



COUNTY JUDGE
Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

(281) 341-8608
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May 8, 2015

Rev. Joy Pyngolil on behalf of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church of India
3101 Hopkins Road
Beasley, TX 77417

Reference: Account Numbers: 0326-00-005-0001-901 and 0326-00-005-0004-901
Tax Year 2013, Precinct 1

Dear Rev. Pyngolil:

The County has received your request to waive penalty, interest, and collection fees on Fort Bend County property taxes. Fort Bend County is also authorized to act on behalf of Lamar Consolidated Independent School District which represents a total amount of \$6,662.32 and \$485.50 for penalties assessed on the referenced accounts for tax year 2013. The Tax Assessor's Office has conducted research on your accounts; a copy of the research is enclosed with this letter, and has also been provided to the Commissioners Court.

The information you provided, along with the Tax Office research, has been placed on the Agenda, becoming part of public record, for the Commissioners Court meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Commissioners Court is located at the Historic Courthouse, 401 Jackson Street, 2nd Floor, in Richmond, Texas.

You are not required to appear in order for the Court to consider your request. Action by the Court is governed by guidelines under Texas Tax Code, Chapter 33, Section 33.011*, Commissioners Court cannot waive penalty, interest and/or collection fees unless there is evidence of an error by the appraisal district or the County. However, if you have any new information showing proof of an error that was not researched by the Tax Assessor and wish to discuss, please contact your Commissioner, Richard Morrison, prior to May 26, 2015, at telephone 281-344-9400 or by email at richard.morrison@fortbendcountytexas.gov, to discuss any additional documentation you may wish to provide to the Court when they consider your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Hebert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Robert E. Hebert

Enclosure

Copy: Commissioner Richard Morrison, Precinct No. 1

*Section 33.011(a)(1) of the Texas Tax Code states, "The governing body of a taxing unit: shall waive penalties and may provide for the waiver of interest on a delinquent tax if 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 delinquency."



COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR / COLLECTOR

Fort Bend County, Texas

Patsy Schultz, RTA
County Tax Assessor/Collector
1317 Eugene Heimann Circle
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DATE: May 7, 2015

TO: County Judge Robert E. Hebert
Commissioner Richard Morrison
Commissioner Grady Prestage
Commissioner Andy Meyers
Commissioner James Patterson
Roy Cordes, County Attorney

FROM: Tammy Staton *T.S.*
Tax Division Supervisor

Re: Waiver of Penalty and Interest – Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Diocese of South-West America: 2013 Tax Year on Account #'s:

0326-00-005-0001-901, Legal Description: 0326 S A and M G, Acres 1.00, Turkey Creek S/D, Lot 5 (PT), Sec 9

0326-00-005-0004-901, Legal Description: 0326 S A and M G, Acres 1, Turkey Creek S/D, Lot 5, Sec 9

Precinct 1 ✓

Rev. Dr. Joy Pyngolil, Secretary, Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Diocese of South-West America is requesting waiver of penalty and interest for 2013 tax year on two accounts due to they did not receive a tax bill in 2013. Tax Office Records Indicate:

- August 6, 2013 – Deed of Trust recorded owner Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Diocese of South-West America, 3703 Chesterdale Dr., Missouri City, TX 77459
- September 3, 2013 – 2013 Roll Corrections Report Supplement 2 changed ownership on both accounts to Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Diocese of South-West America 3703 Chesterdale Dr, Missouri City, TX 77459-6706
- October 25, 2013 – 2013 Certified Statements were mailed to Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Di, 3703 Chesterdale Dr., Missouri City, TX 77459-6706 ---**These were not returned by the Post Office**
- The Fort Bend Central Appraisal District states that they did not notice the address 3101 Hopkins Rd, Beasley, TX 77417 on the 501c Religious Tax Exemption Application submitted on January 7, 2014.

