

January 26, 2022

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

Dear Ms. Manns:

I request your consideration to waive the penalty and interest associated with the delayed payment of the County's contribution to your Fiscal Year 2022 Community Redevelopment Area (CRA).

Although the Board of County Commissioners approved the payment to the CRA at its December 7, 2021, meeting, the County experienced an unfortunate administrative oversight in remitting the payment to the City CRA by the statutory deadline of January 1. You should, however, have received the County's CRA contribution on January 18, 2022.

According to State Statute, if a taxing authority fails to meet the deadline, a late fee equal to 5% of the tax increment and 1% interest for every month the payment is late is required. State law also allows the CRA to waive this late fee and interest, in whole or in part. I respectfully request the CRA and City waive these fees. We believe the intention of the Statute is to penalize those taxing authorities that intentionally withhold funds rather than submitting to the respective CRA's, which is not the case in this instance.

If the City and CRA Board agree to waive these penalties, we ask this action be documented through an official action at a public meeting (as outlined in FS 163.387(2)(b)). If on the other hand, the CRA decides not to waive the fee, the amount of the potential fees owed is outlined below. Please notify Robert Goehrig, Pasco County Budget Director, of the CRA's decision at your convenience. He can be reached at 727-847-8980, Ext. 8467, or rgoehrig@pascocountyfl.net.

City of New Port Richey

Base Year Valuation		\$366,805,411
Current Year Valuation		\$646,614,407
Difference		\$279,808,996
Approved Millage	X	7.6076
		\$2,128,674.92
% To Be Allocated (F.S. 163.387)	X	0.95
Amount Paid 1/18/2022		\$2,022,241.17
Late Fee of 5% of Payment per F.S. 163.387(2)(b)		\$101,112.06
Interest of 1% of Payment per F.S. 163.387(2)(b)		\$20,222.41
Amount Requested to be Waived		\$121,334.47

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

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Below is the language from Statute 163.387(2)(b) 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 kind consideration.

Sincerely,



Dan Biles
County Administrator


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Late Fees and Interest for CRA Payments\Letter to City Manager New Port Richey

cc: Erik K. Breitenbach, Assistant County Administrator (Internal Services)
Robert Goehrig, Budget Director