


January 23, 2017

Ms. Debbie Manns
 City Manager
 City of New Port Richey
 5919 Main Street
 New Port Richey, FL 34652

Dear Ms. Manns: 

Per conversation with your Finance Director Ms. Crystal Feast, I am reaching out to you for consideration of waiving potential fees relating to the delayed payment of your Fiscal Year 2017 Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) funds.

Unfortunately we had an oversight in submitting the payments to the various CRA districts by the statutory deadline of 12/31. According to the Statutes, if a County fails to meet the deadline, a 5% penalty fee is required in addition to a 1% interest fee for every month that the payment is late. We feel it was the intention of the Statutes to penalize those counties that intentionally held on to the funds rather than submitting to the respective CRAs. I can assure you that this was not the case. It was simply an oversight and was not intentional by any means. The Statutes allow for the CRA districts to waive the fees, if they so choose. Two of the four Municipalities, the City of Dade City and the City of Zephyrhills, have already agreed to waive the fees. The City of Port Richey will be making their decision on this matter at their upcoming Council meeting. I am hoping that the City of New Port Richey will agree to waive these fees as well, based on the fact that this was an oversight and is the first time that this late payment has occurred.

Below are the details of the amount owed, including the potential fees:

CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY

Fiscal Year 2017

Base Year Valuation	\$366,805,411.00
2016 Valuation	<u>461,043,615.00</u>
Difference	\$94,238,204.00
Approved Millage	x <u>7.6076</u>
	\$716,926.56
% To Be Allocated (F.S. 163.387)	x <u>0.95</u>
	\$681,080.23
Late Fee of 5% of Payment per F.S. 163.387(2)(b)	\$34,054.01
Interest of 1% of Payment per F.S. 163.387(2)(b)	<u>\$6,810.80</u>
Total Due	<u>\$721,945.04</u>

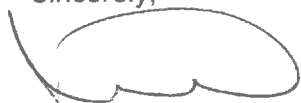
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Below is the language from the Statutes for your reference:

Any taxing authority that does not pay the increment revenues to the trust fund by January 1 shall pay to the trust fund an amount equal to 5 percent of the amount of the increment revenues and shall pay interest on the amount of the unpaid increment revenues equal to 1 percent for each month the increment is outstanding, provided the agency may waive such penalty payments in whole or in part.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss this matter further. Thank you again for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Michele L. Baker
County Administrator

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