



August 9, 2019

Burnet County

This letter is regarding the **NOTICE OF TAX LIEN** for HOWECO LLC received from the law offices of McCreary Veselka Bragg & Allen representing Burnet Central Appraisal District on 8/1/19.

Howesco purchased Sound Design on 5/28/18. At that time the owner, William Howes, was informed that the mail box outside of the business was very unreliable, therefore use of the PO in Horseshoe Bay was the preferred way to receive mail.

I am the office manager at Sound Design. I collect and open mail on a daily. I can confidently say that we have never received a tax bill for 2018 at the **mail box** associated with Sound Design. The **NOTICE OF TAX LIEN** letter was received on 8/3/19 in our mailbox and **was the first bill ever received.**

The day the **NOTICE OF TAX LIEN** was received, William Howes called immediately to explain that a bill was never received at the Sound Design mail box and updated the address to the PO BOX with the clerk.

I am asking that the fees and penalties be forgiven based on the fact the bills were never received. In fact, within 24 hours of receiving the **NOTICE OF TAX LIEN**, William Howes paid the balance owed for the 2018 property taxed in the amount of \$8,592.43 (which has been cashed).

I would also like to bring to your attention that William Howes went to the Burnet County Appraisal District in person last month to pay the business personal property tax bill. At that time, it was never mentioned there was an outstanding balance owed for the 2018 property taxes.

As you can imagine as a first-time business owner it can be overwhelming. I can assure you Mr. Howes was not trying to avoid paying the property taxes, the bill was never received.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

The amount for Burnet County is \$579.88

Sincerely,

Shana MacFarland

Office Manager

Sound Design