

COUNTY JUDGE
Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

(281) 341-8608
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August 26, 2015

Paul Stennett & Maria Valle
20602 Garden Ridge Cyn
Richmond, TX 77407

Reference: Account Number: 9302-01-001-0110-901
Tax Year 2014, Precinct 3

Dear Mr. and/or Mrs. Stennett:

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 Lamar Consolidated Independent School District and Fort Bend Emergency Services District #4 which represents a total amount of \$185.78 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".

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 18, 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 – Paul Stennett & Maria Valle: Account # 9302-01-001-0110-901,
2014 Tax Year; Legal Description: Westpark Lakes Sec 1, Block 1, Lot 11; Mailing Address: 20602
Garden Ridge Cyn, Richmond, TX 77407

Precinct 3 ✓

Paul Stennett & Maria Valle is requesting a waiver of penalty and interest for the 2014 tax year, stating they did not receive a statement until February 12, 2015. Taxpayer states that their mail box was ran over by a vehicle sometime in November of 2014.

Tax Office Records Indicate:

- June 13, 2003 – Deed #2003079683 recorded owner Paul W. Stennett and Maria C Valle, 23039 N. Waterlily, Richmond, TX 77469.
- November 10, 2014 – The Original 2014 Tax Statement was mailed to Stennett Paul W & Maria C Valle, 23039 N Waterlily Dr, Richmond, TX 77406-8614. **This statement was returned by the Post Office, stating “Not Deliverable as Addressed”**
- February 20, 2015 -- 2014 Reminder Notice was mailed to Stennett Paul W & Maria C Valle, 23039 N Waterlily Dr, Richmond, TX 77406-8614. **This statement was not returned by the Post Office**
- March 4, 2015 – February name and address change 20602 Garden Ridge Cyn, Richmond, TX 77407-4134.
- March 5, 2015 – received payment of \$2,250.06 including March P&I of 9%.

- July 10, 2015 – Letter from Chief Appraiser Glen Whitehead states that they received two documents from the owner. One was to request removal of the homestead exemption dated 2/16/2015 and a mailing address change request dated 2/16/2015. There are no other records for 2014 requesting any other change.
- There is no evidence of an error by the Fort Bend County Tax Office or Fort Bend Central Appraisal District.
- Lamar CISD and Fort Bend ESD#4 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 9302-01-001-0110-901:

2014 Tax Year

| Tax Unit | Base | Penalty & Interest | Total Waiver Request |
|---------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Lamar CISD | \$1,475.68 | \$132.81 | \$132.81 |
| Ft Bend ESD#4 | \$109.04 | \$9.81 | \$9.81 |
| FBC | \$479.56 | \$43.16 | \$43.16 |
| Total | \$2,064.28 | \$185.78 | \$185.78 ✓ |

Total Penalty and Interest: \$185.78 ✓

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..."

Paul W. Stennett & Maria C Valle
20602 Garden Ridge Cyn
Richmond, TX 77407
832-724-0906

March 21, 2015,

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

Account :# 9302-01-001-0110-901

Legal description : westpark lakes sec 1, block 1, lot 11

Re: Requesting pardon of late fees/ interest of \$185.78 for year 2014

Dear County Judge Robert E. Herbert,

We are law abiding citizens and have always paid our state and federal taxes on time. We are requesting that the interest and penalty fees be waived based on the following reason. Essentially our mail box was run over by a vehicle sometime in November of 2014. We went numerous times to the post office located on 5560 FM 1640 Richmond, TX 77407 their contact number is 281-633-0386, requesting our mail and spoke with supervisor Charles and Erin regarding repairing our mailbox, our key and any mail due to us. They stated we had no mail, in December we were given the wrong key to our mail box. And in January we had to go back to post office, once again were told there was no mail for us.

