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1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036

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Send only the clean form(s) to HCAD — by mail, drop-off, or upload. Keep your copy.

The pages stamped «YOUR COPY / DO NOT MAIL» are for your records — do NOT mail or upload them to HCAD. Send only the clean, un-stamped form page(s).

Mail to: Harris Central Appraisal District, P.O. Box 922004, Houston, TX 77292-2004 · or drop off at 13013 Northwest Freeway. The **protest** (50-132) can be filed online by iFile at owners.hcad.org. **Exemption forms** are filed by mail or in person — except the **homestead** exemption, which may also be filed online at hcad.org (over-65, disability, and veteran exemptions cannot).

Property Owner's Notice of Protest

for Counties with Populations Greater than 120,000

Form 50-132

Harris Central Appraisal District	1234567890123	2026
Appraisal District's County	Appraisal District Account Number *(if known)*	Tax Year

GENERAL INFORMATION: A property owner or an owner's designated agent can use this form to file a protest with the appraisal review board (ARB) pursuant to Tax Code Section 41.41. Lessees contractually obligated to reimburse a property owner for property taxes may be entitled to protest as a lessee if all Tax Code requirements are met, including those in Tax Code Section 41.413.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: File this document and all supporting documentation with the appraisal district office in the county in which the property is taxable. **Do <u>not</u> file this document with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.**

SECTION 1: Property Owner or Lessee

☐ Person Age 65 or Older ☐ Disabled Person ☐ Military Service Member ☑ Military Veteran ☐ Spouse of a Military Service Member or Veteran

JOHN SMITH
Name of Property Owner or Lessee

1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036
Mailing Address, City, State, ZIP Code

(713) 555-0100
Phone Number *(area code and number)*

SECTION 2: Property Description

1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036
Physical Address, City, State, ZIP Code *(if different than above)*

If no street address, provide legal description: ______________________

Mobile Home Make, Model and Identification *(if applicable)*: ______________________

SECTION 3: Reasons for Protest

To preserve your right to present each reason for your ARB protest according to law, be sure to select all boxes that apply. Failure to select the box that corresponds to each reason for your protest may result in your inability to protest an issue that you want to pursue.

- ☑ Incorrect appraised (market) value and/or value is unequal compared with other properties.
- ☐ Property should not be taxed in ______________ *(taxing unit)*.
- ☐ Property is not located in this appraisal district or otherwise should not be included on the appraisal district's record.
- ☐ Failure to send required notice. ______________ *(type)*
- ☐ Exemption was denied, modified or canceled.
- ☐ Temporary disaster damage exemption was denied or modified.
- ☐ Ag-use, open-space or other special appraisal was denied, modified or canceled.
- ☐ Change in use of land appraised as ag-use, open-space or timberland.
- ☐ Incorrect appraised or market value of land under special appraisal for ag-use, open-space or other special appraisal.
- ☐ Owner's name is incorrect.
- ☐ Property description is incorrect.
- ☐ Incorrect damage assessment rating for a property qualified for a temporary disaster exemption.
- ☐ Circuit breaker limitation on appraised value for all other real property was denied, modified or canceled.
- ☐ Incorrect appraised value and allocation of value of a structure, archaeological site and land necessary for access under a historic site exemption.
- ☐ Other: ______________

SECTION 4: Additional Facts

What is your opinion of your property's value? *(optional)* $ $330,000

Provide facts that may help resolve this protest:

See attached equal-and-uniform comparable-property evidence.

SECTION 5: Hearing Type

Do you request an informal conference with the appraisal office before the protest hearing? .... ☑ Yes ☐ No

Do you request a single-member ARB panel or a regular panel of at least three members? .... ☐ Single-member panel ☑ Regular panel

A property owner does not waive the right to appear in person at a protest hearing by submitting an affidavit to the ARB or by electing to appear by telephone conference call or videoconference.

I intend to appear in the ARB hearing scheduled for my protest in the following manner *(check only one box):*

☑ In person

☐ By telephone conference call and will submit evidence with a written affidavit delivered to the ARB before the hearing begins.** *(may use Comptroller Form 50-283, Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence)*

☐ By videoconference and will submit evidence with a written affidavit delivered to the ARB before the hearing begins.** *(may use Comptroller Form 50-283, Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence)*

☐ On written affidavit submitted with evidence and delivered to the ARB **before** the hearing begins

SECTION 6: ARB Hearing Notice and Procedures

I request my notice of hearing to be delivered by *(check one box only)*:

☑ Regular first-class mail

☐ Certified mail and agree to pay the cost *(if applicable)*

If a protest goes to a hearing, the ARB automatically sends each party a copy of the ARB's hearing procedures.

I want the ARB to send me a copy of its hearing procedures .... ☑ Yes ☐ No

Do you request an electronic reminder by text or email of the date, time and place of your ARB protest hearing? *(check one box only)*:

☐ Yes, by text to ____________________
Mobile Phone Number (*area code and number*)

☐ Yes, by email to ____________________
Email Address*

☑ No

* An email address of a member of the public could be confidential under Government Code Section 552.137; however, by including the email address on this form, you are affirmatively consenting to its release under the Public Information Act.

