



## COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

The Honorable KP George  
County Judge

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September 29, 2020

William and Deborah Schlafer  
13911 Drakewood Drive  
Sugar Land, Texas 77498  
**Via Email: [bills0017@gmail.com](mailto:bills0017@gmail.com) and Regular First Class U.S. Mail**

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

Dear Mrs. and Mr. Schlafer:

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

- **Property Tax Account:** 2650-04-021-1200-907
- **Total Amount of Penalties Assessed:** \$266.56 for Tax Year 2019

Fort Bend County is also authorized to act on behalf of For Bend Independent School District and City 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](mailto:Ken.DeMerchant@fortbendcountytexas.gov)

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KP George", followed by a horizontal line.

KP George  
County Judge

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

# COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR / COLLECTOR

Fort Bend County, Texas



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DATE: August 14, 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 – William E & Deborah J Schlafer: Account # 2650-04-021-1200-907, 2019 Tax Year; Legal Description: Covington Woods Sec 4, Block 21, Lot 12; Situs: 13511 Wimbledon Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77498.

## Precinct 4

William E & Deborah J Schlafer are requesting a waiver of penalty and interest for the 2019 tax year stating the payment was mailed on time but the tax office never received it and assume it was lost in the mail.

Tax Office records and research indicate:

- November 20, 2019 – 2019 Certified Owner Statement was mailed to: William E & Deborah J Schlafer, 13911 Drakewood Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77498-2695. **This statement was not returned by the Post Office.**
- February 19, 2020 – Bill called about penalty and interest being waived because check was lost in the mail.
- February 21, 2020 – Received 2019 tax payment from William E & Deborah J Schlafer in the amount of \$3,605.83 base levy only.
- February 24, 2020 – 2019 Reminder Notice was mailed to: William E & Deborah J Schlafer, 13911 Drakewood Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77498-2695. **This statement was not returned by the Post Office.**

- April 27, 2020 – County Judge received emailed request for waiver of penalty and interest for the 2019 property taxes.
- May 13, 2020 – Received 2019 tax payment from William E & Deborah J Schlafer in the amount of \$266.56 the remaining balance including May penalties and interest.
- There is no evidence of an error by the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District or the Fort Bend County Tax Office.
- 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 Commissioners Court to make the determination based on Section 33.011 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

**Summary of Taxes Paid:**

**Account 2650-04-021-1200-907:**

**2019 Tax Year**

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Total Waiver Request
FBISD	\$2,220.85	\$164.18	\$164.18
City of Sugar Land	\$580.57	\$42.92	\$42.92
FBC	\$804.41	\$59.46	\$59.46
Total	\$3,605.83	\$266.56	\$266.56

**Total Penalty and Interest: \$266.56**

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

- **Taxpayer has not provided sufficient evidence to support that failure to pay was due to 33.011(j).**
- Per Property Tax Code Section 33.011 (j)(1-2): The governing body of a taxing unit may waive penalties and interest on a delinquent tax if the taxpayer submits evidence sufficient to show that the taxpayer delivered payment for the tax before the delinquency date to:
  - (1) the United States Postal Service for delivery by mail, but an act or omission of the postal service resulted in the taxpayer's payment being postmarked after the delinquency date; or
  - (2) a private delivery service for delivery, but an act or omission of the private carrier resulted in the taxpayer's payment being received by the taxing unit after the delinquency date.
- **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 supply sufficient evidence with the requirements of Texas Tax Code Section 33.011.**