



Harris County Appraisal District News Release

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HCAD Upgrades Website For Protest Hearings

Houston —Harris County property owners who have chosen either a remote or in person meeting or hearing will be able to submit property information electronically through HCAD’s Electronic Filing and Notice System.

Property owners will be able to submit evidence documents for either a remote or in person meeting with an appraiser or a remote or in person hearing with the Appraisal Review Board or they can bring evidence with them for an on-site meeting.

A remote meeting would be done virtually with either an appraiser or with the ARB for a hearing.

Property owners will receive an addendum to the “Notice of Protest Hearing” that will contain specific information about the remote hearing and the options available for providing evidence. The district recommends submitting evidence electronically using owners.hcad.org at least three days before the meeting date. Property owners can upload up to 25 megabytes of documentation.

However, a property owner can also drop off evidence at the HCAD building or mail evidence, but if dropped off or mailed, it must arrive at least five days before the hearing date so the district can upload the documents.

“This is a new and improved mechanism for uploading hearing evidence,” said Roland Altinger, chief appraiser. “We already had the iSettle process for providing property value information, so we built on that to create this new option for property owners to provide their evidence.”

If a property owner is already scheduled for an in-person meeting and wants to change to a remote meeting, they can call 713.812.5860.

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A secure drop off box is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hwy. 290 entrance if a property owner must bring something to the appraisal district office.

The telephone information center is available at 713.957.7800 for account questions and HELP@HCAD.org is available for email questions. Fillable forms are available online and can be mailed to the appraisal district using the address on the form.

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 approximately 1.8 million parcels of property to assess each year with a total market value of approximately \$633 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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