

April 26, 2007

Office of the City Attorney
City Hall
730 Washington Avenue
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Attorney Weber,

This letter is in reference to your letter of April 11, 2007 of which I have included a copy. The bill I received is for Personal Property Tax on a business I owned that closed on January 28, 2006. I did not complete the form as I did not think I was required to return the form. When I received a notice I returned it stating the business was closed and I did not understand why I owed the tax.

After receiving another letter I was advised to contact your office which I did in March 2007 and was advised to write a letter stating my position and to enclose a check for the amount that I felt was fair. I had explained that the business was only open for 24 days out of the 28 day of January and that most of the personal property had been sold off in December when I did a store and shelving clearance. The person I spoke with indicated that I was being charged because I had the first year of my business with no personal property tax. I opened the business on October 31st which gave me 2 months free.

I have not written this letter earlier because I did not have any money to make any type of payment. For all of last year I worked two jobs just attempting to recover from the loss of the business and not lose my home. So far this year I have been paying my home property taxes so I don't become delinquent.

I am enclosing a check for \$200.00 and offer it as a settlement for the personal property tax. Please advise me if I need to meet with someone to discuss this or if you are willing to accept the payment for the 24 days I was open with less than \$500 in personal property in the store, none of which was new.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



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April 11, 2007

Accents on Main
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RE: Delinquent Personal Property Tax Account #P00097097
Accents on Main, 406 Main Street
Tax year: 2006

Dear Sir or Madam,

The City Attorney's Office has received your personal property tax account for collection. The payoff balance for the above taxing period is \$444.17 through the end of April 2007. We ask that you take care of this matter by April 30, 2007. Any payments after this date are subject to additional interest and penalty charges at a rate of 18% per year.

Checks should be made payable to CITY OF RACINE TREASURER and returned to **OUR (City Attorney's)** office. If arrangements to pay this tax are not made, further legal action may be taken.

Pursuant to Racine Ordinances, no vending machine licenses, etc. will be issued to a business that has failed to pay its personal property taxes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Graham".

Kelly Graham
Legal Secretary

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