

COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

October 11, 2018

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

Ginny Q. Chen
3222 Summer Bay Dr.
Sugar Land, TX 77478

Reference: Account Number: 2853-03-001-0370-907
Tax Year 2017, Precinct 4

Dear Ms. Chen:

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 \$597.46 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, October 23, 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 October 23, 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,

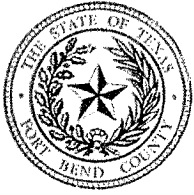
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Hebert", written over a horizontal line.

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

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DATE: October 4, 2018

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

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

Re: Waiver of Penalty and Interest – Ginny Q Chen: Account # 2853-03-001-0370-907, 2017
Tax Year; Legal Description: Edgewater Sec 3, Block 1, Lot 37; Mailing address: 3323
Summer Bay Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77478

Precinct 4

Ginny Q Chen is requesting a waiver of penalty and interest for the 2017 tax year, stating a payment was originally mailed by due date but the check was post dated with 2019 instead of 2018. Although she was given until 4/11/2018 to rewrite the check, she was out of town and did not see the notice until 5/20/2018.

Tax Office records and research indicate:

- November 27, 2017 – 2017 Certified Tax Statement was mailed to Ginny Q Chen, 3222 Summer Bay Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77478-4452. **This statement was not returned by the Post Office.**
- February 13, 2018 --- Received payment for 2017 taxes in the amount of \$4,595.86 check #3543 postmarked 1/29/18; however, the check was incorrectly postdated for 1/29/2019. The tax office sent correspondence to Ginny Q Chen, 3222 Summer Bay Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77479-4452 stating a new check must be submitted no later than 3/2/18 to receive the January postmark date. **This letter was returned by the Post Office, stating "Unclaimed".**

- February 20, 2018 – 2017 Reminder Statement was mailed to Ginny Q Chen, 3222 Summer Bay Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77478-4452. **This statement was returned by the Post Office, stating “Unclaimed”.**
- March 23, 2018 – The tax office mailed another correspondence to the correct zip code at 77478-4452. The taxpayer was given until 4/11/2018 to resubmit payment. **This correspondence was not returned by the Post Office.**
- May 23, 2018 --- 2017 33.07 Notice was mailed to Ginny Q Chen, 3222 Summer Bay Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77478-4452. **This statement was not returned by the Post Office.**
- May 31, 2018 – The Fort Bend County Tax Office received payment of \$5,193.32 (includes May Penalty and Interest).
- There is no evidence of an error by the Fort Bend County Tax Office or the 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 2853-03-001-0370-907:

2017 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Total Waiver Request
Fort Bend ISD	\$3,218.41	\$418.39	\$418.39
City of Sugar Land	\$672.26	\$87.39	\$87.39
FBC	\$705.19	\$91.68	\$91.68
Total	\$4,595.86	\$597.46	\$597.46

Total Penalty and Interest: \$597.46

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...”

June 17, 2018

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

Dear Judge Herbert,

I inadvertently dated my property tax check for 2019 instead of 2018. As a result, the check could not be cashed and I was assessed a penalty and interest in the amount of \$597.46. Although I was given until 4/11/2018 to re-write the check, I unfortunately did not receive the letter stating this until 5/20/2018 as I was out of town.

I am writing to ask for the penalty and interest to be waived, as I sent my original payment by the 1/31/2018 deadline with the full intention of paying it. Also, as soon as I saw the letter asking for a new check, I immediately paid the full amount.

Here is some information regarding my account.

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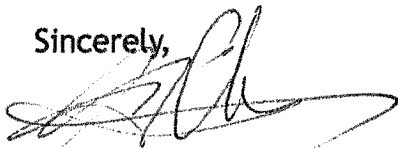
Year in question: 2017

Current mailing address: 3323 Summer Bay Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77478

Telephone number:

Thank you for your time in considering this matter.

Sincerely,



Ginny Chen

County Judge
Received

JUN 22 2018

Attachments:

1. Receipt of Account paid in full (dated on 5/31/2018)
2. County letter (dated on 3/13/2018)
3. Original documents:
 - Canceled check #3543
 - Payment slid
4. County letter (dated 2/13/2018)
5. A copy of all the original (check #3543, pay slid, envelope post mark 1/31/2018)

TAX RECEIPT



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

Certified Owner:

CHEN GINNY Q
3222 SUMMER BAY DR
SUGAR LAND, TX 77478-4452

Legal Description:

