

Tax Assessor's Office,

Normally, we receive the annual property statement form in the mail. We did not receive one for the 2017/18 tax year. Missing mail is not unusual in our rural neighborhood. We have noticed missing stamp orders and vehicle registrations that have never arrived. This has been a problem for a couple of years.

I have learned through this process that taxpayers of our size must submit an annual property statement even if the form was never received. Now that we know, we have a calendar reminder set so this does not happen again.

However, a penalty of 10% is exorbitant. We have never had a problem paying our taxes on time. For whatever reason, the annual property statement form did not arrive. Our hope is that the unreasonable penalty of 10% will be waived. Or at the very least, dramatically reduced.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Nelson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" and last name "Nelson" clearly distinguishable.

Greg Nelson
Nelson and Sons, Inc.

Assessment Appeals

Dear Taxpayer:

Mendocino assessor form 571-A

This notice is to advise you that a 10% penalty is being added to the assessment of personal property and/or fixtures indicated by the mailing label, in compliance with Section 463, Revenue and Taxation Code.

If any person who is required by law or is requested by the assessor to make an annual property statement fails to file it with the assessor by 5 p.m. on May 7th, or if, after written request by the assessor, any person fails to file an annual property statement within the time limit specified by Section 441 or make and subscribe the affidavit respecting his name and place of residence, a penalty of 10% of the assessed value of the unreported taxable tangible property of such person placed on the current roll shall be added to the assessment made on the current roll.

If you wish to contest this penalty before the County Board of Equalization, application for hearing must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, (707) 234-6815, between July 2 and November 30.

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Mendocino County Assessor
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