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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 26, 2022 3:25 PM
To: Rocky View Tax Section
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - appeal on penalty levied

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Hi,

I am writing this in an effort to appeal the penalty levied. The issue is my own fault but I am submitting an explanation of extenuating circumstances that I hope will assist in reducing the penalties as assessed.

1. Following a relatively difficult domestic breakdown, I bought this home in July 2021 and during this period while navigating a this difficult divorce, it was found that we were unable to trust the mail forwarding process. I had created a forward to my new PO Box, however the mail staff continued to deposit my mail in my old [REDACTED]. Rather than forward that mail to me, or advise the Cda Post staff she simply discarded mail coming in. I am not sure if at that time the mailing address on file with MD Rockyview, was [REDACTED], or if this issue was prior to MD Rockyview tax notice on my current property. The issues I was experiencing had caused me to change my safe mailing address (my office) at [REDACTED]. I confirm this is the current address on file with MD Rockyview, so I am safe in this regard for all future correspondence.
2. My business renovated and changed office locations with the above [REDACTED] address maintaining status as the centralized administration location for all mail and relevant correspondence. As my space was physically relocated to an alternate facility several blocks away, I did not attend regularly enough to gather my mail. As noted above in paragraph 1, the change to my personal mail coming to my office address was expected to be temporary due primarily to the issues realized at the Cda Post office in Bragg Creek and with my ex spouse. Since, and during the relocation of my office location, I have re-directed by way of address change with vendors, all mail to my correct PO Box [REDACTED] of which MD Rockyview is currently. I used the incoming mail volume and electronic bill payment submissions as the catalyst to change my mail address with those vendors. Thus bills from credit card or utility companies etc that were of regular monthly volume were easy to catch. Unfortunately MD Rockyview correspondence was intermittent and initially missed by not being transferred from the central office location to my satellite location.
3. In middle April I departed Calgary due to family medical concerns in both Manitoba & BC and have spent considerable time bouncing between three provinces. There have been a total of 5 trips in the past 8 weeks. On return this past week i retrieved a folder on my desk that contained the Rocky View county billing, opened it and immediately contacted your tax department to confirm the amount outstanding including penalty / interest.
4. I have paid the full amount due of \$7879.54 as of today, July 26th 2022 via direct payment from my [REDACTED]. I am unsure what amount makes up the penalty charge. I note my current period tax charge is \$5868.00, with a charge of 1290.78 noted as arrears / credits. I am unsure if this 1290.78 amount contains any reconcile from the title change that took place in 2021, or if all of the amount is assessed as penalties.

I am respectfully submitting consideration of the circumstances noted above to remove the penalty assessed. I have paid RockyView County for taxes on time since 1998 for a property also on Hawkeye Road, physical address [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I have never incurred a penalty previously at any point during that 24 year period for late payment of an MD tax related charge.

Thank you for any consideration offered.