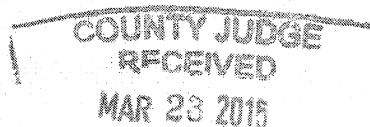
We finally received mail on February 12, 2015 which had the invoice with late fees. We immediately proceeded to pay the taxes owed along with the \$185.78 penalty and were referred to Judge Robert E. Herbert to dispute and request a pardon or a waiver of such fees. Furthermore we were informed that the 1st invoice was returned to post office on December 5, 2014. In the future we will know that property taxes are due each year on the 1st of February and inquire about paying them with Fort Bend County even if we haven't received an invoice.

We understand that at your discretion these fees will be reviewed, we hope that you find the reason the invoice was paid late was due to the negligence of the U.S.A. post office and whoever ran our mail box. We thank you for your time and cooperation in resolving this matter. You can contact us at the above address and phone number.

Sincerely,



Paul W. Stennett & Maria C Valle



TAX RECEIPT



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

Certified Owner:

STENNETT PAUL W & MARIA C VALLE
20602 GARDEN RIDGE CYN
RICHMOND, TX 77407-4134

Legal Description:

WESTPARK LAKES SEC 1, BLOCK 1, LOT 11

Parcel Address: 23039 N WATERLILY DR
Legal Acres: 0.0000

Remit Seq No: 28912625
Receipt Date: 03/05/2015
Deposit Date: 03/05/2015
Print Date: 03/05/2015 04:09 PM
Printed By: MVARGAS

Deposit No: O150305W9
Validation No: 900000035990038
Account No: **9302-01-001-0110-901**
Operator Code: MVARGAS

| Year | Tax Unit Name | Rec Type | Tax Value | Tax Rate | Levy Paid | P&I | Coll Fee Paid | Total |
|------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|---------------|------------|
| 2014 | Lamar C I S D- Operating Fund | TL | 106,160 | 1.390050 | 1,475.68 | 132.81 | 0.00 | 1,608.49 |
| 2014 | Fort Bend Esd#4 | TL | 121,160 | 0.090000 | 109.04 | 9.81 | 0.00 | 118.85 |
| 2014 | Fort Bend Co Drainage | TL | 96,928 | 0.022000 | 21.32 | 1.92 | 0.00 | 23.24 |
| 2014 | Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd | TL | 96,928 | 0.472760 | 458.24 | 41.24 | 0.00 | 499.48 |
| | | | | | \$2,064.28 | \$185.78 | \$0.00 | \$2,250.06 |

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Check Number(s):
1317

PAYMENT TYPE:

Checks: \$2,250.06

Exemptions on this property:

HOMESTEAD

Total Applied: \$2,250.06
Total Tended: \$2,250.06
(for accounts paid on 03/05/2015)
Change Paid: \$0.00

PAYER:

PAUL W STENNETT OR MARIA C VALLE
20602 GARDEN RIDGE CYN
RICHMOND, TX 77407-4134

ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL

(281) 341-3710

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DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPT



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

Certified Owner:

STENNETT PAUL W & MARIA C VALLE
20602 GARDEN RIDGE CYN
RICHMOND, TX 77407-4134

Legal Description:

WESTPARK LAKES SEC 1, BLOCK 1, LOT 11

Parcel Address: 23039 N WATERLILY DR
Legal Acres: 0.0000

Remit Seq No: 28912625
Receipt Date: 03/05/2015
Deposit Date: 03/05/2015
Print Date: 08/11/2015 02:45 PM
Printed By: LORIMA

Deposit No: O150305W9
Validation No: 900000035990038
Account No: 9302-01-001-0110-901
Operator Code: MVARGAS

Table with 8 columns: Year, Tax Unit Name, Rec Type, Tax Value, Tax Rate, Levy Paid, P&I, Coll Fee Paid, Total. Rows include Lamar C I S D- Operating Fund, Fort Bend Esd#4, Fort Bend Co Drainage, Fort Bend Co Gen Fnd, and summary totals.

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ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL