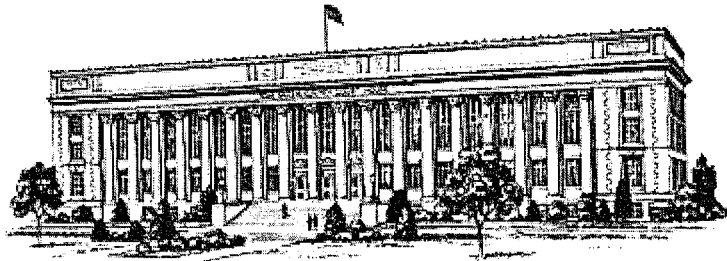
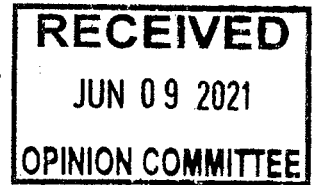


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The Honorable Ken Paxton  
Attention: Opinion Committee  
Attorney General of Texas  
PO Box 12548  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Paxton,

The Tom Green County Treasurer has been receiving increasing complaints that Bondsmen going off bonds just because someone fell behind on the paying their bill. It should be noted this is not the reason on the GO Off Bond Affidavit.

I have been told by our Judges (all levels), that they have been told they cannot deny a go off bond.

The question is what discretion does a judge have in regards to a GO Off Bond request. Must they sign, do they have the authority to ask for proof, can they require the bondsmen to show cause in person.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and thank you for your service.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Taylor".

Chris Taylor  
Tom Green County Attorney