

# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Monday, May 15, 2017

## EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST!

The month of April marks the beginning of the equalization phase for county Appraisal District across the State. During this phase, property owners have the right to submit a protest to the Appraisal Review Board (ARB) if they disagree with the 2017 established appraisal value. Moreover, various deadlines are fast approaching and it is important that property owners submit any and all required documentation timely. If you are a business owner, the deadline for filing renditions is April 17th. Additionally, property owners looking to file for tax exemptions as well as those who qualify for the 1D1 agricultural special valuation must submit all required documentation by May 1st.

During the second week of April, the District mails out the “*Notice of Appraised Value*” letters to property owners whose property’s status changed from one year to the next. This written notification is the property owner’s first contact with the “protest process”. The appraisal notice contains the owner’s name, situs, mailing address, improvements and characteristics, as well as, the property’s appraised value. An estimated amount of taxes is also provided for the owner’s reference; however, the noted amount is only an estimate and not equal to the actual amount of taxes owed. Property owners should review their information thoroughly and verify that the District’s property records are correct. If you receive a notice and disagree with the District’s established 2017 value we encourage property owners to file a written protest with the Appraisal Review Board as soon as possible.

### **WHAT IS A PROTEST?**

A protest is a constitutional right that may be exercised in a timely manner when a property owner is unsatisfied with the appraised value established by the Appraisal District. The deadline for filing a written protest with the **\*ARB**, is 30 days after the District mails the appraisal notice, or June 1st whichever comes later. The ARB is an independent panel of citizens who listen to disputes from property owners who submit a protest. When a protest is filed by a property owner or owner’s agent, a hearing date is scheduled and notification of the date, time and location of the hearing is mailed to the owner/agent. The notification of the hearing includes the leaflet *Property Taxpayer Remedies* that explains in detail the hearing protest process. To learn more about the protest process you may obtain a copy at the Comptroller’s website at [www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/](http://www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE WEBB COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT STAFF AT (956) 718-4091, OR VISIT OUR OFFICE LOCATED AT 3302 CLARK BOULEVARD, LAREDO, TEXAS 78043. REGULAR OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. WEB SITE, WWW.WEBBCAD.ORG.**

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