



COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

The Honorable KP George
County Judge

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

June 9, 2020

Omar Goolam
17419 Hankar Way
Richmond, Texas 77407

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

Dear Mr. Goolam:

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

- **Property Tax Account:** *1001-17-001-0030-907*
- **Total Amount of Penalties Assessed:** *\$1,020.87 for Tax Year 2019*

Fort Bend County is also authorized to act on behalf of Fort Bend Independent School District, Fort Bend ESD No. 5 and Fort Bend MUD 134C.

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, CTOP
County Tax Assessor-Collector

(281) 341-3710
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DATE: April 15, 2020

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 – Omar Goolam: Account #1001-17-001-0030-907, 2019 Tax Years; Legal Description: Aliana Sec 17, Block 1, Lot 3; Mailing Address: 17419 Hankar Way, Richmond, TX 77407-2862

Precinct 4

Omar Goolam is requesting waiver of penalty and interest for the 2019 tax year, stating he did not receive his tax statement. He switched mortgage companies and is not escrowing taxes.

Tax Office records and research indicate:

- August 29, 2019 – 2019 Tax statement was requested and sent electronically to PennyMac.
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- January 2020 – No record of any call from Omar Goolam claiming to have issues receiving his tax statement.
- February 27, 2020 – The Fort Bend County Tax Office received payment of \$15,604.70 (includes February Penalty and Interest).
- February 28, 2020 – County Judge received emailed request for waiver of penalty and interest for the 2019 property taxes.

- Fort Bend ISD, Fort Bend Esd #5 and Fort Bend Mud 134c 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.

Summary of Taxes Paid:

2019 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Total Waiver Request
Fort Bend ISD	\$5,973.95	\$418.18	\$418.18
Fort Bend Esd #5	\$445.85	\$31.21	\$31.21
Fort Bend Mud 134c	\$6,340.99	\$443.87	\$443.87
FBC	\$1,823.04	\$127.61	\$127.61
Total	\$14,583.83	\$1,020.87	\$1,020.87

Total Penalty & Interest: \$1,020.87

I do recommend waiver of penalty and interest for 2019 tax year.

- **Tax records do reflect that Corelogic Servicing agent for PennyMac requested 2019 tax statement.**
 - Per Property Tax Code Section 33.011 (k)(1)(2): [Effective January 1, 2020] The governing body of a taxing unit may waive penalties and interest on the delinquent tax if:
 - (A) the property for which the tax is owed is subject to a mortgage that does not require the owner of the property to fund an escrow account for the payment of the taxes on the property;
 - (B) the tax bill was mailed or delivered by electronic means to the mortgagee of the property, but the mortgagee failed to mail a copy of the bill to the owner of the property as required by Section 31.01 (j);
- **There is evidence to cause the Tax Office to recommend waiver of penalty and interest. The 2019 statement was sent to the mortgage company.**

Carrie Surratt, PCC, CTOP
Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector
1317 Eugene Heimann Circle
Richmond
Texas
77469-3623


RE: Application for Penalty Interest Waiver Account Number: 1001-17-001-0030-907

Dear Ms Surratt,

My name is Omar Goolam and I am the property owner of 17419 Hankar Way Richmond, Texas. I am a first time property owner and have been one since 2016 and still find myself familiarizing with the complexities of owning a property in the United States of America. I recently switched my mortgage loan from Penny Mac Inc. to Suntrust Mortgages and opted not to escrow my account with Suntrust even though my Penny Mac account was escrowed. With this switchover, I understood that I became responsible for settling my property taxes however I did not receive any property taxes statements from Fort Bend County and as such I also did not realize that the property taxes were due by 31 January. I understand that payment of the property taxes remains my responsibility and this is why I paid over the amount dues (incl. penalties and interest) as soon as I received a "Past Due" statement from your office. My request is to please consider reversing the penalties and interest charges of \$1020.87 that is levied on my account to my late payment.

I appreciate your consideration and understanding in this matter.

Kind regards



Omar Goolam
281 414/8090
omarg@live.co.za

DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPT



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

Certified Owner:

GOOLAM OMAR
17419 HANKAR WAY
RICHMOND, TX 77407-2862

Legal Description:

ALIANA SEC 17, BLOCK 1, LOT 3

Parcel Address: 17419 HANKAR WAY
Legal Acres: 0.0000

Remit Seq No: 43850426
Receipt Date: 02/27/2020
Deposit Date: 03/02/2020
Print Date: 03/09/2020 09:54 AM
Printed By: RAQUELA

Deposit No: EK200302
Validation No: 47
Account No: 1001-17-001-0030-907
Operator Code: VEGA

Table with 8 columns: Year, Tax Unit Name, Rec Type, Tax Value, Tax Rate, Levy Paid, P&I, Coll Fee Paid, Total. Rows include 2019 Fort Bend Isd, Fort Bend Esd #5, Ft Bend Mud 134c, Fort Bend Co Drainage, Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd.

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Check Number(s):

PAYMENT TYPE:

Credit Card Authorization No: 0

Credit Cards: \$15,604.70

Exemptions on this property:

HOMESTEAD

Total Applied: \$15,604.70

Change Paid: \$0.00

Account No: 1001-17-001-0030-907

PAYER:

OMAR GOOLAM
17419 HANKAR WAY
RICHMOND, TX 77407

ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL