



COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

The Honorable KP George
County Judge

(281) 341-8608
Fax (832) 471-1858

June 9, 2020

Aparna Joshi
5222 Belle Manor Ln.
Sugar Land, Texas 77479

Reference: Request to Waive Penalty, Interest and Collection Fees on Property Taxes

Dear Aparna Joshi:

The County has received your request to waive penalty and interest on Fort Bend County property taxes as detailed below:

- **Property Tax Account:** *1262-01-003-0010-907*
- **Total Amount of Penalties Assessed:** *\$481.30 for Tax Year 2019*

Fort Bend County is also authorized to act on behalf of Fort Bend Independent School District.

The Office of Tax Assessor/Collector has conducted research on your account; please review the copy of this research which is enclosed with this letter. The request and the research will be included as back-up documentation when the request is placed on the Commissioners Court agenda for consideration. The date for proposed action is:

- **Commissioners Court Date:** *Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.*
- **Location:** *401 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas*

You are not required to appear in order for the Court to consider your request. Action by the Court is guided by the Texas Tax Code, specifically Chapter 33. If you have additional information regarding your request or if you wish to discuss this matter, please contact your Commissioner:

- **Commissioner Ken DeMerchant, Pct. 4** *Telephone (281) 980-2235 or
Email:
Ken.DeMerchant@fortbendcountytexas.gov*

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

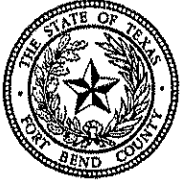
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KP George", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

KP George
County Judge

Enclosure: Tax Office Research
Copy: Commissioner Ken DeMerchant, Precinct No. 4

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR / COLLECTOR

Fort Bend County, Texas



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

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DATE: April 20, 2020

To: County Judge KP George
Commissioner Vincent Morales
Commissioner Grady Prestage
Commissioner Andy Meyers
Commissioner Ken R. De Merchant
Roy Cordes, County Attorney

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

Re: Waiver of Penalty and Interest-- Aparna Joshi: Account # 1262-01-003-0010-907, 2019 Tax Year;
Legal Description: Auburn Manor At Riverstone Sec 1, Block 3, Lot 1; Mailing Address: 5222 Belle
Manor Ln., Sugar Land, TX 77479-4578.

Precinct 4

Aparna Joshi is requesting a waiver of penalty and interest for the 2019 tax year stating he made payment through his bank's online bill pay system and check got lost in mail or misplaced.

Tax Office records and research indicate:

- February 24, 2020 – 2019 Reminder Notice was mailed to: Aparna Joshi, 5222 Belle Manor Ln., Sugar Land, TX 77479-4578. **This statement was not returned by the Post Office.**
- February 29, 2020 – Received 2019 tax payment from Aparna Joshi in the amount of \$6,875.45 and \$481.28, including February penalty & interest.
- March 2, 2020 – Aparna Joshi called the tax office to ask what happened to his online bill pay check he sent in January. Our office does not show record of a payment received.
- March 11, 2020 – County Judge received emailed request for waiver of penalty and interest for the 2019 Property Taxes.
- There is no evidence of an error by the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District or the Fort Bend County Tax Office.

- Fort Bend ISD has 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 Texas Property Tax Code.

Summary of Taxes Paid:

Account 1262-01-003-0010-907:

2019 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Total Waiver Request
Fort Bend ISD	\$5,259.45	\$368.17	\$368.17
FBC	\$1,616.00	\$113.13	\$113.13
Total	\$6,875.45	\$481.30	\$481.30

Total Penalty and Interest: \$481.30

I **do not** recommend waiver of penalty and interest for 2019 Tax Year.

- **Taxpayer has not provided sufficient evidence to support an error in electronic funds transfer per Property Tax Code Section 33.011 (h)(3). Payment was issued from his financial institution's bill pay service where an actual check is issued and is not an electronic funds transfer.**
- Per Property Tax Code Section 33.011 (h)(3): "The governing body of a taxing unit shall waive penalties and interest on a delinquent tax if:
 - (1) the tax is payable by electronic funds transfer under an agreement entered into under Section 31.06(a); and
 - (2) the taxpayer submits evidence sufficient to show that:
 - (A) the taxpayer attempted to pay the tax by electronic funds transfer in the proper manner before the delinquency date;
 - (B) the taxpayer's failure to pay the tax before the delinquency date was caused by an error in the transmission of the funds; and
 - (C) the tax was properly paid by electronic funds transfer or otherwise not later than the 21st day after the date the taxpayer knew or should have known of the delinquency.
- **There is no evidence to cause the Tax Office to recommend waiver of penalty and interest. This waiver is not statutorily allowed because of the taxpayer's failure to comply with the requirements of Texas Tax Code Section 33.011.**

Cc: Ospina, Donna <Donna.Ospina@fortbendcountytexas.gov>; Qadri, Hina <Hina.Qadri@fortbendcountytexas.gov>; Payero, Olga <Olga.Payero@fortbendcountytexas.gov>
Subject: FW: Account Nbr - 1262010030010907 Property Address 5222 Belle Manor Ln Sugar land TX 77479

Thank you for this submission. Please accept this email as confirmation that Fort Bend County has received your request and is working on processing it.

From: Joshi, Raghavendra <RJOSHI@eprod.com>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2020 4:54 PM
To: FBC.Judge <FBC.Judge@fortbendcountytexas.gov>
Subject: Account Nbr - 1262010030010907 Property Address 5222 Belle Manor Ln Sugar land TX 77479

Hi there,

I, Aparna Joshi, submitting a request for waive of penalties & interest for above property address for \$481.28 interest I have had pay due to an electronic transfer issue. The bank seemed to have mailed the check for an amount 6874.45 on 1/17/2020. It seems like even after one and half months they haven't received a return check – the check got lost or misplaced, not sure what went wrong.

I am forwarding the waiver request and copy of the bank receipt as proof that the payment was made before the delinquency date. For whatever reason the receipt doesn't show the mailing address on the "Proof of Payment Details".

I will appreciate if as a courtesy, the penalty be waived. It's been over 15 years we have been paying property taxes on a timely manner and this is first time we have had this issue (old property address 5210 Cypress Spring Dr Missouri City TX). \$481 is a big amount and our intent was not to delay/defer the taxes in any way. There other 2 taxes made in correctly – not sure what happened to this. The bank doesn't have any "returned check"

Pls let me know if there are any questions.

Aparna Joshi
832 630 5505

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COMPOSITE TAX RECEIPT



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

Certified Owner:

JOSHI APARNA
 5222 BELLE MANOR LN
 SUGAR LAND , TX 77479-4578

Legal Description:

AUBURN MANOR AT RIVERSTONE SEC 1, BLOCK
 3, LOT 1

Parcel Address: 5222 BELLE MANOR LN

Legal Acres: 0.0000

Account No: 1262-01-003-0010-907

Year : 2019

Print Date : 04/02/2020

Operator Code: YVONNEA

Rec Type : Levy

Year	Tax Unit Name	Tax Value	Tax Rate	Levy	Penalty & Interest	Coll. Fee	Refund	Total
2019	FORT BEND ISD	414,130	1.270000	5,259.43	368.17	0.00	0.00	5,627.60
2019	FORT BEND CO DRAINAGE	351,304	0.015300	53.75	3.77	0.00	0.00	57.52
2019	FORT BEND CO GEN FND	351,304	0.444700	1,562.25	109.36	0.00	0.00	1,671.61
Levy Total :				\$6,875.43	\$481.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,356.73
Gross Total :				\$6,875.43	\$481.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,356.73
Grand Total :				\$6,875.43	\$481.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,356.73

Account No: 1262-01-003-0010-907

LAST PAYER:

APARNA JOSHI
 5222 BELLE MANOR LN
 SUGAR LAND , TX 77479

Payment Receipt Dates:

02/29/2020

LAST PAYMENT DATE: 02/29/2020