SECTION 7: Special Panel Request for Property Value of $62.9 Million or More

I request a special panel to hear my protest: .... ☐ Yes ☑ No

My property is appraised at $62.9 million or greater: .... ☐ Yes ☑ No

Appraisal district's value assigned to your property $ $407,000

Property Classification:

☐ Commercial real and personal property ☐ Real and personal property of utilities

☐ Industrial and manufacturing real and personal property ☐ Multifamily residential real property

SECTION 8: Certification and Signature

☑ Property Owner ☐ Property Owner's Agent ☐ Other: ____________________

print here JOHN SMITH
Print Name of Property Owner or Authorized Representative

sign here ____________________ 07/25/2026
Signature of Property Owner or Authorized Representative Date

** If you decide later to appear by telephone conference call or videoconference, you must provide written notice to the ARB at least five days before the hearing, or 10 days before the hearing if you have an authorized representative. You are responsible for providing access to the call to any person(s) you wish to invite to participate in the hearing. Review the ARB's hearing procedures for county-specific conference call or videoconference procedures.

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Important Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

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FILING INSTRUCTIONS

This form and all supporting documentation must be filed with the appraisal district office in each county in which the property is located. **Do not file this document with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.** Contact information for appraisal district offices may be found on the Comptroller's website.

SINGLE-MEMBER PANELS

An ARB must provide the option of a single-member panel hearing if requested in the notice of protest or submitted in writing to the ARB not later than the 10th day before the hearing date (Tax Code Section 41.45(b-4)).

SPECIAL PANELS

Special panels are available in counties with a population of 1.2 million or more. To qualify for a special panel to hear your protest, a property must have an appraised value determined by the appraisal district of equal to or greater than the minimum eligibility amount determined by Tax Code Section 6.425(g) and be classified as one of the following:

- commercial real and personal property;
- real and personal property of utilities;
- industrial and manufacturing real and personal property; or
- multifamily residential real property.

ELECTRONIC REMINDER

Electronic reminders are available in counties with a population of 120,000 or more. You must request the reminder on your notice of protest or in writing and provide a valid email address or telephone number (Tax Code Section 41.46(f)).

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF COMMUNICATIONS

A property owner or their authorized representative may request electronic communications from a tax official under Tax Code Section 1.085(a-1) by using Form 50-843, *Request for Electronic Delivery of Communications with a Tax Official*. The form must be filed with the applicable tax official in the county where the property is located.

FINAL ORDER OF DETERMINATION

Email delivery of the order of determination is available in counties with a population of 120,000 or more.

DEADLINES

With exceptions, the typical deadline for filing a notice of protest is midnight, May 15 (Tax Code Section 41.44). Contact the ARB for the county in which the property is located for the specific protest filing deadline.

NOTICE

The Comptroller's office may not advise a property owner, a property owner's agent, the chief appraiser or any appraisal district employee on a matter that the Comptroller's office knows is the subject of an ARB protest. Consult Tax Code Chapter 41 or the ARB hearing procedures for more information.

Disabled Veteran's or Survivor's Exemption Application

Form 50-135

Harris Central Appraisal District
Appraisal District's Name

1234567890123
Appraisal District Account Number *(if known)*

Are you filing a late application? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tax Year(s) for Application 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION: Property owners applying for a disabled veteran's or survivor's exemption file this form and supporting documentation with the appraisal district in each county in which the property is located (Tax Code Sections 11.22 and 11.43). **Do not file this document with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.**

SECTION 1: Property Owner/Applicant

Did the applicant own the property that is the subject of this application on Jan. 1 of the tax year? . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

JOHN SMITH
Name of Property Owner

Driver's Licence, Personal I.D. Certificate or Social Security Number*

1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036
Physical Address, City, State, ZIP Code

(713) 555-0100
Primary Phone Number *(area code and number)*

Email Address**

Mailing Address of Property Owner (if different from the physical address provided above):

1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036
Mailing Address, City, State, ZIP Code

Are you a Texas resident? . . . . ☒ Yes ☐ No

SECTION 2: Authorized Representative

If you are an individual property owner filing this application on your own behalf, skip to section 3; all other applicants are required to complete section 2.

Indicate the basis for your authority to represent the property owner in filing this application.

☐ Attorney for property owner
☐ Agent for tax matters appointed under Tax Code Section 1.111 with completed and signed Form 50-162
☐ Other and explain basis:

Name of Authorized Representative

Title of Authorized Representative

Primary Phone Number *(area code and number)*

Email Address**

Mailing Address, City, State, ZIP Code

SECTION 3: Property Descriptions

1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036
Physical Address *(i.e. street address, not P.O. Box)*, City, State, Zip Code

Appraisal District Account Number *(if known)*

Manufactured Home *(make, model, and identification number)*

Legal Description:

SECTION 4: Type of Exemption and Qualifications

Select the exemption for which you are applying.

- [x] **Veteran classified as disabled by the Veteran's Administration (VA) or a service branch of the U.S. armed forces**
- [ ] **Surviving spouse or child of a deceased disabled veteran**
- [ ] **Surviving spouse or child of U.S. armed service member who died on active duty**

JOHN SMITH
Veteran's Name

U.S. Army	50		
Branch of Service	Disability Rating	Age	Serial Number

Does the service-connected disability include: .... ☐ Loss of use of one or more limbs ☐ Blindness in one or both eyes

Are you the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran? .... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, have you remarried? .... ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you the surviving spouse of a U.S. armed service member who died on active duty? .... ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a surviving child of a deceased disabled veteran or U.S. armed service member who died on active duty? .... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes: Did the spouse survive the veteran or the U.S. armed service member? .... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, are you: Under 18 years of age? .... ☐ Yes ☐ No

Unmarried? .... ☐ Yes ☐ No

Number of qualifying parent's children who are under 18 and unmarried .... ______

SECTION 5: Additional Documents to be Provided

Attach documentation from the VA or service branch identifying the most recent disability rating.

