



COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

The Honorable KP George
County Judge

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

June 9, 2020

Lavanya Lewis
1423 Chapel Bay Rd.
Richmond, Texas 77469

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

Dear Ms. Lewis:

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

- **Property Tax Account:** *2156-03-002-0010-901*
- **Total Amount of Penalties Assessed:** *\$802.78 for Tax Year 2019*

Fort Bend County is also authorized to act on behalf of Lamar Consolidated 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 Vincent Morales, Pct. 1** *Telephone (281) 344-9400 or
Email:
Vincent.Moralesjr@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 Vincent Morales, Precinct No. 1

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR / COLLECTOR

Fort Bend County, Texas



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

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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
Roy Cordes, County Attorney

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

Re: Waiver of Penalty and Interest – Lavanya Lewis: Account # 2156-03-002-0010-901; 2019 Tax Year;
Legal Description: Bridlewood Estates Sec 3, Block 2, Lot 1, Acres 1.276; Mailing Address: 1423 Chapel
Bay Rd, Richmond, TX 77469-7375.

Precinct 1

Lavanya Lewis, is requesting waiver of penalty and interest for the 2019 tax year based on Property Tax Code Section 33.011 (h). Lavanya Lewis states on January 28, 2020, she attempted to pay the taxes online. Although she thought she had submitted the payment, the payment was never actually submitted.

Tax Office records and research indicate:

- March 10, 2020 – Received online payment from Lavanya Lewis in the amount of base levy only \$8,919.73. Remaining balance due on account.
- March 10, 2020 – County Judge received request for waiver of penalty and interest for the 2019 Property Taxes.
- Lamar CISD has authorized Fort Bend County Tax Office to handle the processing of the waiver of penalty and interest and allow the Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court to make the determination based on Section 33.011 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Summary of Taxes Paid as of March 2020:

Account 2156-03-002-0010-901:

2019 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Total Waiver Request
Lamar CISD	\$6,903.20	\$621.29	\$621.29
FBC	\$2,016.53	\$181.49	\$181.49
Total	\$8,919.73	\$802.78	\$802.78

Total Penalty and Interest: \$802.78

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

- **Taxpayer has not provided sufficient evidence to support that there was an error in the electronic funds transfer before the delinquency date.**
- 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.**

Fort Bend County Judge,

Please accept my request for a wavier of penalties and interest due to an error in submitting the payment correctly. I thought I had submitted the payment in the amount of \$8,919.73 on Jan. 28, 2020, but as you can see the payment was never actually submitted. I have never been late in making my payments and I can assure you I will not be late again. I have gone online this morning and made a payment to my account. My apologies to you all and can you please waive the fees for me? Let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you in advance,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lavanya Lewis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lavanya Lewis

832-279-6578 cell

DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPT



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

Certified Owner:

LEWIS LAVANYA
1423 CHAPEL BAY RD
RICHMOND, TX 77469-7375

Legal Description:

BRIDLEWOOD ESTATES SEC 3, BLOCK 2, LOT
1, ACRES 1.276

Parcel Address: 1423 CHAPEL BAY RD
Legal Acres: 1.2760

Remit Seq No: 43929645
Receipt Date: 03/10/2020
Deposit Date: 03/12/2020
Print Date: 03/23/2020 10:41 AM
Printed By: SOLEDADF

Deposit No: EK300312
Validation No: 3
Account No: 2156-03-002-0010-901
Operator Code: VEGA

Table with 9 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, Fort Bend Co Drainage, and Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd.

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Check Number(s):

PAYMENT TYPE: PARTIAL PAYMENT

Credit Card Authorization No: 0

Credit Cards: \$8,919.73

Exemptions on this property:
HOMESTEAD

Total Applied: \$8,919.73

Change Paid: \$0.00

Account No: 2156-03-002-0010-901
PAYER:

LAVANYA LEWIS
1423 CHAPEL BAY RD
RICHMOND, TX 77469

REMAINING BALANCE