

COUNTY JUDGE
Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

July 12, 2018

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

Jay & Bela Sutaria
18 Honor Cove
Sugar Land, TX 77498

Reference: Account Number: 2756-01-001-0160-907
Tax Year 2017, Precinct 4

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Sutaria:

The County has received your request to waive penalty and interest 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 \$726.13 for penalties assessed on the referenced account for tax year 2017. 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, July 24, 2018 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 July 24, 2018, 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", 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

PAID
JUL 11 2018

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: July 10, 2018

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

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

Re: Waiver of Penalty and Interest – Jay Sutaria; Account # 2756-01-001-0160-907; 2017 Tax Year; Legal Description: Crown Garden at Imperial Sec 1A, Block 1, Lot 16; Mailing Address: 18 Honor Cove, Sugar Land TX 77498-2376.

Precinct 4

Jay Sutaria is requesting a waiver of penalty and interest for the 2017 tax year stating that 2017 tax statement was not received until February 2018.

Tax Office Records Indicate:

- September 10, 2017 – received 2017 Tax Statement request from Corelogic, which is an agent for LoanCare LLC.
- November 27, 2017 – 2017 Tax Statement for account # 2756-01-001-0160-907 was submitted electronically to Corelogic per request; Amount due \$10,373.26. Per Property Tax Code Section 31.01 (i-1): “If an assessor mails a tax bill under subsection (a) or delivers a tax bill by electronic means under subsection (k) to a mortgagee of a property, the assessor is not required to mail or deliver by electronic means a copy of the bill to any mortgagor under the mortgage or to the mortgagor’s authorized agent.”

- February 20, 2018 – 2017 Reminder Notice was mailed to Sutaria Jay & Bela, 18 Honor CV, Sugar Land TX 77498-2376; Amount \$11,099.39. **This statement was not returned by the Post Office.**
- February 26, 2018 – Taxpayer called the tax office, stated that he paid off his mortgage but statement went to mortgage company.
- February 28, 2018 – Received payment for 2017 taxes from Bela Sutaria in the amount of \$11,099.39.
- There is no evidence that an error was made by the Fort Bend County Tax Office or Fort Bend Central Appraisal District.
- Fort Bend ISD, City of Missouri City and Houston Community College – Missouri City, have 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 Section 33.011 of the State Property Tax Code.

Breakdown of Taxes Paid:

Account 2756-01-001-0160-907:

2017 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Total Waiver Request
FORT BEND ISD	\$ 6,801.70	\$ 476.12	\$ 476.12
CITY OF SUGAR LAND	\$ 1,544.43	\$ 108.11	\$ 108.11
FBC	\$ 2,027.13	\$ 141.90	\$ 141.90
Total	\$ 10,373.26	\$ 726.13	\$ 726.13

Total Penalty and Interest: \$726.13

I **do not** recommend waiver of penalty and interest for **2017**. Per 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..."

County Judge
Received

MAR 29 2018

Jay Sutaria

18 Honor Cove
Sugar Land, TX 77498

Account # 2756010010160907

March 23, 2018

County Judge Robert E. Hebert
401 Jackson
Richmond, TX 77469

Judge Hebert & Commissioners Court,

Please accept this letter as a formal request to have our tax penalty waived. We purchased our new home at 18 Honor Cove in December of 2016, and were paying our mortgage along with Escrow through our loan company (Benchmark). During the 4th quarter of 2017, we paid off our home in full, and were subsequently sent an escrow reimbursement check in the amount of \$13,110.48.

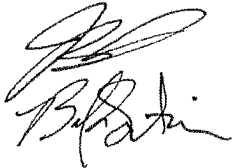
When we received our first property tax notice, it was in the amount of ~\$5,000, which we paid for upon receipt. We waited for another updated property tax bill to be sent, and did not receive it until February, when it was already considered 'delinquent'. The second bill that came was in excess of \$11,000, which would add up to be correct based on our tax rate. That bill was also paid in full prior to this request of waiver of penalty being sent.

We believe that due to our home being paid off so close to the end of the year, the information transferred over about the escrow payment was a bit delayed in reaching the County Tax Office. Therefore we were instructed to complete a waiver of penalty letter to recoup the excess of \$800 in penalties for a 'delinquent' payment.

We hope this finds you well & the that the Commissioners Court deems this as an acceptable reason for our payment tardiness.

Best wishes,

Jay & Bela Sutaria

Handwritten signatures of Jay and Bela Sutaria. The signature of Jay is a stylized 'JS' and the signature of Bela is 'Bela'.

DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPT



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

Certified Owner:

SUTARIA JAY & BELA
18 HONOR CV
SUGAR LAND, TX 77498-2376

Legal Description:

CROWN GARDEN AT IMPERIAL SEC 1A, BLOCK
1, LOT 16

Parcel Address: HONOR CV
Legal Acres: 0.0000

Remit Seq No: 37926927

Receipt Date: 02/28/2018

Deposit Date: 03/02/2018

Print Date: 05/29/2018 03:37 PM

Printed By: LINDAW

Deposit No: EK180302
Validation No: 263

Account No: 2756-01-001-0160-907

Operator Code: GARZA

Year	Tax Unit Name	Rec Type	Tax Value	Tax Rate	Levy Paid	P&I	Coll Fee Paid	Total
2017	Fort Bend Isd	TL	515,280	1.320000	6,801.70	476.12	0.00	7,277.82
2017	City Of Sugar Land	TL	486,252	0.317620	1,544.43	108.11	0.00	1,652.54
2017	Fort Bend Co Drainage	TL	432,224	0.016000	69.16	4.84	0.00	74.00
2017	Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd	TL	432,224	0.453000	1,957.97	137.06	0.00	2,095.03
					\$10,373.26	\$726.13	\$0.00	\$11,099.39

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Check Number(s):**PAYMENT TYPE:**

Credit Card Authorization No: 0

Credit Cards: \$11,099.39

Exemptions on this property:

HOMESTEAD

Total Applied: \$11,099.39

Change Paid: \$0.00

PAYER:

BELA SUTARIA
18 HONOR COVE
SUGAR LAND, TX 77498

ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL

(281) 341-3710

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