SECTION 6: Certification and Signature

I understand if I make a false statement on this form, I could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Penal Code Section 37.10.

I, JOHN SMITH, ______________________, swear or affirm the following:
Printed Name of Property Owner or Authorized Representative Title/Authorization

1. that each fact contained in this application is true and correct; and
2. that the property described in this application meets the qualifications under Texas law for the exemption claimed.

sign here ➧ ______________________ ______________
Signature of Property Owner/Authorized Representative Date

* Social security number (SSN) disclosure may be required for tax administration and identification. (42 U.S.C. §405(c)(2)(C)(i); Tax Code §11.43(f)). A driver's license number, personal identification number or social security number disclosed in an exemption application is confidential and not open to public inspection, except as authorized by Tax Code §11.48(b).

** May be confidential under Government Code §552.137; however, by including the email address on this form, you are affirmatively consenting to its release under the Public Information Act.

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Important Information

GENERAL INFORMATION
This application is for use in claiming a property tax exemption pursuant to Tax Code Section 11.22 for property owned by a disabled veteran, the surviving spouse or surviving child, with a service-connected disability, or a U.S. armed service member who died on active duty.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS
Property owners applying for a disabled veteran's or survivor's exemption may file this form and supporting documentation with the appraisal district in the county in which the property is located. **Do not file this document with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.** Contact information for appraisal district offices may be found on the Comptroller's website.

APPLICATION DEADLINES (Tax Code Section 11.43(a-d)):
You must submit the completed application and supporting documents to the appraisal district between Jan. 1 and April 30 of the tax year for which you request the exemption. For good cause shown, the chief appraiser may extend the deadline for filing the application by written order for a single period not to exceed 60 days. The chief appraiser may disapprove the application and request additional information. If the chief appraiser requests additional information, the information must be furnished within 30 days after the date of the request, or the application is denied. For good cause shown, the chief appraiser may extend the deadline for furnishing the information by written order for a single period not to exceed 15 days. If the chief appraiser denies the application, you may protest that determination to the county appraisal review board under Tax Code chapter 41.

LATE APPLICATIONS (Tax Code Section 11.439):
Applicants may file a late application no later than five years after the delinquency date for the taxes on the designated property.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
Applicants must provide the following documentation supporting this exemption request:

- attach a copy of property owner's driver's license or state-issued personal identification certificate
- documentation indicating the percentage of disability certified by the Veterans Administration or its successor or the branch of the armed services in which the veteran served

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUEST
Once this exemption is allowed, an application does not have to be filed annually unless the ownership of the property changes or qualifications for the exemption change. The chief appraiser may require a new application to be filed to confirm current eligibility by sending written notice and an application form.

DUTY TO NOTIFY
If eligibility ends, the property owner must notify the appraisal district in writing before May 1 after the eligibility ends.

EXEMPTION QUALIFICATIONS (Tax Code Section 11.22):
Disabled Veteran's Exemption A qualified individual is entitled to an exemption from taxation of a portion of the assessed value of one property the applicant owns and designates. This application applies to property owned on Jan. 1 of this year.

To qualify, an individual must be a Texas resident and possess a veteran's percentage of disability certified by the Veterans' Administration (VA) or its successor or the branch of the armed services in which the veteran served.

A qualified applicant can receive this exemption on only one property, which must be the same for every taxing unit in which the applicant claims the exemption.

A disability rating from 10-29 percent can have and exemption up to $5,000 from the property's assessed value, 30-49 percent up to $7,500, 50-69 percent up to $10,000 and 70-100 percent up to $12,000.

Disability Rating	Exemption Amount Up To
10% - 29%	$5,000 from the property value
30% - 49%	$7,500 from the property value
50% - 69%	$10,000 from the property value
70% - 100%	$12,000 from the property value

A disabled veteran may also qualify for an exemption of $12,000 of the assessed value of the property if the veteran is age 65 or older with a disability rating of at least 10 percent; totally blind in one or both eyes; or has lost the use of one or more limbs.

Survivor's Exemption (Tax Code Section 11.22(c)(d)): The veteran's surviving spouse is entitled to an exemption from taxation of a portion of the assessed value of a property the spouse owns and designates for the exemption. The amount of the exemption is the amount of the veteran's exemption at the time of death. The spouse is entitled to this exemption only for as long as the spouse remains unmarried.

If the spouse does not survive the veteran, each of the veteran's surviving children who is younger than 18 years of age and unmarried is entitled to an exemption from taxation of a portion of the assessed value of a property the child owns and designates for the exemption.

Your answers — change any before you file

These are the choices you made; we just placed them on the forms. Read them over — if anything is wrong, cross it out and write the correct answer by hand before you mail.