- May 20, 2014 – 2013 33.07 Notices were mailed to Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Di, 3703 Chesterdale Dr., Missouri City, TX 77459-6706 ---**These were not returned by the Post Office**
- November 10, 2014—2014 Certified Owner Statements were mailed to Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Di, 3703 Chesterdale Dr., Missouri City, TX 77459-6706 --- **PO returned as Not Deliverable as Addressed**
- January 30, 2015 – Koshi Alexander called to see how much is due 2013-2014 on both accounts.
- February 5, 2015 – 2015 Jan Name Address Change received for both accounts changing address to Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Diocese of South-West America, 3101 Hopkins Rd, Beasley, TX 77417-9772
- On February 17, 2015, another exemption application was submitted to Fort Bend Central Appraisal District which listed the mailing address as 3101 Hopkins Rd, Beasley, TX 77417.
- On March 31, 2105, the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District received a mailing address change request to change address from 3703 Chesterdale Dr., Missouri City, TX 77459 to 3101 Hopkins Rd, Beasley, TX 77417.
- Fort Bend Central Appraisal District states after review of the information, the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District made an error by not changing the address listed on the second application of exemption.
- There is evidence of an error by the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District.
- 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 Commissioners Court to make the determination based on 33.011 of the State Property Tax Code.

Breakdown of Taxes Paid:

Account 0326-00-005-0001-901:

2013 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Collection Fees	Total Waiver Request
LAMAR CISD	\$10,301.66	\$2,575.42	\$2,575.42	\$5,150.84 ✓
FBC	\$3,022.95	\$755.74	\$755.74	\$1,511.48 ✓
Total	\$13,324.61	\$3,331.16 ✓	\$3,331.16 ✓	\$6,662.32 ✓

Total Penalty, Interest & Collection Fees: \$6,662.32 ✓

Account 0326-00-005-0004-901:

2013 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Collection Fees	Total Waiver Request
LAMAR CISD	\$714.21	\$178.55	\$178.55	\$357.10 ✓
FBC	\$256.78	\$64.20	\$64.20	\$128.40 ✓
Total	\$970.99	\$242.75 ✓	\$242.75 ✓	\$485.50 ✓

Total Penalty, Interest & Collection Fees: \$485.50 ✓

I do recommend waiver of penalty, interest and collection fees for 2012. Property Tax Code Section 33.011 (a) (1). "The governing body of a taxing unit: shall waive penalties and may provide for the waiver of interest on a delinquent tax if 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 delinquency..."



**MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH
DIOCESE OF SOUTH-WEST AMERICA**

Fr. Dr. Joy Pyngolil
Diocesan Secretary

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FEB 11 2015

Hon Judge Robert E. Herbert
301 Jackson, Suite 719
Richmond, TX. 77469

February 9, 2015

Sub: Request for penalty waiver

(1) Account #: 0326-00-005-0001-901 Legal Description: 0326 S A AND M G, ACRES 1.00, TURKEY CREEK S/D, LOT 5 (PT), SEC 9 (2) Account #: 0326-00-005-0004-901 Legal Description: 0326 S A AND M G, AVRES 1, TURKEY CREEK S/D, PART LOT 5, SEC 9

Honorable Judge Robert E. Herbert,

I am writing this letter to request you to waive the penalty imposed on our property tax for the year 2013. Let me explain the situation. Before I get there, please allow me to tell who we are.

We, the Diocese of South West America is one of the dioceses of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church of India. Our diocesan office is located at 3101 Hopkins Road, Beasley, Texas. We are a new migrant Christian community in the United States. We also have a 501c religious tax exemption.

In July 2013 the Diocese of South-West America obtained 3101 Hopkins Road, Beasley, TX 77459. The deed was recorded in Ft. Bend County. The taxes were prorated. We were required to remit the 2013 taxes once we get the tax bill by the end of 2013. At the time of the purchases of the new property the only mailing address the county had on record for us was our former property located on 3703 Chesterdale drive, Missouri City, TX 77459. By November 2014, the diocese moved its operations from 3703 Chesterdale drive to 3101 Hopkins Road and filed mail forwarding with the USPS. We did not receive any forwarded letters from the county office. When we visited the county offices, it was explained to us that the county office sent out tax bills to the Chesterdale drive address and returned to the county office. Apparently the county staff failed to do the due diligence and send a tax bill to the taxing property address (3101 Hopkins Road, Beasley, TX 77417) which could have prevented this miscommunication.

We failed to make the payment because we did not get a tax bill from the county in 2013. Being a tax exempt organization the office staff did not pay much attention to the tax dates. It was an honest mistake. However, our office manager went to the county office on January 29th and learned about the unpaid taxes.

Diocesan Office address: 3101 Hopkins Road, Beasley, TX 77417

E-mail: diocesanoffice@ds-wa.org Phone: 281.403.0670 Fax: 281.459.0814

www.ds-wa.org



**MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH
DIOCESE OF SOUTH-WEST AMERICA**

Fr. Dr. Joy Pyngolil
Diocesan Secretary

The office manager notified me (I am the Secretary of the Diocese, and I live in Florida) of the situation. I spoke with the property Appraisers' and tax collector's office. They told me to present this matter to your kind attention after making the full payment. (Copy of the tax receipt enclosed)

Your honor, I am not disputing the taxes, but requesting you to waive the penalty imposed on us. Being a small nonprofit church organization, it is very difficult for us to operate with huge penalties like this.

So, my request your Honor is kindly waive the penalty imposed on us by the taxing district. Thank you. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Fr. Joy Pyngolil

Rev. Dr. Joy Pyngolil

Secretary, Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Diocese of South-West America

3101 Hopkins Rd.

Beasley, TX. 77417

Office #:281-403-0670

Cell #: 772-633-5728

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DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPT



PATSY SCHULTZ, PCC
FORT BEND COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/ COLLECTOR
1317 EUGENE HEIMANN CIRCLE
RICHMOND, TEXAS 77469-3623

Certified Owner:

MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH DI
3101 HOPKINS RD
BEASLEY, TX 77417-9772

Legal Description:

0326 S A AND M G, ACRES 1.00, TURKEY
CREEK S/D, LOT 5 (PT), SEC 9

Parcel Address: 3101 HOPKINS RD
Legal Acres: 1.0000

Remit Seq No: 28744098
Receipt Date: 02/11/2015
Deposit Date: 02/11/2015
Print Date: 02/11/2015 03:07 PM
Printed By: KIMBERLYS

Deposit No: O150211BA1
Validation No: 900000035194496
Account No: **0326-00-005-0001-901**
Operator Code: KIMBERLYS

Year	Tax Unit Name	Tax Value	Tax Rate	Levy Paid	P&I	Coll Fee Paid	Total
2013	Lamar C I S D- Operating Fund	741,100	1.390050	10,301.66	2,575.42	2,575.42	15,452.50
2013	Fort Bend Co Drainage	604,880	0.015000	90.73	22.68	22.68	136.09
2013	Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd	604,880	0.484760	2,932.22	733.06	733.06	4,398.34
				\$13,324.61	\$3,331.16	\$3,331.16	\$19,986.93

Check Number(s):
5894

PAYMENT TYPE:

Checks: \$19,986.93

Exemptions on this property:

PRORATED

Total Applied: \$19,986.93

Change Paid: \$0.00

ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL

PAYER:

MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH
DIOCESE OF SOUTH-WEST AMERICA
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BEASLEY, TX 77417-9772

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FORT BEND COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/ COLLECTOR
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RICHMOND, TEXAS 77469-3623

Certified Owner:

MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH DI
3101 HOPKINS RD
BEASLEY, TX 77417-9772

Legal Description:

0326 S A AND M G, ACRES 1, TURKEY CREEK
S/D, PART LOT 5, SEC 9

Parcel Address: 3107 HOPKINS RD
Legal Acres: 1.0000

Remit Seq No: 28744074
Receipt Date: 02/11/2015
Deposit Date: 02/11/2015
Print Date: 02/11/2015 03:07 PM
Printed By: KIMBERLYS

Deposit No: O150211BA1
Validation No: 900000035194472
Account No: **0326-00-005-0004-901**
Operator Code: KIMBERLYS

Year	Tax Unit Name	Tax Value	Tax Rate	Levy Paid	P&I	Coll Fee Paid	Total
2013	Lamar C I S D- Operating Fund	51,380	1.390050	714.21	178.55	178.55	1,071.31
2013	Fort Bend Co Drainage	51,380	0.015000	7.71	1.93	1.93	11.57
2013	Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd	51,380	0.484760	249.07	62.27	62.27	373.61
				\$970.99	\$242.75	\$242.75	\$1,456.49

Check Number(s):
5895

PAYMENT TYPE:

Checks: \$1,456.49

Exemptions on this property:

PRORATED

Total Applied: \$1,456.49

Change Paid: \$0.00

ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL

PAYER:

MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH
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