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Property Owners Should Soon Start Receiving Appraisal Notices for the 2021 Tax Year

You may soon receive an appraisal notice from the Guadalupe Appraisal District. We mailed 77,683 appraisal notices today April 9th. Your city, county, school district and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set your 2021 property taxes.

Under Texas law, appraisal districts are required to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. The notice contains important information about the property's location, ownership and property tax exemptions that apply to the property. It will also provide an estimate of the taxes by local taxing units. This will be the final year the we include the estimate of taxes on appraisal notices. A new truth-in-taxation website has been created as a result of legislation passed during the 86th Legislative Session. The new website will provide property owners with the ability to search for their account, similar to our District website, and observe how the various tax rates would impact their property tax liability. This new website is activated once we have certified our appraisal roll for that year, July 25th. A link to this new website will be available on our website www.guadalupead.org.

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 Guadalupe Appraisal District Review Board (ARB). The ARB is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling property owner protests. The notice of appraised value includes instructions on how and when to file a protest, a protest form and the Comptroller's *Property Taxpayer Remedies*. The deadline for filing a protest with the ARB is May 15 or 30 days after your notice of appraised value was delivered to you.

The Comptroller's 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.

Property Taxpayer Remedies is available from the Guadalupe Appraisal District at www.guadalupead.org. The publication is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.