

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Property Owners Should Soon Start Receiving Appraisal Notices for the 2026 Tax Year**

All owners of property within Guadalupe County can expect an appraisal notice for the 2026 tax year. Nearly 115,000 appraisal notices were mailed on April 10, 2026. Your city, county, school district and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set your 2026 property taxes.

Under Texas law, local appraisal districts must 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 must also include a web address where you can find the property's tax information.

Homesteaded property owners should note that their tax liability may increase even if their property's market value decreased from the prior appraisal year as a result of the 10% homestead cap benefit from the prior year.

Property owners who disagree with their property's appraised value, the exemptions or any other action by the appraisal district have the right to appeal to the Guadalupe Appraisal 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, a statement about the availability of an informal conference prior to attending a protest hearing and a copy of the Comptroller's Taxpayer Assistance Pamphlet. The deadline for filing an ARB protest is May 15 or 30 days after your notice of appraised value was mailed to you.

The Comptroller's publication, Taxpayer Assistance Pamphlet, explains in detail how to protest your property appraisal, what issues the ARB can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. It also discusses the function of a taxpayer liaison officer, the option to request limited binding arbitration to compel the ARB or chief appraiser to comply with a procedural requirement and the options of taking your case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or regular binding arbitration if you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your ARB hearing.

The Taxpayer Assistance Pamphlet is available from the Guadalupe Appraisal District at <https://guadalupead.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Taxpayer-Assistance-Pamphlet.pdf>. You may also find the publication on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website: [comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/](https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/).