

# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Friday, January 13, 2017

## WEBB CAD ENCOURAGES PROPERTY OWNERS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF JANUARY 1ST

January 1st is the appraisal date for property values and the “*appraisal phase*” for appraisal districts across Texas, pursuant to Property Tax Code, Sec. 23.01. The month of January is also the qualification date for most property tax exemptions. One of the easiest ways a homeowner can lower his or her property tax bill in 2017 is to file a residence homestead exemption with the appraisal district. A homestead is generally the house and land used as the owner’s principal residence on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the tax year. Other tax exemptions are available thru the appraisal district that may further reduce tax liability, such as, *Age 65 or Older, Disabled Persons, Disabled Veterans or Surviving Spouses* of members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Homeowners looking to reduce their property tax bills may find some relief by applying for any of these tax exemptions.

### WHAT IS A HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION?

A “homestead tax exemption” removes part of your home's value from taxation and consequently lowers your school tax liability. Property owners cannot claim an exemption on a second home, an income producing property or a vacation home. Applications are now being accepted and continue throughout the year, however, the appraisal district encourages property owners to take advantage and apply before May 1st. For more information on tax exemptions, contact the Customer Service Department staff at (956) 718-3700.

### 2017 BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY RENDITION MAIL OUT

During the month of January, appraisal staff mails out business personal property rendition forms to all known businesses in Webb County. A rendition of business personal property form consists of the inventory, furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment, supplies and vehicles used for the production of income in a business. **The deadline to submit your rendition is Monday, April 17, 2017.** If you need more information or assistance completing the rendition of personal property form, contact the Business/Personal Property Department staff at (956) 718-3763. You may also visit our office located at 3302 Clark Blvd., Laredo, Texas 78043. Business hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS, CONTACT WEBB COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT AT 956-718-4091 OR VISIT OUR OFFICE LOCATED AT 3302 CLARK BLVD., LAREDO, TEXAS 78043; MORE INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE, [WWW.WEBBCAD.ORG](http://WWW.WEBBCAD.ORG). IN ADDITION, PROPERTY OWNERS MAY FIND MORE INFORMATION ON THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER’S PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE DIVISION WEBSITE, [COMPTROLLER.TEXAS.GOV/TAXES/PROPERTY-TAX](http://COMPTROLLER.TEXAS.GOV/TAXES/PROPERTY-TAX).**