

Lamar County Appraisal District

2017 Annual Report

Introduction

Lamar County Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the state. The Constitution of the State of Texas, the Texas Property Tax Code, and the Rules of the Texas Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division govern the operations of the appraisal district.

Governance

The appraisal district is governed by a Board of Directors whose primary responsibilities include the following:

- Establish the district's office
- Appoint the Chief Appraiser
- Approve the district's budget annually
- Contract for necessary services
- Appoint the Appraisal Review Board
- Provide advice and consent to the Chief Appraiser concerning the appointment of an Agricultural Advisory Board
- Approve contracts with appraisal firms to perform appraisal services for the district
- Other statutory duties

To be eligible to serve on the board of directors, an individual must be a resident of the district and must have resided in the district for at least two years immediately preceding the date of appointment. Members of the Board of Directors will serve two-year terms beginning in January of even-numbered years.

The Chief Appraiser is the chief administrator of the appraisal district and is appointed by the board of directors. The chief appraiser must be certified (or actively working toward certification) as a Registered Professional Appraiser (RPA) through the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Appraisal Review Board members are appointed by the Board of Directors. To serve on the ARB, an individual must be a resident of the appraisal district and must have resided in the district for at least two years. The Lamar County Appraisal Review Board (ARB) is responsible by statute for the hearing and determination of taxpayer protests and taxing entity challenges.

Agricultural Advisory Board members are appointed by the Board of Directors at the recommendation of the chief appraiser to aide him in determining typical practices and standards for agricultural activities in the district.

Taxing Jurisdictions

The Lamar County Appraisal District is responsible for appraising all properties for each of the taxing jurisdictions within Lamar County.

*Lamar County

*City of Blossom

*City of Deport

*City of Paris

*City of Reno

*City of Roxton

*Chisum ISD

*Honey Grove ISD

*North Lamar ISD

*Paris ISD

*Prairiland ISD

*Roxton ISD

*Paris Junior College

Legislative Changes

Lamar County Appraisal District reviews all legislation that may affect the appraisal district operations. Once the laws are passed, Lamar County Appraisal District responds in a timely manner updating records, forms or procedures.

Property Types and Summary of Market Values

In 2017, the appraisal district appraisal concluded with a total value of \$5,001,742,402. All appraisals are appraised by the district appraisers except for industrial properties. The industrial appraisals are conducted by Capitol Appraisal. Below is a breakdown of the 2015 Values:

PROPERTY TYPE	TOTAL VALUE	PARCEL COUNT
Single Family Residence	\$1,065,026,055	14,663
Multifamily Residence	\$63,491,544	476
Vacant Lots and Land Tracts	\$43,198,533	4,594
Qualified Open Space Land	\$903,751,294	9,446
Improvement on Qualified Open Space Land	\$20,044,746	2,090
Rural Land, Non-Qualified Open Space	\$510,023,719	6,701
Commercial and Industrial Real Property	\$1,101,171,613	1,896
Utilities	\$267,290,992	200
Commercial & Industrial Personal Property	\$737,492,927	2,487
Tangible Other Personal, Mobile Homes	\$5,775,620	379
Residential Inventory	\$1,779,120	131
Special Inventory Tax	\$17,778,670	59
Totally Exempt Property	\$424,139,780	1,305

Exemption Data

Property owners may qualify for a variety of exemptions provided by the State of Texas Constitution. The most common exemptions are described below. The exemption information that is not as common can be found in the Property Tax Code, Chapter 11.

Residential Homestead

	STATE MANDATED	LOCAL OPTION	STATE MANDATED	LOCAL OPTION	STATE MANDATED
JURISDICTION	HOMESTEAD	HOMESTEAD	OVER 65	OVER 65 HS	DISABILITY
LAMAR COUNTY	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 14,000.00	\$ -
PARIS ISD	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
CITY OF PARIS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
PJC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
CHISUM ISD	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
NORTH LAMAR ISD	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
PRAIRILAND ISD	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
CITY OF RENO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
CITY OF BLOSSOM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
ROXTON ISD	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
CITY OF DEPORT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
CITY OF ROXTON	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,000.00	\$ -
HONEY GROVE SCHOOL	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00

Disabled Veterans

Sec 11.22 Disabled Veterans.

(a) A disabled veteran is entitled to an exemption from taxation of a portion

of the assessed value of a property the veteran owns and designates as provided

by subsection (f) of this section in accordance with the following schedule:

An Exemption of Up To	(of the assessed value)	At Least	But Not Greater Than
\$ 5,000.00		10%	30%
\$ 7,500.00		31%	50%
\$ 10,000.00		51%	70%
\$ 12,000.00		71%	and over

100% unemployable taxes \$ 00.00

*Once age 65 you get the full amount of the exemption.

State Ratio Study

The State Comptroller does a ratio study. The last ratio study for the entire county was performed in 2016 and a summary is included in this report. Results of the state ratio study can be found on Comptroller for the State of Texas at www.comptroller.texas.gov.

Appeal information

In 2017, the district prepared and delivered notices of appraised value for approximately 35500 real estate parcels and 2612 commercial personal property parcels. From those notices, approximately 703 owners protested.