

DISPUTE LETTER

Late Property Tax Payment Servicer Dispute Letter

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NOTICE OF ERROR

Use this when escrowed property taxes appear to have been paid after the deadline and a penalty, interest charge, or delinquency resulted.

WHEN TO USE

Use this when escrowed property taxes appear to have been paid after the deadline and a penalty, interest charge, or delinquency resulted.

FEDERAL / PRIMARY REFERENCE

12 CFR § 1024.17(k) · 12 CFR § 1024.34(a) · 12 CFR § 1024.35

Federal baseline to check

- ☐ Failure to pay escrowed taxes or other property charges on time can be a covered servicing error under Regulation X.
- ☐ For an escrowed federally related mortgage, timely generally means on or before the deadline to avoid a penalty while the mortgage payment is not more than 30 days overdue.
- ☐ An NOE should identify the due date, payment date, amount, and resulting penalty or consequence rather than relying on a general complaint.

BORROWER AND LOAN

Borrower name _____	Property address _____
Loan/account number _____	Servicer name _____

Tax obligation

Tax amount: \$ _____ No-penalty due date: _____ Authority: _____

Relevant date(s): _____ Amount(s): \$ _____

Servicer disbursement

Servicer paid: \$ _____ on _____ Authority posted payment: _____

Notes: _____

Resulting charge or consequence

Penalty / interest / other consequence: \$ _____ Assessed on: _____

Notes: _____

Correction requested

Correction / reimbursement / written explanation requested: _____

Notes: _____

Draft letter body

Date: _____

To: [Servicer name and designated NOE/RFI address, if the servicer has designated one]

Re: Notice of Error - mortgage loan/account _____

I am writing to give notice of a specific error concerning the servicing of the mortgage loan identified above. I am providing dates, amounts, and supporting records so the account can be reviewed accurately.

Issue / request: _____

Supporting facts and records: _____

Requested correction, information, or written explanation: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Attachment checklist

- ☐ Tax bill showing due date
- ☐ Tax authority payment history
- ☐ Statement showing escrow funds were collected
- ☐ Penalty or interest notice
- ☐ Copy of this completed template retained for your records
- ☐ Mailing / delivery confirmation retained if sent formally

Use notes

- ☐ Confirm the taxing authority's no-penalty deadline and actual posting date. A bill date is not always the same as the penalty deadline.
- ☐ Separate the underlying tax amount from late fees, interest, or other consequences so the requested correction can be measured.
- ☐ If the servicer says it paid on time, request the payment confirmation or disbursement record it relied on and compare it with the authority's ledger.
- ☐ Keep a complete copy of the completed template and supporting records; send copies rather than irreplaceable originals when copies are sufficient.

PRIMARY SOURCES TO CHECK

12 CFR § 1024.17(k) • 12 CFR § 1024.34(a) • 12 CFR § 1024.35

Official links: <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/rules-policy/regulations/1024/17/> | <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/rules-policy/regulations/1024/34/> | <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/rules-policy/regulations/1024/35/>