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## WEBB COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT WARNS HOMEOWNERS!

The Webb County Appraisal District has been overwhelmed with phone calls from homeowners who receive letters from marketers/solicitors who offer to file a “designation of homestead” on the owner’s behalf for a fee of \$45. The District wants to advise homeowners who receive these solicitation letters to read them carefully before responding to any offer. Note: This letter is not an official document of Webb County Appraisal District or State of Texas; it is an advertisement of services. "Homestead Designation Services" is a private company not affiliated with any governmental entity. The use of this form or service is not required by law.

**The Webb County Appraisal District wants to remind property owners that this office is a Political Subdivision of the State whose responsibility is to administer tax exemption applications to Webb County residents. We want to encourage property owners to contact our office and verify if they have filed for their residence homestead exemption.** The “homestead tax exemption” saves you money on your school tax and is available to all homeowners who meet the following requirements:

1. You owned and occupied your home as of January 1st of the year for which the application is submitted.  
Neither you nor your spouse claims a homestead exemption on any other
2. property, regardless of where that property is located.

**For more information on exemptions, requirements and/or qualifications available to property owners, contact the District’s Customer Service Department staff at (956) 718-4091; press “option 1” on the menu.**

You may access the homestead exemption application by clicking the following link, <http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/exemptions/index.php>.

**ALL APPRAISAL SERVICES ARE FREE!!!**