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PENALTY CANCELLATION REQUEST FORM

(Instructions on reverse)

The CA Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) grants the Tax Collector the authority to cancel penalties in limited circumstances. Each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Please review the instructions on back prior to completing this request. Please submit this form along with your payment in full along with documentation supporting your request. If supporting documentation is not provided, the review process may be delayed. If your request is for more than two tax years, please submit a Penalty Cancellation Request Form for each year.

Taxpayer Name:

Claimant Name: (if different from above)

Mailing Address:

Daytime Telephone: E-mail:

Please indicate the type of tax bill, year and installment period(s) for which you are requesting a penalty cancellation. If your request is for more than two tax years, please submit an additional Penalty Cancellation Request form for the additional tax year. Each request must be signed and dated.

	Annual	Supplemental	Prior Years	Unsecured
Parcel No.:APN)		TC Reference No.:		Assessment No.(s):
Tax Year		Installment	1st ☐ 2nd ☐	Penalty Paid \$
Tax Year		Installment	1st ☐ 2nd ☐	Penalty Paid \$

Please describe in detail in the box below and on additional sheets, if needed, the reasons(s) and justification for this request, include the code section (see back) and include detail as required per each code section. Please attach all supporting documentation justifying your request.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this request is true and complete, that I have provided a check for the property taxes due and documentation as required to support my request and that I am signing as the assessee of record or as his/her authorized agent.

Printed Name:

Signature

Date

**Sign and mail the request
along with your check and all
supporting documentation to:**

County of Orange
Attn: Treasurer Tax Collector
PO Box 1438
Santa Ana, CA 92702-1438

**Or drop it off in our
Payment Dropbox at:**
601 N. Ross Street

You may also scan and e-mail this request and all back-up to pc@octreasurer.gov Please redact all personally sensitive information as e-mails are not encrypted and are not secure. All requests will be reviewed and best efforts made to notify the taxpayer within 60 days of a decision.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PENALTY CANCELLATION REQUESTS OR MILITARY PERSONNEL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
PLEASE REVIEW THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR REQUEST

A taxpayer may request cancellation of any penalty assessed on a secured or unsecured property by completing and submitting this form, along with payment in full, and attaching all supporting documentation to justify the request. This form should be submitted as soon as the taxpayer is able to pay the property tax due. If the request is approved, a refund of penalties paid would be mailed to the entity that paid the property taxes. In addition, military personnel on active duty can also request penalty tax relief and complete this form and the military tax relief application.

The following summarizes key sections of the R&TC that provides the legal basis to determine when a tax payment is considered timely, or when a delinquent penalty may be cancelled. See also the Penalty Cancellation FAQs and Examples at octreasurer.gov/penaltycancellation.

- 2512 a)** Taxpayers who send their payments by mail are cautioned that the U.S. Postal Service only postmarks certain mail, depending on the type of postage used and may not postmark mail on the same day deposited by a taxpayer. Payments received by mail are deemed received based on the U.S. Postal Service postmark date stamped on the envelope containing the payment (office machine cancellations, foreign postmarks and private metered postage are not acceptable). If the postmark date is after the delinquency date, then the payment is considered late. The delinquent penalty will apply and will not be cancelled. If a payment is received after the delinquency date and does not have a U.S. Postal Service postmark on the envelope, the payment will be considered late and the delinquent penalty will apply and will not be cancelled. Please see important information about postmarks on our website at octreasurer.gov/postmarks.
- b)** Payments made by a County electronic payment option, which include only the Treasurer-Tax Collector's website or automated telephone payment system, are deemed received on the date the transaction was completed (same day credit). Payments completed on or before midnight of the last payment date as evidenced by a confirmation number will be considered timely. If a confirmation is not received, then the payment was not processed and will not be considered a valid reason to cancel the delinquency penalty.
- c)** Payments made through online or home banking systems are deemed received based on the date the payment is actually **received** by the Tax Collector as generally the U.S. Postal Service does not stamp the envelopes used to remit payments from home banking and online bill payment services. Payments received on or before 5:00 p.m. of the delinquency date will be considered timely.
- 2610.5** Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the lien of taxes nor does it prevent the imposition of delinquent penalties.
- 2910.1** Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the lien of taxes nor does it prevent the imposition of delinquent penalties.
- 4911(a)** If the taxpayer can demonstrate that the current taxes were inadvertently paid on a wrong parcel, the Tax Collector shall cancel the credit on the unintended property and transfer the payment to the property intended. This will occur provided the payment was received a) on time for the correct amount of the tax due, b) before the property has transferred ownership, and c) before two years have elapsed since the date of payment.
- 4920-4925** A penalty may be cancelled if the taxpayer can demonstrate that prior year taxes were paid on a wrong parcel by mistake and the payment was received on time for the correct amount of the tax due.
- 4985** A penalty may be cancelled upon showing proof that the payment was not made timely, or made in the proper amount, because of information provided to the taxpayer in writing by the County.
- 4985.2** A penalty may be cancelled only when a taxpayer is unable to deliver payment due to reasonable cause and circumstances beyond the taxpayer's control, with certain conditions, such as sudden hospitalization on the payment deadline, as required by law. Failure of the post office to postmark mail timely does not constitute grounds for penalty cancellation under this section. Documentation of events, such as hospitalization is required.

Application for Property Tax Relief for Military Personnel - Military personnel on active duty are eligible to defer the payment of their taxes under the provisions of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act (SSCRA) of 1940 to Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) of 2003. Instead of the penalties, costs and fees imposed under California law, the unpaid taxes are subject only to interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum. The application form may be completed by the servicemember, his/her adult dependent (including spouse) or any other individual authorized by the servicemember to act on his/her behalf. Please attach a copy of your orders or a letter from your commanding officer to the separate form entitled [Application For Property Tax Relief For Military Personnel](#). If you have additional questions or need additional assistance, call (714) 834-3411 between 9:00 am and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or e-mail us at pc@octreasurer.gov. You may also visit our website at taxbill.octreasurer.gov for general property tax information under our Frequently Asked Questions section.

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