

**COUNTY JUDGE**

Fort Bend County, Texas

The Honorable KP George  
County Judge

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January 12, 2026

Mrs. Betsy Vaughn  
9022 Chatsworth  
Houston, Texas 77024-3712  
Via Email: [betsy.vaughan@att.net](mailto:betsy.vaughan@att.net)

Dear Mrs. Vaughn:

I am writing to advise you that the Commissioners Court granted your request for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for The Morton Ferry Home, located at 402 North Second Street in Richmond, Texas. The exemption was approved on February 12, 2026, and is valid for the Fort Bend County General Fund as well as the Fort Bend County Drainage District for the tax year 2026. A copy of the Minutes indicating the Court's action will be emailed to you once it is available to our office for your reference.

If you wish to request future exemptions, it must be done on an annual basis by submitting a request letter to the County Judge's Office between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> to allow Commissioners Court to set a date and take action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KP George".

KP George  
County Judge

Enclosure

Copy: Fort Bend Central Appraisal District  
Fort Bend County Tax Office  
Commissioner Dexter McCoy, Precinct 4

**From:** [Betsy Vaughan](#)  
**To:** [FBC.Judge](#)  
**Cc:** [Payero, Olga](#)  
**Subject:** Request for 2026 County Historical Tax & Drainage Exemption for 402 N. 2nd Street, Richmond, TX. 77469. Aka Morton McCloy or Morton Ferry Home  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026 11:48:49 AM

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Please exempt my property and home at the above address for the tax year 2026. 2 lots were sold to the City of Richmond that were in or near the drainage ditch of Cemetery Creek, in about 2024. I was told by the city it was mandatory to sell because of proposed drainage project for the areas on and near North Second Street . (Just recently almost completed).

During recent floods in past years, the creek has changed its path and now I only have access to the Brazos River from the City's side of Cemetery Creek.

There has, of course, also been alot of erosion caused by recent floods and my own opinion the newer railroad bridge foundation, since redone, seems to act as a dam because it has more structural foundation & gathers tree limbs both of which aggravate the flooding (and erosion) upstream of our properties on the Brazos and on my property on Cemetery Creek.

Sand is also from time to time removed from the banks upstream of the railroad bridge in Richmond. (Increased flooding also possibly due to the improved drainage structure of the creek under N. 2nd Street into what is now called Lake Richmond.) Flood water now backs up instead of flowing across N. 2nd Street.

The City side of Cemetery Creek has, in part if not all, a higher bank than my side of the creek.

For years, the creek has continuously cut into the land on my side of the creek.

I wish there were a levy, similar to the County levy on the Brazos downstream, to preserve my historical property and to preserve the bridge support from one of old bridges over the Brazos that remains on the property.

Cordially,

Betsy Vaughan. Individual and trustee of the Morton McCloy Historical home & Archeological Site.  
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