



Harris County Appraisal District News Release

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HCAD Sending Disaster Reappraisal Letters

Houston — The Harris County Appraisal District will begin sending disaster reappraisal letters next week to property owners whose taxing jurisdictions have requested the reappraisal of property after Hurricane Harvey.

The district will send a letter to all property owners with taxable property in that jurisdiction. If the appraisal district has a record of damage, the letter will list the jurisdictions that have requested the disaster reappraisal, the new value and instructions for submitting additional information. The new value will apply from August 23 through December 31. If the appraisal district does not have a record of property damage, the letter will list the jurisdictions that have requested the disaster reappraisal and instructions for submitting information if the property was damaged.

Property owners will have 45 days after the date the letter was mailed to submit documentation to the appraisal district. The letter will state the last day the documentation can be submitted. Documentation can be submitted electronically or through the mail.

Once documentation is submitted, HCAD may contact the property owner to discuss the information and how it impacts the reappraisal.

“Property owners should pay their property tax bill before January 31 even if they are in a jurisdiction that has requested the disaster reappraisal,” said Roland Altinger, chief appraiser. “The taxing jurisdictions will issue the appropriate refunds at a later date. However, if taxes are not paid by the delinquency date, penalties and interest can be applied.”

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The taxing jurisdictions that have requested the disaster reappraisal are Spring Branch Independent School District, La Porte Independent School District, Woodlands Township, MUD 386, City of Katy, City of Shoreacres and Harris/Ft. Bend Counties MUD No. 1. The district has been notified that Katy Independent School District will vote on a resolution at its January board of trustees meeting.

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 \$575 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.

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