PROPERTY & OWNER

Owner name	**JOHN SMITH**
Property address	**1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036**
Mailing address	**1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036**
Phone	**(713) 555-0100**
HCAD account	**1234567890123**
Tax year	**2026**

YOUR PROTEST

Your opinion of value	**$330,000**
Owner status	**Military veteran**

HEARING CHOICES (FORM 50-132)

Informal conference first	**Yes**
ARB panel	**Three or more members**
How you'll attend	**In person**
Hearing notice by	**Regular mail**
Send hearing procedures	**Yes**
Reminder	**By email**

VETERAN

Veteran name	**JOHN SMITH**
Branch of service	**U.S. Army**
Disability rating	**50%**

Before you mail, write these in by hand

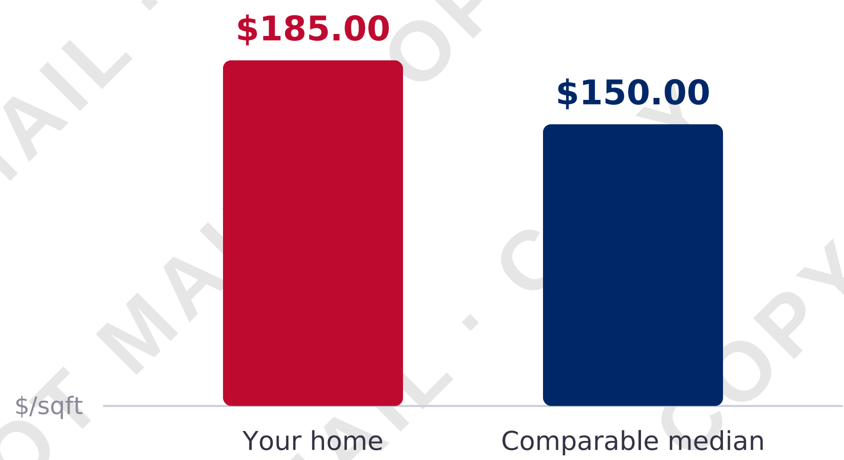
A few things must be added in ink — they can't be typed for you:

- Sign each form by hand — we left the signature line blank for your ink signature.
- Form 50-135 has a Social Security number line. We never ask for it online. If you'd rather use your SSN than a driver's license, write it in by hand.
- Add your Texas driver's license or ID number (or leave it blank and attach a copy).

YOUR COPY

Equal & Uniform Comparison

Under Texas Tax Code §41.43(b)(3), a home may not be appraised higher **per square foot** than a reasonable number of comparable homes, appropriately adjusted. This home is assessed at **$185.00/sqft**. Across **11** comparable homes (size within 17.5%, age within 12 years), the median is **$150.00/sqft — 23% higher**. Applied to 2,200 sqft, an equal-and-uniform value is about **$330,000**, a reduction of **$77,000**.



Address	Account #	Sqft	Eff. Yr	HCAD Appraised	$/sqft
1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036 (SUBJECT)	**1234567890123**	**2,200**	**2005**	**$407,000**	**$185.00**
1200 ELM LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892000	2,025	2003	$281,475	$139.00
1207 MAPLE LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892001	2,060	2004	$292,520	$142.00
1214 CEDAR LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892002	2,095	2005	$303,775	$145.00
1221 OAK LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892003	2,130	2006	$313,110	$147.00
1228 BIRCH LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892004	2,165	2007	$322,585	$149.00
1235 WILLOW LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892005	2,200	2003	$330,000	$150.00
1270 LAUREL LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892010	2,375	2003	$356,250	$150.00
1242 ASPEN LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892006	2,235	2004	$339,720	$152.00
1249 PINE LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892007	2,270	2005	$349,580	$154.00
1256 WALNUT LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892008	2,305	2006	$359,580	$156.00
1263 HAZEL LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892009	2,340	2007	$369,720	$158.00

Showing 11 of 11 qualifying comparables; median computed across all. Source: Harris County Appraisal District public records.

Legal Basis

YOUR COPY

Texas Tax Code §41.43(b)(3) — a protest on unequal appraisal is determined in favor of the owner unless the appraisal district establishes that the appraised value is equal to or less than the median appraised value of a reasonable number of comparable properties, appropriately adjusted. This evidence establishes that median.

How to file your protest

There are **two ways** to file — pick one: **(1)** print **PART 2 (the MAIL-to-HCAD part)** and mail it to HCAD, or **(2)** file online with **HCAD iFile** and upload your evidence file. To file online:

1. **Go to owners.hcad.org** and sign in. You'll need your **HCAD account number** (1234567890123) and your **iFile number** — it's in the top-right corner of your Notice of Appraised Value. Lost the notice? Scan your driver's license at features.hcad.org to retrieve it.
2. **Start a protest** for this property and choose the reason **«value is over market / unequal appraisal.»**
3. **Answer iFile's questions using this kit as your answer key.** Your answers are already written on the «Your answers» page and Form 50-132 in this kit — copy the same ones into iFile:
    - Your opinion of value → **$330,000**
    - Reason for protest → unequal appraisal (equal & uniform)
    - Hearing choices (informal meeting, panel, how you'll attend, notice) → same as your Form 50-132
4. **Upload your evidence file** — the separate «iFile evidence» PDF you downloaded (the Equal & Uniform comparison). Attach it as your evidence.
5. **Submit** before the deadline: May 15 (or 30 days after your appraisal notice date, whichever is later). You'll get a confirmation — save it.

> iFile's screens use HCAD's own wording, so they won't match this form line-for-line — but the answers above are exactly what it asks for.

