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FBCAD Implements New Program to Expedite Exemption Processing

FORT BEND COUNTY, TX –The Fort Bend Central Appraisal District (FBCAD) is proud to announce the launching of a new, online tool designed to streamline the homestead exemption application process.

FBCAD recently partnered with Just Appraised, a software as a service provider, to create an online portal for the submitting and tracking of homestead applications. Property owners must opt-in to this system by creating an account. Once created, the user will be able to login, apply for the homestead exemption, submit required documents, and check the status of their application all from the safety of their home.

As a property owner enters their information, the system coaches them through the process, asking relevant questions and prompting for additional information, as needed. These prompts should reduce the number of incomplete applications. At the end of the application process, the property owner is able to upload and submit documents and images directly into the system. Once the application is submitted, the property owner will immediately start to receive updates on the status of their application.

“FBCAD’s new administration is committed to improving the level of service provided to our community,” said Jordan Wise, Chief Appraiser. “A homestead exemption is the single easiest way for a homeowner to reduce their property tax liability and this new online exemption portal provides property owners a streamlined system to apply.”

Existing exemption applications will not be affected by the implementation of this system. Property owners should NOT reapply if they have an existing or pending exemption application. Online application tracking is only available through the new, online system.

Property owners with existing applications can still contact the appraisal district directly for a status check or search for their property on <https://esearch.fbcad.org/> and look next to the “Exemptions” heading. Out of concerns for privacy, please note that not all exemptions will appear on the website.

Property owners will still be able to mail or submit applications in person. However, applications submitted outside the online portal will not receive the benefit of tracking and status updates.

For additional information on homestead exemptions or the new exemption program, contact the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District at 281-344-8623 or visit www.fbcad.org. Property owners may apply online for the homestead exemption at www.fbcad.org under “E-Services” > “Exemptions Portal”.

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.