



## Harris County Appraisal District News Release

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### Harris County Appraisal District Releases Android App

**Houston** — The Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) today released its Android app that provides information and services to property owners.

The new Android app has the same features as the previously released iPhone app. The app allows property owners to file a homestead exemption or over-65 exemption, retrieve an iFile number or look up district phone numbers or directions to the HCAD offices.

“The Android app is another example of how we are continually striving to provide new services to make it easier and more convenient for property owners to work with the appraisal district,” said Roland Altinger, chief appraiser.

The new Android app enables property owners to apply for an over-65 exemption, prior year exemptions and a percentage of ownership if several individuals own a property jointly. The bar code scanner in the app verifies the property owner’s identity and address.

State law requires the address on the driver’s license to match the address in HCAD’s records to grant an exemption. A Texas driver’s license is required for the exemptions and to retrieve an iFile number, which is needed to file a protest.

The app also provides information about the district and can provide immediate updates, changes, and alerts or emergency closings. Searching for the address or phone numbers automatically triggers elements on the phone, which would then load maps for directions or prompt the phone to dial a number.

The new HCAD app is available to download for free through the Google Play Store.

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### **About HCAD**

The Harris County Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas established in 1980 for the purpose of discovering and appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes for each taxing unit within the boundaries of the district. The district has more than 1.8 million parcels of property to assess each year with a total market value of approximately \$556 billion. The appraisal district in Harris County is the largest in Texas, serving approximately 500 taxing units, and one of the largest appraisal districts in the United States. For further information, visit [www.hcad.org](http://www.hcad.org).

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