# **COUNTY JUDGE**



Fort Bend County, Texas

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April 16, 2021

Yao Yao & Chuan Zhao 1730 Monvale Ln Richmond, Texas 77479

Via Email: <a href="mailto:zhaochuanice@hotmail.com">zhaochuanice@hotmail.com</a>

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

Dear Yao Yao & Chuan Zhao:

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

Property Tax Account: 4968-01-0080-907-2020
Total Amount of Penalties Assessed: \$419.16 for Tax Year 2020

Fort Bend County is also authorized to act on behalf of For 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, May 4, 2021 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@fortbendcountytx.gov

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KP George County Judge

Enclosure: Tax Office Research

Copy: Commissioner Ken DeMerchant, Precinct No. 4



# COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

Fort Bend County, Texas

Carmen P. Turner, MPA County Tax Assessor-Collector

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DATE:

April 6, 2021

To:

County Judge KP George
Commissioner Vincent Morales
Commissioner Grady Prestage
Commissioner Andy Meyers
Commissioner Ken R. DeMercha

Commissioner Ken R. DeMerchant Roy Cordes, County Attorney

FROM:

Amber DeSpain (U)
Chief of Property Taxes

Re: Waiver of Penalty and Interest- Yao Yao & Chuan Zhao: Account #4968-01-001-0080-907, 2020 Tax Year; Legal Description: Meadowvale Sec 1, Block 1, Lot 8; Situs: 1730 Monvale Ln., Sugar Land TX 77479-5501

### Precinct 4

Yao Yao & Chuan Zhao are requesting a waiver of penalty and interest for 2020 tax year, stating they needed multiple reminders to pay their taxes on time.

Tax Office records and research indicate:

- November 20, 2020 2020 Certified Tax Statement mailed to: Yao Yao & Chuan Zhao, 1730 Monvale Ln., Sugar Land TX 77479-5501. This statement was not returned by the Post Office.
- February 18, 2021 Received payment from Chuan Zhac in the amount of \$6,407.15 including February penalty and interest.
- March 5, 2021 County Judge received waiver of penalty and interest for 2020 Property Taxes.
- 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:**

### Account 4968-01-001-0080-907:

### 2020 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Total Waiver Request
City of Sugar Land	\$982.14	\$68.75	\$68.75
FBC	\$1,202.53	\$84.18	\$84.18
Total	\$5,987.99	\$419.16	5419.16

Total Penalty and Interest: \$419.15

I do not recommend waiver of penalty and interest for 2020 Tax Year.

- Taxpayer has not provided sufficient evidence to support that they attempted to pay.
- Per Property Tax Code Section 33.011 (a)(1): The governing body of a taxing unit:
  - (1) shall waive penalties and may provide for the waiver of interest on a delinquent tax of an act or omission of an officer, employee, or agent of the taxing unit or the appraisal district in which the taxing unit participates caused or resulted in the taxpayer's failure to pay the tax before the delinquency and if the tax is paid not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day after the date the taxpayer knows or should know of the delinquency. 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 comply with the requirements of Texas Tax Code Section 33.011.