

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Tax Department

AGENDA DATE: May 1, 2018

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Maria Pasillas, Tax Assessor Collector, 212-1737

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? **OR AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

THAT the City finds that Stephen M. Buck showed a good cause to extend the deadline to apply for a refund of the overpayment of the 2013 taxes and the tax refund in the amount of \$440.05 is approved.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

A citizen has applied for a tax refund due to overpayment on May 20, 2014. The Property Tax Code Section 31.11 states that the Tax collector may issue a refund within 3 years of the date of the payment but that the governing body of the taxing unit may extend the deadline for a single period not to exceed 2 years on a showing of good cause by the taxpayer.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Council has considered this previously on a routine basis.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31.11 (c) of the Texas Code an application for a refund must be made within three (3) years after the date of the payment or the taxpayer waives the right to the refund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31.11 (c-1) the governing body of the taxing unit may extend the deadline for a single period not to exceed two years on a showing of good cause by the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, taxpayer, Stephen M. Buck ("Taxpayer") has applied for a refund with the tax assessor for their 2013 property taxes that were overpaid on May 20, 2014 in the amount of \$440.05 for all taxing entities; and

WHEREAS, City Council may extend the deadline for the Taxpayer's application for the overpayment of the 2013 taxes for a period not to exceed two years on a showing of good cause by the taxpayer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the City finds that Stephen M. Buck showed a good cause to extend the deadline to apply for a refund of the overpayment of the 2013 taxes and the tax refund in the amount of \$440.05 is approved.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

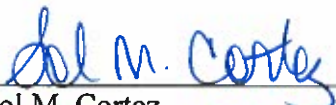
CITY OF EL PASO

Dee Margo
Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Sol M. Cortez
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Maria O. Pasillas, RTA
Tax Assessor/Collector

795 NFE 1 9160009/26/17
FORWARD TIME EXP RTN TO SEND
BUCK, ELSIE S
11804 DON JANUARY DR
EL PASO TX 79935-3908

TAX OFFICE
RECEIVED

JAN 22 2018

RETURN TO SENDER

AS, RTA
SOR COLLECTOR
FE 300
1901

PH: (915) 212-0106 FAX: (915) 212-0107 www.elpasotexas.gov/tax-office

BUCK WILLIAM & ELSIE S
1613 LARRY WADKINS DR
EL PASO, TX 79936-5218

Geo No. X579-000-2260-1936	Prop ID 121469
Legal Description of the Property 79 TSP 2 SEC 26 T & P SURV 3-A-287 (1.0634 AC) & 3-A-288 (1.0634 AC) (2.1258 AC) 13166 ROUND DANCE RD OWNER: YOSHIMOTO ALBERTO	

2013 OVERAGE AMOUNT \$440.05

6: COUNTY OF EL PASO, 7: EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 8: UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER OF EL PASO, 9: SOCORRO ISD, 27: EMERG. SERVICES DIST. #2

Dear Taxpayer:

Our records indicate that an overpayment exists on the property tax account listed above as of the date of this letter. If you paid the taxes on this account and believe you are entitled to a refund, please complete the application below, sign it, and return it to our office. If the taxes were paid by your mortgage/title company or any other party, you must obtain a written letter of release in order for the refund to be issued in your name. If you did not make the payment(s) on this account, please forward this letter to the person who paid these taxes. You may also request the transfer of this overpayment to other tax accounts and/or tax years in the space provided or by attaching an additional sheet if necessary. Your application for refund must be submitted within three years from the date of the overpayment, or you waive the right to the refund (Sec. 31.11c). Governing body approval is required for refunds in excess of \$2500.


APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX REFUND

Step 1. Identify the refund recipient. Show information for whom ever will be receiving the refund.	Who should the refund be issued to:			
	Name: STEPHEN M. BUCK (26040659)			
	Address: 11004 DON JANUARY DRIVE			
	City, State, Zip: EL PASO, TEXAS 79935			
Step 2. Provide payment information. Please attach copies of cancelled checks, bank statement or original receipts for all cash payments you made	Daytime Phone No.: 915-494-9461		E-Mail Address: sbuck77@hotmail.com	
	Payment made by:		Check No.	Date Paid
			# 2407	5/20/14
				\$ 2,215.36
		TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (sum of the above amounts)		
Step 3. Provide reason for this refund. Please list any accounts and/or years that you intended to pay with this overage.	Please check one of the following:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> I paid this account in error and I am entitled to the refund.			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I overpaid this account. Please refund the excess to the address listed in Step 1.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> I want this payment applied to next year's taxes.			
Step 4. Sign the form. Unsigned applications cannot be processed.	This payment should have been applied to other tax account(s) and/or year(s), escrow (listed below):			
	By signing below, I hereby apply for the refund of the above-described taxes and certify that the information I have given on this form is true and correct. (If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under the Texas Penal Code, Sec. 37.10.)			
	SIGNATURE OF REQUESTOR (REQUIRED) Stephen M Buck		PRINTED NAME & DATE STEPHEN M. BUCK 10/13/2017	
TAX OFFICE USE ONLY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied By: SBuck Date: 01/22/18				

This application must be completed, signed, and submitted with supporting documentation to be valid



INTERNAL AUDIT OFFICE

DATE: February 13, 2018
TO: Maria O. Pasillas, Tax Assessor/Collector
FROM: Edmundo S. Calderon, CIA, CGAP, CRMA, Chief Internal Auditor 
SUBJECT: Review of Tax Overpayment Refunds that Exceed Three Years

The Internal Audit Office conducted a review of the Tax Overpayment Refunds that exceed a three-year period. This engagement was accepted based on the engagement's potential to improve management of risks, add value, and/or improve the organization's operations (IIA 2010.C1). The work performed does not constitute an audit conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAS 2.12). The observations and conclusions that are reported in this memorandum do not require Management responses.

The following Tax Overpayment Refund that exceeded a three-year period was reviewed:

STEPHEN M BUCK	X579-000-2260-1936	\$	440.05
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The Internal Audit Office reviewed the refund application, copies of cancelled checks or proof of payments. Attached is a list of days from the date the completed application was received by the Tax Office and sent to the Internal Audit Office for review. The Tax Office took 21 days to process the application received and send for review.

Based on our review, the Tax Overpayment Refund that exceeded a three-year period was determined to be appropriate to send to City Council for approval pursuant to Section 31.11 (c-1) of the Texas Tax Code.

cc: Tomas Gonzalez, City Manager
Robert Cortinas, Interim Director of Municipal Financial Operations

Edmundo S. Calderon – Chief Internal Auditor
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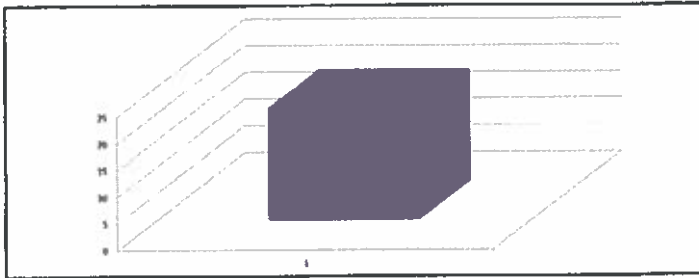
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Cissy Lizarraga

City Manager
Tommy Gonzalez

City of El Paso
Internal Audit Office
Tax Office Refund Project
Week of 02/12/2018 Reviews- Over Three Years

#	Refund To	P.I.D. Number	Amount of Refund	Date Application was Received	Date of Proof of Payment was Received in the Tax Office	Date Application was approved by the Tax Office	Date Tax Office Sent to Internal Audit for Review	Elapse Days From Date Proof of Payment to Date Audited to be Reviewed	Date Internal Audit Reviewed Application	Comments
1	STEPHEN M BUCK	X579-0002360-1936	\$ 440.05	1/25/2018	1/25/2018	1/25/2018	2/13/2018	21	2/13/2018	
			\$440.05							



Legend
 21-40 Days
 41-60 Days
 61-90 Days