

July 31, 2021

To: Rocky View County Council

**Request to Adjust Late Payment Penalty of \$471.02
on Tax Roll 04701252**

Dear Sir/Madam;

My wife and I have owned the property related to Tax Roll # 04701252 since the end of 2011. Since that time, we have paid the annual property taxes in full every year, on time, without fail.

However, as it relates to the payment that was due by June 30th, 2021, I admit that it was my mistake that I did not pay the taxes by June 30th.

Why did this happen?

My wife and I went to visit our daughter in Halifax on March 1st, 2021. For various reasons, but mostly due to COVID 19 case counts in Alberta, we delayed our return to Alberta. We did not return to our Calgary home until about 10 pm on June 30th. With the time difference (Halifax vs. Calgary) and with the travel that day we did not open all of the mail that had accumulated since March until July 1st and early July 2nd.

Now our son was living at our home during our time away, and he would occasionally tell me about mail that he had picked up which he thought was important, but he did not identify the letter from Rocky View County to me. More importantly, I did not prompt him to look for such a letter. That is clearly on me.

However, when I realized my mistake in missing the payment due date, I paid the taxes in full but this was only on July 2, 2021 at 8:04 am Alberta time. Now this was only ~32 hours late, but it was still late.

A couple of weeks later I received the penalty notice indicating that I would have to pay the 12% - \$471.02 penalty. After speaking to County property tax staff, I was made aware of Council Policy C-204 and this letter is my request to Council, for its consideration, under that Policy.

I paid the 12% penalty amount on July 30th, 2021.

I clearly should not have missed the property tax due date, and it is my fault. However, I had no intent to get away with anything and I paid the tax amount quickly once I realized my mistake.

I hope the County Council will look at our property tax payment history and see fit to adjust the penalty amount levied against us. Hopefully, Council will agree to a refund of this penalty amount to us. Failing that, I would hope that Council would at least see fit to apply the penalty amount as a credit towards 2022's property tax amount which will be due on our Tax Roll.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Regards,

