

## COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

The Honorable KP George  
County Judge

July 16, 2019

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

Gayatri & Dilip Pal  
20719 Shifting Sand Lane  
Richmond, TX 77407

Reference: Account Number: 4791-01-002-0070-901  
Tax Year 2018, Precinct 3

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Pal:

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 Lamar Consolidated Independent School District, Harris Fort Bend Emergency Services District #100 and Fort Bend LID #12 which represents a total amount of \$288.95 for penalties assessed on the referenced account for tax year 2018. 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, August 6, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Commissioners Court is located at the Historic Courthouse, 401 Jackson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 August 6, 2019, at telephone 281-238-1400 or by email at [andy.meyers@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:andy.meyers@fortbendcountytexas.gov), to discuss any additional documentation you may wish to provide to the Court when they consider your request.

Sincerely,

KP George

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

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

(281) 341-3710

Fax (832) 471-1836

Email: [tammy.staton@fortbendcountytx.gov](mailto:tammy.staton@fortbendcountytx.gov)

[www.fortbendcountytx.gov](http://www.fortbendcountytx.gov)

DATE: July 12, 2019

TO: County Judge KP George  
Commissioner Vincent Morales  
Commissioner Grady Prestage  
Commissioner Andy Meyers  
Commissioner Ken R DeMerchant  
County Attorney Roy Cordes

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

Re: Waiver of Penalty and Interest – Gayatri & Dilip Pal: Account # 4791-01-002-0070-901,  
2018 Tax Year; Legal Description: Lakemont Cove Sec 1, Block 2, Lot 7; Mailing address:  
20719 Shifting Sand Lane, Richmond, TX 77407-2681

**Precinct 3**

Gayatri & Dilip K Pal are requesting a waiver of penalty and interest for the 2018 tax year,  
stating they completely forgot and missed the deadline to pay their taxes.

Tax Office records and research indicate: (Excluding Fort Bend County Mud Tax not collected  
by our office)

- November 7, 2018 – 2018 Certified Tax Statement was sent via e-statement to [dkpal@yahoo.com](mailto:dkpal@yahoo.com).
- February 11, 2019 – The Fort Bend County Tax Office received payment of \$4,416.71 (includes February Penalty and Interest).

- There is no evidence of an error by the Fort Bend County Tax Office or the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District.
- Lamar CISD, Harris F/B Esd #100, and Fort Bend Lid #12 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 4791-01-002-0070-901:**

**2018 Tax Year**

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Total Waiver Request
Lamar CISD	\$3,148.60	<b>\$220.40</b>	<b>\$220.40</b>
Harris F/B Esd #100	\$97.53	<b>\$6.83</b>	<b>\$6.83</b>
Fort Bend Lid #12	\$216.14	<b>\$15.13</b>	<b>\$15.13</b>
FBC	\$665.49	<b>\$46.59</b>	<b>\$46.59</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,127.76</b>	<b>\$288.95</b>	<b>\$288.95</b>

**Total Penalty and Interest: \$288.95**

I do not recommend waiver of penalty and interest for 2018. 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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FEB 25 2019

Date: February 21, 2019

From  
Gayatri & Dilip K Pal  
20719 Shifting Sand Lane,  
Richmond, TX 77407

To  
Honorable County Judge KP George  
401 Jackson  
Richmond, TX 77469-3110

Subject : Account No. : 4791-01-002-0070-901  
Legal Description : Lakemont Cove Sec 1, Block 2, Lot 7  
Property Tax : Year 2018

Dear Honorable Judge KP George,

I am writing to request an abatement of penalties of Total amount \$ 339.56 (in the amount of \$ 288.95 for Fort Bend County Tax & \$ 50.61 for Fort Bend County Mud Tax).

I acknowledge and deeply apologize for my late payment of my property taxes of subjected account.

I forgot completely and missed the due date to pay my property taxes which is January 31, 2018. As soon as I found out I missed the dead line, I mailed the check including late payment fees on Feb 4, 2018. Due to my (this) mistake, I paid the penalty and also lost benefit of paying property tax by installment.

Though it is completely my fault but I feel that the part of the reason to forget this date is due to Medical Enrollment problem, I faced with my Employer's Benefit Resource Center (BRC). I missed my company's (Fluor) open enrollment period to include my wife in the medical plan as I was in India and could not come back at the enrollment period due to some mishap happened to my Indian family. When I was in India I had no access of my Company's (Fluor) email. I came back from India and went to work on Dec 11, 2018 and found that my wife was not enrolled in Medical benefit. Since that day I worked with BRC to reinstate the Medical Benefit for my wife. BRC took more than a month to approve and confirm the enrollment.

The sequence of events that led to my late payment, I feel, are as follows

1. I called BRC on Dec12, 2018 and asked for enrollment. They told me to do the Appeal and sent me the blank Appeal form by mail. On Dec 24, 2018 I faxed the enrollment appeal to our Benefit Resource Center.
2. Since then I talked with our Human Resource (HR) Representative and had several phone calls to Benefit Dept. and send few emails. On Feb 05, 2019, finally I received their confirmation letter dated Jan 31, 2019.

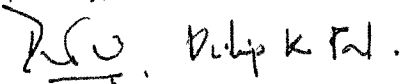
Please find the documents enclosed that support my claim above:

1. Copy of My appeal letter to Benefit Resource Center dated Dec 24, 2018.
2. Copies of Emails to HR Representatives.
3. Copy of letter of confirmation from Benefit Resource Center.

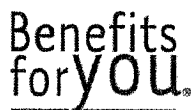
Again, I sincerely apologize and hope that you will consider the abatement of penalties owed for reasonable cause. Please also consider that besides this one oversight on my part, I have made the payment within a week after the Tax deadline.

I am willing to provide any clarifications that you may require. Please feel free to contact me at

Respectfully,

  
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(Dilip Pal)



Return completed form to the Benefits Resource Center via fax: (855) 283-3916

**Benefits Resource Center Appeal Form**

Employee SAP Personnel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Name (Last Name, First Name): PAL, DILIP

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: Dec 24, 2018

- Appeal Type:
- Add Newborn
  - Add Other Dependent
  - Change Plans
  - COBRA Extension
  - Direct Billing
  - Death Benefit
  - Dependent Certification
  - Changes to FSA
  - Missed Enrollment
  - Premium Refund
  - Waive Plan
  - Other, please specify: Absence from Job at Enrollment Period

Summary/Reason for Appeal (you may attach another page for more space):

To Whom It may Concern

Sir / Madam

Reason for my appeal is that I could not enroll myself and my wife for our benefit for the year 2019 at Open Enrollment Period as I went for vacation to India on Oct 15, 2018 and and had to extend my vacation due to some mishap hapened to my Indian Family. I came back on Dec 11, 2018 and joined the work. So I missed the Open Enrollment as I was not here in US.

When I was in India I had very limited access of internet and absolutely no access of my Fluor Email, therefore I was not aware of the enrollment period. As soon as I came back to office I called Benefit Resource Center and requested for my enrollment and as per their advice I am requesting you for my enrollment by this appeal process

I hope you will understand my situation and approve the enrollment.

Thanking You,  
Sincerely

Dilip Pal

You can also send this form with supporting documentation via postal mail to:

Benefits Resource Center  
P.O. Box 5223  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-5223

DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPT



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

Certified Owner:

PAL GAYATRI & DILIP
20719 SHIFTING SAND LN
RICHMOND, TX 77407-2681

Legal Description:

LAKEMONT COVE SEC 1, BLOCK 2, LOT 7

Parcel Address: 20719 SHIFTING SAND LN
Legal Acres: 0.0000

Remit Seq No: 40729630
Receipt Date: 02/11/2019
Deposit Date: 02/11/2019
Print Date: 04/10/2019 04:49 PM
Printed By: RAQUELA

Deposit No: J190211B8
Validation No: 14
Account No: 4791-01-002-0070-901
Operator Code: ARACELYG

Table with 8 columns: Year, Tax Unit Name, Rec Type, Tax Value, Tax Rate, Levy Paid, P&I, Coll Fee Paid, Total. Rows include Lamar C I S D- Operating Fund, Harris F/B Esd #100, Fort Bend Lid #12, Fort Bend Co Drainage, Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd, and a summary row.

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Check Number(s):
000085

PAYMENT TYPE:
Checks: \$4,416.71

Exemptions on this property:
OVER 65
HOMESTEAD

Total Applied: \$4,416.71
Change Paid: \$0.00

PAYER:
PAL GAYATRI & DILIP
20719 SHIFTING SAND LN
RICHMOND, TX 77407-2681

ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL