



COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

The Honorable KP George
County Judge

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September 14, 2020

Rafat U. Jillani
2023 Plantation Bend Drive
Sugar Land, Texas 77478

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

Dear Mr. Jillani:

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

- **Property Tax Account:** **6705-01-002-0220-907**
- **Total Amount of Penalties Assessed:** **\$693.73 for Tax Year 2019**

Fort Bend County is also authorized to act on behalf of Fort Bend Independent School District and City of Sugar Land.

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, October 6, 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. ***Due to COVID-19 Pandemic the County will conduct the Commissioners Court Meeting in a manner consistent with State and Local Recommendations and Orders to protect attendees.*** Action by the Court is guided by the Texas Tax Code, specifically Chapter 33. Please contact your Commissioner's Office if you have any questions at the number or email below:

- **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

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DATE: August 13, 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, TGS,
Chief of Property Taxes

Re: Waiver of Penalty and Interest – Rafat U. Jillani: Account #6705-01-002-0220-907; 2019 Tax Year;
Legal Description: Plantation Bend Sec 1, Block 2, Lot 22; Situs: 2023 Plantation Bend Dr., Sugar Land,
TX 77478-5421.

Precinct 4

Rafat U. Jillani is requesting waiver of penalty and interest for the 2019 tax year stating he did not receive the 2019 certified tax statement.

Tax Office records and research indicate:

- November 20, 2019 – 2019 Certified Tax Statement mailed to: Jillani, Rafat U., 2023 Plantation Bend Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77478-5421. **This statement was not returned by the Post Office.**
- February 24, 2020 – 2019 Reminder Notice mailed to: Jillani, Rafat U., 2023 Plantation Bend Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77478-5421. **This statement was not returned by the Post Office.**
- May 18, 2020 – 2019 33.07 Notice mailed to: Jillani, Rafat U., 2023 Plantation Bend Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77478-5421. **This statement was not returned by the Post Office.**
- May 27, 2020 – Received payment from Marium Siddiqui in the amount of \$6,030.16, including May penalty and interest. Rafat Jillani called to inquire about removing the penalty and interest. A clerk provided him the instructions to our website on how to submit waiver request to the County Judge.
- May 31, 2020 – County Judge received emailed request for waiver of penalty and interest for the 2019 Property Taxes.

- June 16, 2020 – Tax office emailed Rafat Jillani asking to fill out request form and provide sufficient evidence to support his claim. Rafat Jillani only returned the waiver request form.
- Fort Bend ISD 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 Commissioner’s Court to make the determination based on Section 33.011 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Summary of Taxes Paid:

Account 6705-01-002-0220-907:

2019 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Total Waiver Request
Fort Bend ISD	\$3,586.11	\$466.19	\$466.19
City of Sugar Land	\$848.65	\$110.32	\$110.32
FBC	\$901.67	\$117.22	\$117.22
Total	\$5,336.43	\$693.73	\$693.73

Total Penalty and Interest: \$693.73

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

- **The original 2019 tax statement were mailed to the owner at the correct address. Tax statement were not mailed to their Mortgage Company. Therefore the taxpayer has not provided sufficient evidence to support that the mortgage company received and failed to forward tax statement.**
- Per Property Tax Code Section 33.011 (k)(2): [Effective January 1, 2020] “The governing body of a taxing unit may waive penalties and interest on a delinquent tax if:
 - (2) 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 mail to the owner of the property as required by Section 31.01(j);
- **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.**