



COUNTY JUDGE
Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

August 26, 2015

(281) 341-8608
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Terrence and Lise Ann Hughes
1127 Wellshire Drive
Katy, TX 77494

Reference: Account Number: 2960-01-006-0180-914
Tax Year 2014, Precinct 3

Dear Mr. and/or Mrs. Hughes:

The County has received your request to waive penalty and interest on Fort Bend County property taxes. Fort Bend County is also authorized to act on behalf of Katy Independent School District which represents a total amount of \$512.94 for penalties assessed on the referenced account for tax year 2014. The Tax Assessor's Office has conducted research on your account; 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, September 8, 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, Andy Meyers, prior to September 8, 2015, at telephone 281-238-1400 or by email at andy.meyers@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 blue ink that reads "Robert E. Hebert". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert E. Hebert

Enclosure

Copy: Commissioner Andy Meyers, Precinct No. 3

*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
Richmond, TX 77469-3623

(281) 341-3710
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DATE: August 19, 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.*
Chief of Property Taxes

Re: Waiver of Penalty and Interest – Terrence I & Lise A. Hughes; Account #2960-01-006-0180-914;
2014 Tax Year; Falcon Point Sec 1, Block 6, Lot 18; 1127 Wellshire Dr., Katy, TX 77494-6181.

Precinct 3 ✓

Terrence I. & Lise A. Hughes are requesting a waiver of penalty and interest for the 2014 tax year, stating they did not receive a tax statement prior to the one with penalty and interest.

The Office Records Indicate:

- Property added under protest on February 19, 2015.
- 02/24/2015 2014 Supplement #9 statement mailed to Terrence I & Lise A. Hughes, 1127 Wellshire Dr., Katy, TX 77494-6181 due by March 31, 2015. No record of statement being returned. No Penalty or Interest would apply to the account until April 1, 2015.
- 05/14/2015 2014 33.07 Notice mailed to Terrence I & Lise A. Hughes, 1127 Wellshire Dr., Katy, TX 77494-6181. No record of it being returned.
- 05/18/2015 Mr. Hughes called wanting to know why he received a delinquent notice from the Ft. Bend County Tax office. Clerk explained he was sent a statement. He said he did not get it. It was not returned to the tax office.
- 05/27/2015 account was paid in full.
- Katy ISD has authorized Fort Bend County Tax Office to handle the processing of the waiver of penalty, interest and collection fees 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: 2960-01-006-0180-914

2014 Tax Year

Tax Unit	Base	Penalty & Interest	Total Waiver Request
KATY ISD	\$4,478.74	\$403.09	\$403.09
FBC	\$1,220.59	\$109.85	\$109.85
Total	\$5,699.33	\$512.94	\$512.94 ✓

Total Penalty and Interest: \$512.94 ✓

I do not recommend waiver of penalty and interest for 2014. 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..."

County Judge Robert E. Hebert
301 Jackson, Suite 719
Richmond, Texas 77469

July 12, 2015

Attention: Judge Hebert

Dear Sir:

Re: Waiver of Penalty and Interest Fees for 2014 Property Tax Assessment

Please be advised that we wish to apply for a waiver of the penalties and interest that was added to our 2014 Property Tax bill. The reason for our contesting these fees is because we never received any form of a tax bill prior to the one received that including penalties.

We protest our Property Tax bill on an annual basis using O'Conner & Associates. In December we were informed by O'Conner that the normal protest filing process was expected to be slower than normal because of ongoing County tax assessment calculations and as a result our 2014 tax assessment protest might be as late as May or even September, 2015. Hearing this information made us aware that any form of a Property Tax bill was going to be late, we just didn't know how late.

The Harris-Fort Bend County MUD portion of our bill arrived in March, 2015. This was paid promptly to avoid any extra penalty or fines. Not receiving a bill from Katy ISD or Fort Bend County for the remaining assessment at the same time was not a concern because as in past they have always arrived some weeks apart. We merely waited to get the remaining tax bill(s), which didn't arrive until the day we received one that included penalties and interest attached. This bill was promptly paid.

I do not have any means to substantially prove that the Tax Office has made an error in our case other than to say that we always pay our bills on time to avoid any fines or penalties and this bill is no different.

- In the 16 years that we have lived in this house we have never been late paying our Property Taxes.
- It is our normally practice to pay all of our bills on time to avoid any fines or interest charges.
- We have no debt of any kind, and do not carry balances on any credit card accounts.
- My wife and I have FICO credit scores that are consistently in the top calculated percentile.
- Liquid funds were always available in the bank to pay the Property Tax bill, when it arrived.
- Had an earlier Fort Bend County Property Tax bill (without extra charges) been received it would have been paid promptly (to avoid any penalty or interest).

Our Property Tax account information is as shown below:

Account Number:	2960-01-006-0180-914
Legal Description:	Falcon Point Sec 1, Block 6, Lot 18
Year in Question:	2014
Current Mailing Address:	1127 Wellshire Drive, Katy, Texas 77494
Telephone Number:	281-693-3106 (home), 713-859-8272 (cell)

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We are able and willing to provide whatever proof of the above claims that are necessary to substantiate our claim. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hughes", written in a cursive style.

Terrence and Lise Ann Hughes

DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPT



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

Certified Owner:

HUGHES TERRENCE I & LISE A
1127 WELLSHIRE DR
KATY, TX 77494-6181

Legal Description:

FALCON POINT SEC 1, BLOCK 6, LOT 18

Parcel Address: 1127 WELLSHIRE DR
Legal Acres: 0.0000

Remit Seq No: 29226938
Receipt Date: 05/27/2015
Deposit Date: 05/27/2015
Print Date: 08/06/2015 01:57 PM
Printed By: TAMMYM

Deposit No: O150527AV9
Validation No: 900000040528919
Account No: 2960-01-006-0180-914
Operator Code: CLAUDIABC

Table with 8 columns: Year, Tax Unit Name, Rec Type, Tax Value, Tax Rate, Levy Paid, P&I, Coll Fee Paid, Total. Rows include 2014 entries for Katy Isd, Fort Bend Co Drainage, and Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd, with a total of \$6,212.27.

Check Number(s): 0952

PAYMENT TYPE:

Checks: \$6,212.27

Exemptions on this property:

HOMESTEAD

Total Applied: \$6,212.27

Change Paid: \$0.00

PAYER:
TERRENCE HUGHES OR LISE ANN HUGHES
1127 WELLSHIRE DRIVE
KATY, TX 77494-6181

ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL