

APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR

Property ID: _____

Property Type: _____

Geo ID: _____

Legal Description: _____

SECTION: Property Owner/Applicant (Provide information for property owners in Additional Information.)

☐ Single Adult ☐ Married Couple ☐ Other (e.g., individual who owns the property with others)

Owner 1 % Ownership Interest: _____

DL Number, Personal ID Certificate,

Birth Date*: _____

Owner 2 % Ownership Interest: _____

or Social Security Number**:

Telephone: _____

Email ***: _____

Name: _____

DL Number, Personal ID Certificate,

Birth Date*: _____

or Social Security Number**:

Telephone: _____

Email ***: _____

Applicant's mailing address (if different from the physical address): _____

Do you live in the property for which you are seeking this residence homestead exemption? Yes ☐ No ☐ Tax Year _____

Are you filing a late application? Yes ☐ No ☐ Tax Year(s) for Application _____

GENERAL INFORMATION: Property owners applying for a residence homestead exemption file this form and supporting documentation with the appraisal district in each county in which the property is located (Tax Code Sections 11.13, 11.131, 11.132, 11.133, 11.134 and 11.432). **Do not file this form with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.**

SECTION: Exemption(s) Requested

☐ General Residence Homestead Exemption

☐ Disabled Person

☐ Person Age 65 or Older

☐ Surviving Spouse of Person Age 65 or Older

☐ 100 Percent Disabled Veteran
Is the disability a permanent total disability as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs under 38 C.F.R Section 4.15? Yes ☐ No ☐

☐ Surviving Spouse of 100 Percent Disabled Veteran
Is the disability a permanent total disability as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs under 38 C.F.R Section 4.15? Yes ☐ No ☐

☐ Donated Residence of Partially Disabled Veteran
Percent Disability Rating: _____

☐ Surviving Spouse for Donated Residence of Partially Disabled Veteran
Percent Disability Rating: _____

☐ Surviving Spouse of an Armed Services Member Killed or Fatally Injured in the Line of Duty

☐ Surviving Spouse of a First Responder Killed in the Line of Duty

Surviving Spouse: _____ Name of Deceased Spouse _____

Date of Death: _____

Cooperative Housing: Do you have an exclusive right to occupy this property because you own stock in a cooperative housing corporation? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, state name of cooperative housing corporation: _____

Were you receiving a homestead exemption on your previous residence? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you transferring an exemption from a previous residence? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you transferring a tax limitation? Yes ☐ No ☐

Previous Residence Address, City, State, Zip Code _____

Previous County _____

SECTION: Property Information

Date you acquired this property _____ Date you began occupying this property as your principal residence _____
 Physical address (i.e. street address, not P.O. Box), City, County, ZIP Code _____

Is the applicant identified on deed or other recorded instrument?

☐ Yes _____
 Court record/filing number on recorded deed or other recorded instrument _____
☐ No If no, required documentation must be provided. (see important information)

Is the property for which this application is submitted an heir property (see Important Information)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do other heir property owners occupy the property? ☐ Yes (affidavits required) ☐ No

Manufactured Home Make _____ Model _____ ID Number _____

Is any portion of the property for which you are claiming a residence homestead exemption income producing?Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, indicate the percentage of the property that is income producing: _____ percent

Number of acres (or fraction of an acre, not to exceed 20 acres) you own and occupy as your principal residence: _____ acres

SECTION: Waiver of Required Documentation

Indicate if you are exempt from the requirement to provide a copy of your driver's license or state-issued personal identification certificate.

☐ I am a resident of a facility that provides services related to health, infirmity or aging.

Facility Name and Address _____

☐ I am certified for participation in the address confidentiality program administered by the Office of the Texas Attorney General under Code of Criminal Procedure Chapter 58, Subchapter B.

Indicate if you request that the chief appraiser waive the requirement that the property address for exemption corresponds to your driver's license or state-issued personal identification certificate address:

☐ I am an active duty U.S. armed services member or the spouse of an active duty member.

☐ I hold a driver's license issued under Transportation Code Section 521.121(c) or 521.1211. Attached is a copy of the application for that license.

SECTION: Additional Information

If you own other residential property in Texas, please list the county(ies) of location.

SECTION: Affirmation and Signature

I understand if I make a false statement on this form, I could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Penal Code Section 37.10

I, _____, _____, swear or affirm the following:

Property Owner/Authorized Representative Name Title/Authorization

1. that each fact contained in this application is true and correct;
2. that I/the property owner meet(s) the qualifications under Texas law for the residence homestead exemption for which I am applying; and
3. that I/the property owner do(es) not claim an exemption on another residence homestead or claim a residence homestead exemption on a residence homestead outside Texas.

Sign Here: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Property Owner/Applicant or Authorized Representative

* May be used by appraisal district to determine eligibility for persons age 65 or older exemption or surviving spouse exemptions (Tax Code §11.43(m))

** Social security number disclosure may be required for tax administration and identification. (42 U.S.C. §405(c)(2)(C)(i); Tax Code §11.43(f)). A driver's license number, personal identification number or social security number disclosed in an exemption application is confidential and not open to public inspection, except as authorized by Tax Code §11.48(b).

*** May be confidential under Government Code §552.137; however, by including the email address on this form, you are affirmatively consenting to its release under the Public Information Act.

