

WEBB COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

DISABLED VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES MAY QUALIFY TO HAVE SOME OR ALL OF THEIR PROPERTY TAXES WAIVED

Veterans with a service connected disability are encouraged to file a tax exemption form to have their property taxes lowered. Some veterans may even qualify for a 100% exemption of their taxes. Texas Property Tax Code (TPTC), Sec.11.22, provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans.

The disabled veteran must provide documents from either the Veterans Administration Office or the branch of the Armed Forces that shows the percentage of the service-connected disability TPTC, Sec. 11.22 (h)(2). The tax exemption amount is determined according to the percentage of service-connected disability.

The other partial exemption under TPTC, Sec. 11.132 (b) is for homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.

A disabled veteran who receives 100% disability compensation due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100% disabled or of individual un-employability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Surviving spouses of veterans who qualified for this exemption or who would have qualified for this exemption if it had been in effect at the time of the veteran's death are also eligible with certain restrictions.

The surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Services who is killed in action is allowed a total (100%) property tax exemption on his or her residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the armed services member.

An applicant may claim the tax exemption on only one property, such as a home or any other property the applicant owned on January 1st. The applicant must be a Texas resident and have a current Driver's License or State ID. Any eligible person who has not received this exemption is encouraged to apply by April 30. The complete application and all supporting documentation must be filed with the Appraisal District office.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE VETERAN'S TAX EXEMPTION, CONTACT THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT STAFF AT (956) 718-4091; OR VISIT OUR OFFICE LOCATED AT 3302 CLARK BLVD., LAREDO, TEXAS 78043. BUSINESS HOURS ARE MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. PROPERTY OWNERS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO VISIT THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE: WWW.WEBBCAD.ORG. APPRAISAL SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE!