

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION:

Zavala County Property Owners should soon start receiving Appraisal Notices for the 2020 Tax Year

The Zavala County Appraisal District mailed out Appraisal Notices on May 12, 2020. Pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code requirements, ZCAD finalized the 2020 Appraisal Program by reappraising properties at real estate market conditions, as of January 1st, 2020. In addition, ZCAD's Board of Director's approved to mail appraisal notices to property owners having a change in their property's value greater than \$1,000.00. If you do not receive an appraisal notice, you may use ZCAD's website www.zavalacad.com to review your property record.

The County, City, School District and other local Taxing Units will use the Appraisal Districts value to set your 2020 property taxes. The appraisal notice contains information about the property's location, ownership and property tax exemptions that apply to the property.

Property owners who disagree with the appraised value of their property, the exemptions or any other action by the appraisal district, have the right to appeal to the Zavala County Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling property owner protest. The notice of appraised value includes instructions on how and when to file a protest, a protest form, and a copy of the Comptrollers Property Taxpayer Remedies. The deadline for filing a protest with the ARB is June 12th, 2020, or 30 days after your notice of appraised value was mailed.

The Comptrollers Publication, Property Taxpayer Remedies, explains in detail how to protest your property appraisal, what issues the ARB can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking your case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your ARB hearing. The Comptrollers publication can be found at: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/protests/index.php>

ZCAD's priority is to protect the safety and health of its staff, ARB members, and the public we serve. To comply with federal, state and local orders and to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, property owners and tax agents are highly encouraged to use the online protest portal found on our website www.zavalacad.com. In addition to online protest, written protest may be mailed, dropped off at our night deposit box, or emailed to zavalacad@zavalacad.com.

Please be advised that the deadline for filing a protest either on-line or written is June 12, 2020. Any appeal filed after this date is considered late and will require additional steps.