

NEWS RELEASE FROM THE MILAM APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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Milam Appraisal District is still closed to public access until further notice. The Appraisal District staff will be in house to answer phones and correspondence Monday through Friday from 9AM to 4PM. 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). These directives are in response to President Trump's National Emergency Declaration and Texas Governor Greg Abbott's Public Health Disaster Declaration.

Appraisal Notices for the 2020 tax year were mailed on Friday, May 1, 2020 with the exception of Business Personal Property due to extending the deadline (\*\*See bottom of page). Property Owners will have until June 1, 2020 to protest their value after receiving their Notice of Appraised Value. Due to COVID-19 their protest must be filed by mail, email, fax, or online through our website. Also due to COVID-19 there will be no person to person informals this year. We will continue to monitor the ongoing situation and will implement changes to address any health-related concerns; such as requiring protest 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](#).

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.

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.

\*\*\*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**.

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