1. Taxation must be **equal and uniform**. No single property or type of property should pay more than its fair share. The property taxes you pay are based on the value of property you own. If, for instance, your property is worth half as much as the property owned by your neighbor (after any exemptions that apply), your tax bill should be one-half of your neighbor's. This means that *uniform appraisal* is very important.
2. Generally, all property must be taxed based on its **current market value**. That's the price it would sell for when both buyer and seller seek the best price and neither is under pressure to buy or sell. The Texas Constitution provides certain exceptions to this rule, such as the use of "productivity values" for agricultural and timberland. This means that the land is taxed based on the value of *what it produces*, such as crops and livestock, rather than its sale value. This lowers the tax bill for such land.
3. Each property in a county must have a **single appraised value**. This means that the various local governments to which you pay property taxes cannot assign different values to your property; all must use the same value. This is guaranteed by the use of county appraisal districts.
4. All property is taxable unless federal or state law **exempts it from the tax**. These exemptions may exclude all or part of your property's value from taxation.
5. Property owners have a right to **reasonable notice of increases** in their appraised property value.

More information on the Texas Property Tax Code can be found **here**
(<http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/index.html>).

What are my remedies?

If you believe that your property value determination is too high or if you were denied an exemption or special appraisal valuation, **please contact the Appraisal District immediately**. If you are unable to come to an agreement with the Appraisal District you may file a protest regarding the property to the Appraisal Review Board (ARB) **within the deadline that is provided on your appraisal notice**. If you do not agree with the decision of the ARB you may appeal the decision in district court. Alternatively, you may appeal the ARB's determination to binding arbitration.

Regarding how your tax dollars are spent, you have the option to attend and speak at the local hearings where the elected officials both set tax rates and decide how tax revenue is used. Major tax rate increases and roll backs are limited through the use of special elections.

When is the deadline for paying my property taxes?

Taxes are due when you receive your tax statement. Tax collections begin around October 1 and taxpayers have until January 31 of the following year to pay their taxes. On February 1, **penalty and interest charges** begin accumulating on most unpaid tax bills.

What happens if I don't pay my taxes?

The longer you allow delinquent property taxes to go unpaid, the more penalties and interest will stack up. If your property boundaries span more than one county you will receive appraisal notices from each county appraisal district. If unpaid, penalties and interest will accrue in both districts.

Exemptions/Ownership

What exemptions are available?

There are several partial and absolute exemptions available. Some of these exemptions include general Residential Homestead, Over 65, Surviving Spouse (age 55 and over), Disability Homestead, Disabled Veterans, Charitable, Religious, Freeport and Pollution Control.

Does my home qualify for an exemption?

As a general rule to qualify for an exemption you must own your home and it must be your principal place of residence. Additional qualifications may apply based on the exemption.

Will this protect me in case of a lawsuit for unpaid taxes?

Texas has two distinct laws for designating a homestead. The Texas Tax Code offers homeowners a way to apply for homestead exemptions to reduce local property taxes. The Texas Property Code allows homeowners to designate their homesteads to protect them from a forced sale to satisfy creditors. This law does not, however, protect the homeowner from tax foreclosure sales of their

Courteously and respectfully serve the public and its entities by providing an equal and uniform appraisal roll in an accurate and timely manner.

SCAM ALERT

PLEASE NOTE: There are companies that will notify you that for a fee they will file the homestead for you. Filing a homestead application with the Gregg County Appraisal District is always free. Please visit the **online forms** (<https://forms.gcad.org/>) section of our website to fill out a homestead application.

Welcome to Gregg County Appraisal District!

Gregg Appraisal District is responsible for appraising all real and business personal property within Gregg County. The district appraises property according to the Texas Property Tax Code and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices (USPAP).

Message from the Chief Appraiser

Welcome to our website, I hope that you will find general information helpful about the District and the ad valorem property tax system. Information regarding specific properties within the district is also available as allowed by law. We are dedicated to serving the citizens of Gregg County while ensuring that property valuation in our county is fair, equal, and uniform.

Thank You,

Mark A Cormier, Chief Appraiser RPA, CCA, CTA

Homestead Application Qualifications

- You own and occupy your home on the date you request the exemption
- You and your spouse do not claim a residence homestead exemption on another property
- You must furnish a copy of a valid Texas driver's license or State ID, and the address on the license must be the same for which the homestead exemption is being applied

Please contact the Gregg Appraisal District at 903-238-8823 for any questions you may have concerning the qualifications for homestead exemptions.

Reappraisal of Residential Property

The Gregg Appraisal District will begin its reappraisal on residential properties starting July 2022 to March 2023. We will be conducting on-site inspections of residential properties, which will include updating our property photographs. Our protocol is to attempt to make the property owner or resident aware by ringing the doorbell or by knocking on the front door to identify ourselves. Each appraiser will have the following identification items with them at all times; pictured ID, business card, and a Texas Department of Licensing and Registration (TDLR) registration card. Should the property owner or resident be away, we will leave a door hanger and a business card on the front door. After contact is made or it is established that nobody is available at the property, we will conduct our inspection of the exterior of the property. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.

Mark A. Cormier, RPA, CCA, CTA

Chief Appraiser

Gregg County Appraisal District

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(<https://greggcounty.mystagingwebsite.com>)



PROPERTY SEARCH
(<https://esearch.gcad.org/>)



ONLINE FORMS
(<https://forms.gcad.org/>)



INTERACTIVE MAP
(<https://gis.bisclient.com/greggcad/>)



ONLINE PROTEST
(<https://eprotest.gcad.org/>)

English

Where To Get Free Assistance

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(There are currently no ~~business~~ offering free services on file at this time) 
businesses

How To Offer Your Services

Due to recent changes in legislation, the Appraisal District is required to maintain an active list of any real estate brokers, real estate sales agents, licensed/certified real estate appraisers, or registered tax consultants who are willing to provide their services to resident homestead owners free of charge. If you offer your assistance for free and would like to be added to this list, please fill out the form below and send it to:

Gregg County Appraisal District

Attn: Patti Coppedge

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