> **WHAT TO DO NEXT — YOUR HEARING**
>
> After you file your protest, HCAD mails you a notice with the hearing **date and time**. You keep the right to present your case live whichever way you choose — the only difference is that phone/video/affidavit must PRE-FILE the evidence.
>
> **You chose: in person.** No affidavit and no upload needed. When your hearing notice arrives, bring this kit and your comparable-property evidence to the hearing and present it. If you want to try to settle first, HCAD usually offers an informal meeting — most reductions happen there.

YOUR COPY

If your case goes to a hearing (ARB) — the short playbook

Most protests settle before a hearing. If yours does go: it's a short meeting (usually 15–20 minutes) in front of the **Appraisal Review Board (ARB)** — local residents, **not HCAD employees**. They decide only your home's **value**; they don't set tax rates and by law they **cannot consider your personal finances**.

> **The step almost nobody takes:** at least **14 days** before your hearing the appraisal district must send you the ARB's hearing procedures and **tell you that you may request copies of the evidence they intend to use**. Ask for it in writing as soon as your notice arrives — then you walk in already knowing which comparable homes they picked.

Inside the hearing

- The ARB must send you the date, time and place **at least 15 days ahead**. Arrive early.
- **You choose who presents first** — you or the HCAD appraiser. Going first anchors your number; going second lets you answer theirs.
- Bring **copies for every panel member** plus the HCAD representative (usually 4–5 sets).
- The ARB's decision applies to **this tax year only** — you can protest again next year.

What to say, word for word

> *«Good morning. My home is appraised at $407,000. I pulled homes of similar size and age in my neighborhood from the district's own records; their **median** appraised value per square foot is lower than mine. Based on **equal and uniform** appraisal, I'm asking for a value of $330,000.»*

What NOT to say — «my taxes are too high» (the ARB doesn't set rates) · «I can't afford it» (the law forbids them from weighing it) · attacking the appraiser personally · Zillow-style estimates alone (Texas doesn't make sale prices public, so they carry little weight).

If the ARB says no — you have **60 days** from the written order. A homestead owner can request **binding arbitration at any value**: the deposit is **$450** for a homestead appraised at $500,000 or less. If the arbitrator's value lands **closer to yours** than to the ARB's, your deposit is refunded less a $50 administrative fee and the district pays the arbitrator; if it doesn't, your deposit pays the arbitrator. **Your taxes must be current** or the case is dismissed. File through Texas.gov or on Form AP-219. Or simply re-check free next spring.

YOUR COPY

Your ready-to-send request for HCAD's evidence — sign and send

Under Texas Tax Code §41.461 you may request a copy of the data and material the appraisal district will use at your hearing. More importantly, under **§41.67(d)**, information you requested that they fail to deliver **at least 14 days before the hearing may not be used as evidence**. Send this as early as you can — ideally the same day you file your protest.

How to send it (pick one):

1. Upload or send it from your account at **owners.hcad.org** (you'll need your HCAD account number + iFile number).
2. Mail or drop off: **Harris Central Appraisal District, 13013 Northwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77040-6305**.
3. Call **(713) 957-7800** to ask where your hearing evidence is — write down the date you called.

Keep proof of the date you asked.

07/25/2026

Harris Central Appraisal District
13013 Northwest Freeway
Houston, TX 77040-6305

RE: Request for information under Texas Tax Code §41.461
Property owner: **JOHN SMITH**
Property address: **1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036**
HCAD account number: **1234567890123**
Tax year: **2026**

To the Chief Appraiser:

I have filed a notice of protest on the property identified above. Under Texas Tax Code Section 41.461, I request a copy of all data, schedules, formulas, and any other information the chief appraiser plans to introduce at my hearing to establish any matter at issue, including the comparable properties and any adjustments applied to them.

Please deliver this information to me at least 14 days before my scheduled hearing, or make it available in my account at owners.hcad.org. I understand that under Section 41.67(d), information requested under Section 41.461 that is not delivered to me at least 14 days before the hearing may not be used as evidence at that hearing.

Sincerely,

JOHN SMITH
1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036
Phone: (713) 555-0100

A veteran's exemption you may qualify for

YOUR COPY

With a VA disability rating of **50%**, you may qualify for an exemption of up to **$10,000** from the assessed value of one property (Texas Tax Code Section 11.22). A veteran's exemption can be filed late **up to 5 years** after the tax delinquency date. A veteran who is age 65+, blind in one or both eyes, or has lost the use of one or more limbs may qualify for **$12,000**. Only HCAD decides eligibility — this is not legal or tax advice. Your Form 50-135 is pre-filled below.

How to file Form 50-135

1. **Sign it.** You must sign (it is a sworn document). Fill in branch of service, disability rating, age, and serial number.
2. **Attach your documents:**
   - Your VA disability rating letter (the Benefit Summary Letter from va.gov), showing the most recent rating.
   - A copy of your Texas driver's license / state ID.
3. **Submit — mail or in person only:** mail to Harris Central Appraisal District, P.O. Box 922004, Houston, TX 77292-2004, OR drop off in person at 13013 Northwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77040. **This exemption cannot be filed online or by iFile** (only homestead can be filed online).
4. **HCAD does NOT accept applications by email.** Only the three channels above.
5. **Deadline:** Jan 1 – Apr 30 (late filing allowed up to 5 years back, Tax Code 11.439).

Two separate filings. Your protest and your exemption application both go to HCAD and may share one envelope, but they are separate filings. The protest must be filed by May 15 (or 30 days after your appraisal notice date, whichever is later) — this deadline is firm. The exemption is due April 30 but can be filed late (homestead up to about 2 years back, veteran up to 5 years), so if you are short on time, mail the protest first.

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Harris Central Appraisal District	1234567890123	2026
Appraisal District's County	Appraisal District Account Number *(if known)*	Tax Year

GENERAL INFORMATION: A property owner or an owner's designated agent can use this form to file a protest with the appraisal review board (ARB) pursuant to Tax Code Section 41.41. Lessees contractually obligated to reimburse a property owner for property taxes may be entitled to protest as a lessee if all Tax Code requirements are met, including those in Tax Code Section 41.413.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: File this document and all supporting documentation with the appraisal district office in the county in which the property is taxable. **Do not file this document with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.**

SECTION 1: Property Owner or Lessee

☐ Person Age 65 or Older ☐ Disabled Person ☐ Military Service Member ☑ Military Veteran ☐ Spouse of a Military Service Member or Veteran

JOHN SMITH
Name of Property Owner or Lessee

1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036
Mailing Address, City, State, ZIP Code

(713) 555-0100
Phone Number *(area code and number)*

SECTION 2: Property Description

1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036
Physical Address, City, State, ZIP Code *(if different than above)*

If no street address, provide legal description: ____________________

Mobile Home Make, Model and Identification *(if applicable)*: ____________________

SECTION 3: Reasons for Protest

To preserve your right to present each reason for your ARB protest according to law, be sure to select all boxes that apply. Failure to select the box that corresponds to each reason for your protest may result in your inability to protest an issue that you want to pursue.

- ☑ Incorrect appraised (market) value and/or value is unequal compared with other properties.
- ☐ Property should not be taxed in ____________________ *(taxing unit)*.
- ☐ Property is not located in this appraisal district or otherwise should not be included on the appraisal district's record.
- ☐ Failure to send required notice. ____________________ *(type)*
- ☐ Exemption was denied, modified or canceled.
- ☐ Temporary disaster damage exemption was denied or modified.
- ☐ Ag-use, open-space or other special appraisal was denied, modified or canceled.
- ☐ Change in use of land appraised as ag-use, open-space or timberland.
- ☐ Incorrect appraised or market value of land under special appraisal for ag-use, open-space or other special appraisal.
- ☐ Owner's name is incorrect.
- ☐ Property description is incorrect.
- ☐ Incorrect damage assessment rating for a property qualified for a temporary disaster exemption.
- ☐ Circuit breaker limitation on appraised value for all other real property was denied, modified or canceled.
- ☐ Incorrect appraised value and allocation of value of a structure, archaeological site and land necessary for access under a historic site exemption.
- ☐ Other: ____________________

SECTION 4: Additional Facts

What is your opinion of your property's value? *(optional)* $ $330,000

Provide facts that may help resolve this protest:

See attached equal-and-uniform comparable-property evidence.

SECTION 5: Hearing Type

Do you request an informal conference with the appraisal office before the protest hearing? .... ☑ Yes ☐ No

Do you request a single-member ARB panel or a regular panel of at least three members? .... ☐ Single-member panel ☑ Regular panel

A property owner does not waive the right to appear in person at a protest hearing by submitting an affidavit to the ARB or by electing to appear by telephone conference call or videoconference.

I intend to appear in the ARB hearing scheduled for my protest in the following manner *(check only one box):*

☑ In person

☐ By telephone conference call and will submit evidence with a written affidavit delivered to the ARB before the hearing begins.** *(may use Comptroller Form 50-283, Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence)*

☐ By videoconference and will submit evidence with a written affidavit delivered to the ARB before the hearing begins.** *(may use Comptroller Form 50-283, Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence)*

☐ On written affidavit submitted with evidence and delivered to the ARB **before** the hearing begins

SECTION 6: ARB Hearing Notice and Procedures

I request my notice of hearing to be delivered by *(check one box only)*:

☑ Regular first-class mail

☐ Certified mail and agree to pay the cost *(if applicable)*

If a protest goes to a hearing, the ARB automatically sends each party a copy of the ARB's hearing procedures.

I want the ARB to send me a copy of its hearing procedures .... ☑ Yes ☐ No

Do you request an electronic reminder by text or email of the date, time and place of your ARB protest hearing? *(check one box only)*:

☐ Yes, by text to ____________________
Mobile Phone Number *(area code and number)*

☐ Yes, by email to ____________________
Email Address*

☑ No

* An email address of a member of the public could be confidential under Government Code Section 552.137; however, by including the email address on this form, you are affirmatively consenting to its release under the Public Information Act.

