## WEBB COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

## THE PROTEST DEADLINE IS MAY 15

The Webb County Appraisal District reminds property owners that the 2018 protest deadline is Tuesday, May 15th. The protest deadline is established by Texas Law and requires property owners who fail to meet the deadline, to proceed with a "good cause hearing" for filing a protest after the deadline before a protest hearing may be scheduled.

The Appraisal Review Board (ARB) schedules a hearing and sends the protesting property owner written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. The law contains specific timelines and procedures for both the owner and the ARB throughout the appraisal protest process. These are detailed in the Comptroller's publication, *Property Taxpayer Remedies*.

Protests will be heard by the ARB; an independent group of citizens authorized to listen and resolve disputes between property owners and the appraisal district. The ARB is a quasi-judicial board whose core responsibility is to review protest cases. It is a separate entity from the appraisal office and serves a different function. Members of the ARB are appointed by the Webb County Administrative District Judge from a pool of applicants. ARB members must meet certain requirements to be eligible to serve and must comply with state laws on conflicts of interest. In addition, members of the ARB must complete training courses and receive a certificate of completion from the State Comptroller's Office. Most importantly, they must adhere to the Texas Property Tax Code and demonstrate fairness and ethical standards while conducting protest hearings.

IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE WEBB COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT STAFF AT (956)718-4091 OR VISIT OUR OFFICE LOCATED AT 3302 CLARK BLVD, LAREDO, TEXAS 78043. WEBSITE: WWW.WEBBCAD.ORG.

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