

COUNTY JUDGE
Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

July 12, 2018

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

John Gummelt
1707 Abellfield Ln.
Sugar Land, TX 77478

Reference: Account Number: 2858-01-002-0190-907
Tax Year 2017, Precinct 4

Dear Mr. Gummelt:

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 \$454.77 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,

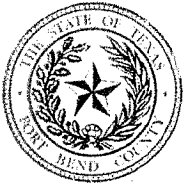
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Hebert". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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

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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 9, 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 – John W Gummelt & Marcia S Saenz: Account # 2858-01-002-0190-907, 2017 Tax Year; Legal Description: Englewood Place Estates Sec 1, Block 2, Lot 19; Mailing Address: 1707 Abellfield Ln, Sugar Land, TX 77478-5503.

Precinct 4

John W Gummelt is requesting waiver of penalty and interest for 2017 tax year, stating he processed an on-line electronic payment through Regions Bank on 01/28/2018 but the payment was not delivered until 02/01/2018. He was not aware his bank mailed the check through the United States Postal Service which caused his payment to be late.

Tax Office Records and Research Indicate:

- November 27, 2017 – 2017 Certified Tax Statement was mailed to Gummelt John W & Marcia S Saenz, 1707 Abellfield Ln, Sugar Land, TX 77478-5503. **This statement was not returned by the Post Office.**
- February 1, 2018 -- The Fort Bend County Tax Office received postmarked payment of \$6,496.73. On February 20, 2018 – Mailed short notice along with a delinquent statement to John W Gummelt, 1707 Abellfield Ln, Sugar Land, TX 77478-5503 requesting an additional \$454.77.
- February 27, 2018 – The Fort Bend County Tax Office received remaining payment of \$454.77.
- There is no evidence of an error by the Fort Bend County Tax office or Fort Bend Central Appraisal District.

- Fort Bend Independent School District and City of Sugar Land 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 2858-01-002-0190-907:

2017 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Total Waiver Request
Fort Bend ISD	\$4,218.72	\$295.31	\$295.31
City of Sugar Land	\$985.07	\$68.95	\$68.95
FBC	\$1,292.94	\$90.51	\$90.51
Total	\$6,496.73	\$454.77	\$454.77

Total Penalty and Interest: \$454.77

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..."

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March 22, 2018

John Gummelt
1707 Abell Field Lane
Sugar Land, TX 77478-5503

Acct #: 2858-01-002-0190-907
Englewood Place Estates Section 1, Block 2, Lot 19

The Honorable County Judge Robert E. Hebert
401 Jackson Street
Richmond, TX 77469-3110

Re: 2017 Ft. Bend Co. Tax Payment Late Fee Assessment

Dear Fort Bend County Judge Hebert;

On January 28, 2018 I processed an on-line electronic payment request through my Regions Bank account for \$6,496.73 payable before 01/31/18 to Ft. Bend County Tax Assessor & Collector. I was excited to have the ability to make full payment on time for the first time in several years. Due to numerous medical bills, under employment, and other financial issues I have been forced to make my tax payments late for a number of years. This year I expected the electronic payment to be processed on time. Unfortunately, I learned well after the fact that Regions Bank did not have the means to process an electronic payment to the Tax Assessor/Collector and instead had to submit, via the United States Postal Service, a check on my behalf for the Fort Bend County taxes. Since Regions Bank sent the payment through the USPS instead of electronically we were dependent on the USPS to deliver the mailed payment promptly and on time.

My records from Regions Bank (copy enclosed) indicate the payment was delivered on February 01, 2018. The Ft. Bend Co. Tax Office did not process the check for payment until February 09th. As a result of this I received a notice from the Ft. Bend Co. Tax Office of a \$454.77 late fee. I kindly request that this fee be waived. I assumed Regions Bank had the payment abilities of my other bank. Whenever I process a payment through my Wells Fargo account it usually goes through within 12 to 48 hours. And, Wells Fargo is able to process all of my on-line payments electronically. I did not know Regions Bank did not have this capability and fully expected the Ft. Bend County taxes to be paid on time. This 7% late fee penalty is extremely harsh for payment arriving only one day late and for someone that is on a tight budget. Since Regions Bank sent the payment through the USPS we had no control on when the payment would be delivered to the Ft. Bend Co. Tax Office.

In addition, the late notice that I received was not postmarked until February 20, 2018 and I did not receive it until February 23rd. That left me with less than five days to come up with the additional \$454.77 late fee payment. I did not make some of my other household payments so that I could pay the Ft. Bend Co. late fees before being charged with additional late fees. This, too, has placed another financial burden on me and my family. Please consider my issues and financial challenges and waive and refund the \$454.77 late fee.

Thank you,


John Gummelt

JOHN W GUMMELT

Payments

Bill Activity

Reminders

Reminders help you track when a bill is due.

Payments

Date Range

Past 30 days Jan 24, 2018 and future

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Withdraw On	Description	Category	Amount	Deliver By	Status
When Check Cashed	First Colony Community Associati *2034		\$758.00 LIFEGREEN PREFERRED CHECKING *6772	2-1-18	Delivered Cfm # MJRN8- GKTPF
When Check Cashed	Fort Bend County Tax Assessor- Co *-907	Taxes	\$6,496.73 LIFEGREEN PREFERRED CHECKING *6772	2-1-18	Delivered Cfm # MJRLQ- 62S58
Total			\$7,254.73	<i>Pending, Processing, and Delivered payments only,</i>	

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COMPOSITE TAX RECEIPT



PATSY SCHULTZ, PCC
 FORT BEND COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/ COLLECTOR
 1317 EUGENE HEIMANN CIRCLE
 RICHMOND, TEXAS 77469-3623
 (281) 341-3710

Certified Owner:

GUMMELT JOHN W & MARCIA S SAENZ
 1707 ABELLFIELD LN
 SUGAR LAND , TX 77478-5503

Legal Description:

ENGLEWOOD PLACE ESTATES SEC 1, BLOCK 2,
 LOT 19

Parcel Address: 1707 ABELLFIELD LN

Legal Acres: 0.0000

Account No: 2858-01-002-0190-907

Year : 2017

Print Date : 06/07/2018

Operator Code: RAQUELA

Rec Type : Levy

Year	Tax Unit Name	Tax Value	Tax Rate	Penalty &				Total
				Levy	Interest	Coll. Fee	Refund	
2017	FORT BEND ISD	319,600	1.320000	4,218.72	295.31	0.00	0.00	4,514.03
2017	CITY OF SUGAR LAND	310,140	0.317620	985.07	68.95	0.00	0.00	1,054.02
2017	FORT BEND CO DRAINAGE	275,680	0.016000	44.11	3.09	0.00	0.00	47.20
2017	FORT BEND CO GEN FND	275,680	0.453000	1,248.83	87.42	0.00	0.00	1,336.25
Levy Total :				\$6,496.73	\$454.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,951.50
Gross Total :				\$6,496.73	\$454.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,951.50
Grand Total :				\$6,496.73	\$454.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,951.50

LAST PAYER:

JOHN GUMMELT
 1707 ABELL FIELD LANE
 SUGAR LAND , TX 77478

Payment Receipt Dates:

02/09/2018

02/27/2018

LAST PAYMENT DATE: 02/27/2018