SECTION 7: Special Panel Request for Property Value of $62.9 Million or More

I request a special panel to hear my protest: .... ☐ Yes ☑ No

My property is appraised at $62.9 million or greater: .... ☐ Yes ☑ No

Appraisal district's value assigned to your property $ $407,000

Property Classification:

☐ Commercial real and personal property

☐ Industrial and manufacturing real and personal property

☐ Real and personal property of utilities

☐ Multifamily residential real property

SECTION 8: Certification and Signature

☑ Property Owner ☐ Property Owner's Agent ☐ Other: ____________________

print here JOHN SMITH
Print Name of Property Owner or Authorized Representative

sign here ____________________ 07/25/2026
Signature of Property Owner or Authorized Representative Date

** If you decide later to appear by telephone conference call or videoconference, you must provide written notice to the ARB at least five days before the hearing, or 10 days before the hearing if you have an authorized representative. You are responsible for providing access to the call to any person(s) you wish to invite to participate in the hearing. Review the ARB's hearing procedures for county-specific conference call or videoconference procedures.

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SINGLE-MEMBER PANELS

An ARB must provide the option of a single-member panel hearing if requested in the notice of protest or submitted in writing to the ARB not later than the 10th day before the hearing date (Tax Code Section 41.45(b-4)).

SPECIAL PANELS

Special panels are available in counties with a population of 1.2 million or more. To qualify for a special panel to hear your protest, a property must have an appraised value determined by the appraisal district of equal to or greater than the minimum eligibility amount determined by Tax Code Section 6.425(g) and be classified as one of the following:

- commercial real and personal property;
- real and personal property of utilities;
- industrial and manufacturing real and personal property; or
- multifamily residential real property.

ELECTRONIC REMINDER

Electronic reminders are available in counties with a population of 120,000 or more. You must request the reminder on your notice of protest or in writing and provide a valid email address or telephone number (Tax Code Section 41.46(f)).

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF COMMUNICATIONS

A property owner or their authorized representative may request electronic communications from a tax official under Tax Code Section 1.085(a-1) by using Form 50-843, *Request for Electronic Delivery of Communications with a Tax Official*. The form must be filed with the applicable tax official in the county where the property is located.

FINAL ORDER OF DETERMINATION

Email delivery of the order of determination is available in counties with a population of 120,000 or more.

DEADLINES

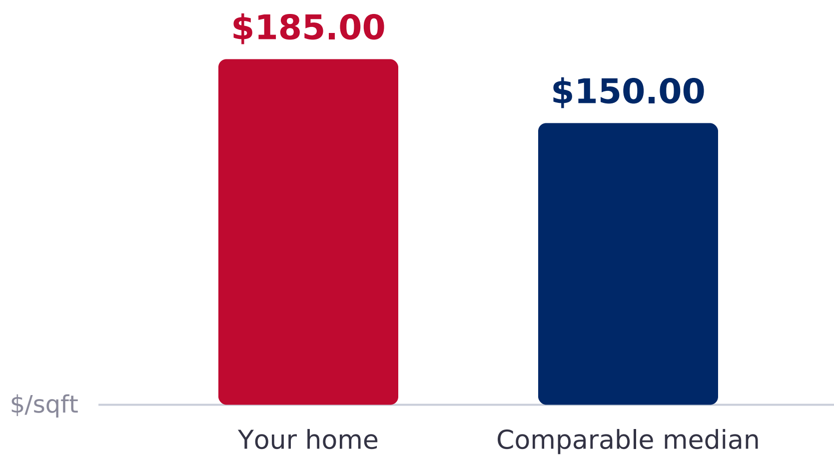
With exceptions, the typical deadline for filing a notice of protest is midnight, May 15 (Tax Code Section 41.44). Contact the ARB for the county in which the property is located for the specific protest filing deadline.

NOTICE

The Comptroller's office may not advise a property owner, a property owner's agent, the chief appraiser or any appraisal district employee on a matter that the Comptroller's office knows is the subject of an ARB protest. Consult Tax Code Chapter 41 or the ARB hearing procedures for more information.

Equal & Uniform Comparison

Under Texas Tax Code §41.43(b)(3), a home may not be appraised higher **per square foot** than a reasonable number of comparable homes, appropriately adjusted. This home is assessed at **$185.00/sqft**. Across **11** comparable homes (size within 17.5%, age within 12 years), the median is **$150.00/sqft** — **23% higher**. Applied to 2,200 sqft, an equal-and-uniform value is about **$330,000**, a reduction of **$77,000**.



Address	Account #	Sqft	Eff. Yr	HCAD Appraised	$/sqft
1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036 (SUBJECT)	**1234567890123**	**2,200**	**2005**	**$407,000**	**$185.00**
1200 ELM LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892000	2,025	2003	$281,475	$139.00
1207 MAPLE LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892001	2,060	2004	$292,520	$142.00
1214 CEDAR LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892002	2,095	2005	$303,775	$145.00
1221 OAK LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892003	2,130	2006	$313,110	$147.00
1228 BIRCH LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892004	2,165	2007	$322,585	$149.00
1235 WILLOW LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892005	2,200	2003	$330,000	$150.00
1270 LAUREL LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892010	2,375	2003	$356,250	$150.00
1242 ASPEN LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892006	2,235	2004	$339,720	$152.00
1249 PINE LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892007	2,270	2005	$349,580	$154.00
1256 WALNUT LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892008	2,305	2006	$359,580	$156.00
1263 HAZEL LN, HOUSTON, TX 77036	1234567892009	2,340	2007	$369,720	$158.00

Showing 11 of 11 qualifying comparables; median computed across all. Source: Harris County Appraisal District public records.

Legal Basis

Texas Tax Code §41.43(b)(3) — a protest on unequal appraisal is determined in favor of the owner unless the appraisal district establishes that the appraised value is equal to or less than the median appraised value of a reasonable number of comparable properties, appropriately adjusted. This evidence establishes that median.

