Tax Code Section 33.011 (j) (1). "The governing body of a taxing unit may waive penalty and interest on a delinquent tax if the taxpayer submits evidence sufficient to show that the taxpayer delivered payment for a tax before the delinquency date to: (1) the United States Postal Service for delivery by mail, but an act of omission of the postal service resulted in the taxpayer's payment being postmarked after the delinquency date..."

To:

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

From:

Richard Harris
5222 Willow Way
Richmond , Texas 77406
Cell#

Acct # 8965-02-000-1090-901

Legal Description: Woods Edge Sec 2, Lot 109, Acres 1.557

Year in Question: 2015

Dear Judge,

I always pay my Property Taxes in January but this year there was a mail theft at the Post Office on January 3, 2016. I noticed that the check had not cleared the bank in February and that is when I met with the post office to find out there was a theft. I paid my taxes immediately including the \$391.97 late fee. I have a letter from the Post Office and documentation of canceling the first check. Is it possible to get reimbursed for the late fee?

Sincerely,

Richard Harris

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February 22, 2016

Mr. Richard Harris
5222 Willow Way
Richmond, TX 77406-7615

Dear Mr. Harris:

This is in response to your recent inquiry concerning mail theft from the collection box at the Sugar Land Post Office, 225 Matlage Way, Sugar Land, Texas.

The Postal Service is committed to providing quality customer service. We recognize our customers expect and deserve proper mail delivery and regret any instance in which this obligation is not met.

It was disappointing to learn the First-Class mail pieces, mailed on January 3, 2016, were reportedly not delivered, due to theft of collection box on. Reports of mail loss greatly concern us. Due to the nature of the incident, the issue was referred to the Postal Inspection Service which is the law enforcement agency of the United States Postal Service. Complaints alleging mail tampering or theft come under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Postal Inspection Service. We recognize customers expect and deserve safe mail service. While the Postal Service shares our customers' concerns about mail theft, the investigation and prevention of this offense is the responsibility of the Postal Inspection Service.

Apologies are extended for any inconvenience this situation may have caused. Hopefully, this letter will help in the removal of any penalties or late charges incurred. Additionally, we hope this will explain to correspondents why their mail may not have been received in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra Y. Beridon".

Sandra Y. Beridon

DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPT



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

Certified Owner:

HARRIS RICHARD J
5222 WILLOW WAY
RICHMOND, TX 77406-7615

Legal Description:

WOODS EDGE SEC 2, LOT 109, ACRES 1.557

Parcel Address: 5222 WILLOW WAY
Legal Acres: 1.5570

Remit Seq No: 31848937
Receipt Date: 02/19/2016
Deposit Date: 02/19/2016
Print Date: 04/13/2016 04:20 PM
Printed By: RAQUELA

Deposit No: 0160219AC6
Validation No: 900000046164387
Account No: 8965-02-000-1090-901
Operator Code: KIMBERLYT

Year	Tax Unit Name	Rec Type	Tax Value	Tax Rate	Levy Paid	P&I	Coll Fee Paid	Total
2015	Lamar C I S D- Oporating Fund	TL	309,320	1.390050	4,299.70	300.98	0.00	4,600.68
2015	Fort Bend Co Drainage	TL	267,456	0.021000	56.17	3.93	0.00	60.10
2015	Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd	TL	267,456	0.465000	1,243.67	87.06	0.00	1,330.73
					\$5,599.54	\$391.97	\$0.00	\$5,991.51

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Check Number(s):
1218

PAYMENT TYPE:

Checks: \$5,991.51

Exemptions on this property:

HOMESTEAD

Total Applied: \$5,991.51

Change Paid: \$0.00

PAYER:
HARRIS RICHARD J
5222 WILLOW WAY
RICHMOND, TX 77406-7615

ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL