



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA  
PENALTY FEE WAIVER

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**"4.12.055 Failure to file return—Fee—Penalty.**

A taxpayer who fails to file a return as provided in Section 4.12.050(A) shall be subject to a fee of one hundred dollars for the cost of the Assessor's preparation of a valuation based on information available or obtained by the Assessor for the taxable property as allowed under Section 4.12.030 (also referred to as "forced filing"). The taxpayer shall be notified of the fee as of the date of mailing of business property and personal property assessment notices." Ordinance 13-29

Date 04-09-15  
Name WAYNE TARANOFF  
Address 104 Rockfish Way  
SITKA AK 99835

To: The City and Borough of Sitka Assembly

I WAYNE TARANOFF hereby request the \$100.00 fine for the late filing of the 2015 Personal Property declaration be waived for the following reason:

SEE ATTACHED NOTE  
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I thus affirm that I have reviewed the details provided herein and I am satisfied that this fee waiver request is made in good faith.

WAYNE R TARANOFF  
Printed Name (required)

Wayne R Taranoff  
Signature (required)

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Board of Equalization Action taken on May 4, 2015: Granted  Denied

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Municipal Clerk, City & Borough of Sitka

Hello,

I feel our fee(s) should be waived this year for several reasons. We have had well over \$300 worth of frustration and aggravation and still are not sure if we are being fined \$100 or \$300 as we were told both and it has not been clarified. We do not recall getting the tax form this year and were told that does not matter, that the city is not required to send them out and it is up to owners to remember to come in and get one. I complained that the city should have at least put out PSAs to alert us and was told and I quote "We put out tons of PSAs!". My wife was very upset, almost to the point of tears, feeling responsible because she considers it her duty to be on top of noting the PSAs. Neither of us remember hearing it on Problem Corner so I called and found the city had not placed a PSA with KIFW, the station most listened to. I called the city back and asked just where the ton of PSAs were posted and after much avoidance was told "at an assembly meeting, various other meetings, Raven Radio, and the newspaper. We subscribe to the paper and hadn't seen them. We called them and they had no record of the PSA. We had used so rebought a weeks worth of papers to check from the beginning of Feb and found no PSAs reminding of the papers being due Feb 15, including Thursday Feb 14!!! I think the fact that we were deliberately lied to, alone, is enough to warrant waiving the fee, but it continues. Because we were lied to we cancelled one boat stall and electricity immediately and said we would end the other at the end of the quarter. We went in to the harbor office to sign for final cancelation. After some discussion we decided to go another quarter on the remaining stall. We said we needed it taken off auto charge because the card we were using was almost MAXED OUT. The person did a bunch of data entry and told us all was good. As we were walking out the door Sarah asked "So we are going to be sent a bill for this, right?" And the answer was "Yes". On April 7 we got a notice from our credit card company of a charge from the C&B on March 31. We called the harbor office back and were told we had to contact the electrical dept because they couldn't take it off auto charge there and the person that said they had taken it off just made a mistake! I immediately called the billing office and left a message of the error of charging our card. Several days later I had to call again to get it resolved. We keep having to pay for city mistakes either with money or frustration and aggravation trying to resolve them. We currently have a problem regarding a power pole that has been going on over 10 years now and I still have not gotten any consistent information and have been waiting over a month for a return call on just trying to find out Who Ownes the pole!

We have heard "I'm sorry someone just made a mistake" so many times that it now sounds hollow. Waiving this years fee(s) would mean a lot to us.

Thank you,

Wayne & Sarah Taranoff