



FORT BEND CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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Fort Bend Central Appraisal District Certifies Appraisal Roll

FORT BEND – Jordan Wise, chief appraiser of the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District (FBCAD), certified the 2021 appraisal roll following its approval by the Fort Bend Appraisal Review Board.

The appraisal roll contains the certified values of all real and business personal property accounts in the county. FBCAD's statutory obligation is to accurately and uniformly value all property at 100% of market value for inclusion on the appraisal roll.

After certification, the appraisal rolls are transmitted to the county, cities, school districts, and other jurisdictions to begin the tax rate adoption process which ultimately determines the amount of taxes for each individual property.

"We're happy to announce the certification of the appraisal rolls ahead of schedule," said Wise. "The taxing jurisdictions of Fort Bend County have a timely delivered appraisal roll that affords them a large degree of certainty in their rate adoption process."

The Texas Property Tax Code requires that at least 95% of the appraised value of all protests be resolved prior to certification. FBCAD certified with more than 99% of this value.

Between April and July, approximately 83,000 protests were heard and resolved. Total protest volume was down slightly from the previous year.

Taxing jurisdictions will now begin the process of updating that tool with information specific to the 2021 valuation. Rate adoption public hearings are typically held in August or September.

In addition to certification, Wise emphasized a new tool that equips property owners with important information, news, dates, and meeting locations for tax rate adoption proceedings.

"FortBendTax.org is a great tool for property owners who want to be involved in the tax rate adoption process," Wise continued. "Property owners can input their address and have instant access to the truth-in-taxation information specific to their property. This website is an important part of our efforts to increase transparency and information about the property tax system."

Questions about the certification process and the truth-in-taxation tool, www.fortbendtax.org, can be directed to our Information & Assistance Division at 281-344-8623 or the Director of Communications at info@fbcad.org.

About FBCAD

The Fort Bend Central Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas established in 1982 for the purpose of discovering and appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes for each taxing unit within the boundaries of the district. The district has approximately 380,000 accounts to appraise each year with a total market value of approximately \$107 billion. The Fort Bend Central Appraisal District serves approximately 220 taxing units. For further information, visit www.fbcad.org.