EDGEWATER SEC 3, BLOCK 1, LOT 37

Deposit No: O180531Q6
Validation No: 900000053484059

Account No: **2853-03-001-0370-907**
Operator Code: TAMICAB

Parcel Address: 3222 SUMMER BAY DR
Legal Acres: 0.0000

Remit Seq No: 38320480
Receipt Date: 05/31/2018
Deposit Date: 05/31/2018
Print Date: 05/31/2018 03:19 PM
Printed By: TAMICAB

Year	Tax Unit Name	Rec Type	Tax Value	Tax Rate	Levy Paid	P&I	Coll Fee Paid	Total
2017	Fort Bend Isd	TL	277,950	1.320000	3,218.41	418.39	0.00	3,636.80
2017	City Of Sugar Land	TL	211,655	0.317620	672.26	87.39	0.00	759.65
2017	Fort Bend Co Drainage	TL	150,360	0.016000	24.06	3.13	0.00	27.19
2017	Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd	TL	150,360	0.453000	681.13	88.55	0.00	769.68
					<u>\$4,595.86</u>	<u>\$597.46</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$5,193.32</u>

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Check Number(s):
3619

PAYMENT TYPE:

Checks: \$5,193.32

Exemptions on this property:
HOMESTEAD
OVER 65

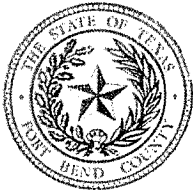
Total Applied: \$5,193.32
Total Tendered: \$5,193.32
(for accounts paid on 05/31/2018)
Change Paid: \$0.00

PAYER:

CHEN GINNY Q
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ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL

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03/23/2018

GINNY Q CHEN
3222 SUMMER BAY DR
SUGAR LAND TX 77478-4452

RE: Account No: 2853-03-001-0370-907-4

Dear Taxpayer:


We are returning check #3543 in the amount of \$ 4,595.86 representing payment of your 2017 Fort Bend County taxes:

Your immediate response is requested for the following reason (s):

- ☐ We were unable to identify the property you are trying to pay. Please provide us with the correct account number or property address. Return by _____, to receive postmark date _____.
- ☐ Written amount on your check is incorrect. Please re-issue in the correct amount of \$ _____ by _____.
- ☐ Wrong payer name. Please re-issue a check made payable to Patsy Schultz Tax Assessor Collector by _____ in the amount of \$ _____.
- ☐ Wrong method of payment. Please submit payment by Cashier Check or Money Order by _____ in the amount of \$ _____.
- ☐ Wine, Beer and Liquor fees are not due until notified by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, a reminder statement will be sent to business owner when fees are added to our system.
- ☐ This account is under a "Quarterly Agreement" for _____ taxes per Property Tax Code Sec 31.031, property taxes are not considered delinquent at this time.
- ☐ Duplicate payment, previously paid by _____, check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____.
- ☐ We do not collect for _____, please forward payment to their office.
- ☒ Other: We do not accept postdated checks. Please remit a correctly dated check by 04/11/2018 to receive postmark date of 01/31/2018.

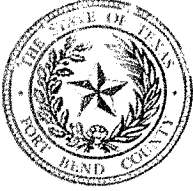
Should you need additional information, please call our office at 281-341-3710.

Sincerely


Celisa Salazar
Property Tax Collections

Enclosures

FORT BEND COUNTY DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN,
SEX, RELIGION, AGE OR DISABILITY IN EMPLOYMENT OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES.



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2/13/2018

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Sugar Land TX 77479-4452

RE: Account No: 2853-03-001-0370-907

Dear Taxpayer:

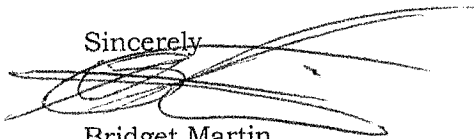
We are returning check #3543 in the amount of \$ 4595.86 representing payment of your 2017 Fort Bend County taxes:

Your immediate response is requested for the following reason (s):

- ☐ We were unable to identify the property you are trying to pay. Please provide us with the legal description or correct account number (s). Return by ____
Block # ____ Lot ____ Section ____ Subdivision ____
- ☐ Written amount on your check is incorrect. Please re-issue in the correct amount of \$ ____ by ____ (10 days)
- ☐ Wrong payer name. Please re-issue a check made payable to Patsy Schultz Tax Assessor/Collector by ____.
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- ☐ Duplicate payment, previously paid by ____, check # ____ in the amount of \$ ____.
- ☒ Other: the check (#3543 in the amount of \$4595.86) was incorrectly post dated for 1/29/2019. Please resubmit a new check by 3/2/2018.

Should you need additional information, please call our office at 281-341-3710.

Sincerely


Bridget Martin
Property Tax Collections

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