

## NEWS RELEASE FROM THE MILAM APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Milam Appraisal District has closed our doors to public access until further notice. The Appraisal District staff will be in house to answer phones and correspondence in the office Tuesday through Friday from 10AM to 2PM. We will assist the public by phone, fax, mail and email. Information can also be obtained from our website, [www.milamad.org](http://www.milamad.org). The office personnel are keeping their distance and limiting the number of people in the office. These directives are in response to President Trump's National Emergency Declaration and Texas Governor Greg Abbott's Public Health Disaster Declaration.

I am granting an **automatic thirty-day extension for Business Personal Property Renditions**. The extension will move the deadline from April 15 to **May 15**.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property the business owner owned or controlled on January 1 of this year. Examples of personal property include computers, desks, chairs, office supplies, business inventory, machinery and vehicles used to produce income. The appraisal district has already mailed personal property rendition forms to businesses known to have been operating in Milam County during the previous year. However, all business owners are required to file renditions regardless of receiving notification. A rendition form is available on the appraisal district's website at [www.milamad.org](http://www.milamad.org) under the "Forms" tab. Additional information is also available under the "General Info" tab, Business Personal Property.

As the Chief Appraiser for the Milam Appraisal District, I will continue to do my best for the citizens of Milam County within the confines of the law. In light of the pandemic, it is important for you to know that Texas appraisal districts have been in contact with the Governor's office and taxing unit organizations. However, there are currently no waivers or extensions pertaining to this year's ad valorem appraisal year. Any such waivers or extensions would require legislative action. For that reason, we must continue with appraisals as required by law.

Our offices are about to undergo the busiest time of the year concerning taxpayer visits and correspondence. We are fast approaching the time to send 2020 Appraisal Value Notices. We will implement changes to address any health-related concerns; such as requiring protests to be filed online or by mail and conducting hearings over the phone.

Appraisal districts are still mandated to appraise as of January 1 and will go through the same Comptroller-performed audits as in past years. Texas school funding will still be reliant on timely establishing accurate market values. Certified Appraisal Values will be sent to the taxing units by [July 25](#).

There is currently nothing in the property tax law to allow the current pandemic to factor into this year's property tax appraisal valuation. While we are all sympathetic to the situation we are facing,

our hands are tied without legislative changes. It is our hope that we will not exacerbate an already serious time for Texans. For questions concerning the appraisal district, please call 254-697-6638, fax 254-697-7752 or email me directly at [dwhite@milamad.org](mailto:dwhite@milamad.org). Thank you and stay safe.

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