

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

You may soon receive an appraisal notice from the Zavala County Appraisal District. The appraisal district mailed out the appraisal notices on Friday, May 14, 2021. 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, county 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.

Property owners who

disagree with the appraised value of their property, the exemptions or any other action by the appraisal district has the right to appeal to the Zavala County 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 included instructions on how and when to file a protest, a protest form, and the Comptroller's *Property Tax Remedies*. The deadline for filing a protest with the ARB is June 14, 2021 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 Zavala County Appraisal District at 323 W. Zavala St. Crystal City, TX 78839. The publication is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