Disabled Veteran's or Survivor's Exemption Application

Form 50-135

Harris Central Appraisal District
Appraisal District's Name

1234567890123
Appraisal District Account Number *(if known)*

Are you filing a late application? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tax Year(s) for Application 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION: Property owners applying for a disabled veteran's or survivor's exemption file this form and supporting documentation with the appraisal district in each county in which the property is located (Tax Code Sections 11.22 and 11.43). **Do not file this document with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.**

SECTION 1: Property Owner/Applicant

Did the applicant own the property that is the subject of this application on Jan. 1 of the tax year? . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

JOHN SMITH
Name of Property Owner

Driver's Licence, Personal I.D. Certificate or Social Security Number*

1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036
Physical Address, City, State, ZIP Code

(713) 555-0100
Primary Phone Number *(area code and number)*

Email Address**

Mailing Address of Property Owner (if different from the physical address provided above):

1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036
Mailing Address, City, State, ZIP Code

Are you a Texas resident? . . . . ☒ Yes ☐ No

SECTION 2: Authorized Representative

If you are an individual property owner filing this application on your own behalf, skip to section 3; all other applicants are required to complete section 2.

Indicate the basis for your authority to represent the property owner in filing this application.

☐ Attorney for property owner

☐ Agent for tax matters appointed under Tax Code Section 1.111 with completed and signed Form 50-162

☐ Other and explain basis: ____________________

Name of Authorized Representative

Title of Authorized Representative

Primary Phone Number *(area code and number)*

Email Address**

Mailing Address, City, State, ZIP Code

SECTION 3: Property Descriptions

1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036
Physical Address *(i.e. street address, not P.O. Box)*, City, State, Zip Code

Appraisal District Account Number *(if known)*

Manufactured Home *(make, model, and identification number)*

Legal Description:

SECTION 4: Type of Exemption and Qualifications

Select the exemption for which you are applying.

- [x] **Veteran classified as disabled by the Veteran's Administration (VA) or a service branch of the U.S. armed forces**
- [ ] **Surviving spouse or child of a deceased disabled veteran**
- [ ] **Surviving spouse or child of U.S. armed service member who died on active duty**

JOHN SMITH

Veteran's Name

U.S. Army	50		
Branch of Service	Disability Rating	Age	Serial Number

Does the service-connected disability include: ☐ Loss of use of one or more limbs ☐ Blindness in one or both eyes

Are you the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, have you remarried? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you the surviving spouse of a U.S. armed service member who died on active duty? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a surviving child of a deceased disabled veteran or U.S. armed service member who died on active duty? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes: Did the spouse survive the veteran or the U.S. armed service member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, are you: Under 18 years of age? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Unmarried? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Number of qualifying parent's children who are under 18 and unmarried ____________

SECTION 5: Additional Documents to be Provided

Attach documentation from the VA or service branch identifying the most recent disability rating.

SECTION 6: Certification and Signature

I understand if I make a false statement on this form, I could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Penal Code Section 37.10.

I, JOHN SMITH, ____________________, swear or affirm the following:

Printed Name of Property Owner or Authorized Representative — Title/Authorization

1. that each fact contained in this application is true and correct; and
2. that the property described in this application meets the qualifications under Texas law for the exemption claimed.

sign here ➧ ____________________ ____________

Signature of Property Owner/Authorized Representative — Date

* Social security number (SSN) disclosure may be required for tax administration and identification. (42 U.S.C. §405(c)(2)(C)(i); Tax Code §11.43(f)). A driver's license number, personal identification number or social security number disclosed in an exemption application is confidential and not open to public inspection, except as authorized by Tax Code §11.48(b).

** May be confidential under Government Code §552.137; however, by including the email address on this form, you are affirmatively consenting to its release under the Public Information Act.

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Important Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

This application is for use in claiming a property tax exemption pursuant to Tax Code Section 11.22 for property owned by a disabled veteran, the surviving spouse or surviving child, with a service-connected disability, or a U.S. armed service member who died on active duty.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Property owners applying for a disabled veteran's or survivor's exemption may file this form and supporting documentation with the appraisal district in the county in which the property is located. **Do not file this document with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.** Contact information for appraisal district offices may be found on the Comptroller's website.

APPLICATION DEADLINES (Tax Code Section 11.43(a-d)):

You must submit the completed application and supporting documents to the appraisal district between Jan. 1 and April 30 of the tax year for which you request the exemption. For good cause shown, the chief appraiser may extend the deadline for filing the application by written order for a single period not to exceed 60 days. The chief appraiser may disapprove the application and request additional information. If the chief appraiser requests additional information, the information must be furnished within 30 days after the date of the request, or the application is denied. For good cause shown, the chief appraiser may extend the deadline for furnishing the information by written order for a single period not to exceed 15 days. If the chief appraiser denies the application, you may protest that determination to the county appraisal review board under Tax Code chapter 41.

LATE APPLICATIONS (Tax Code Section 11.439):

Applicants may file a late application no later than five years after the delinquency date for the taxes on the designated property.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Applicants must provide the following documentation supporting this exemption request:

- attach a copy of property owner's driver's license or state-issued personal identification certificate
- documentation indicating the percentage of disability certified by the Veterans Administration or its successor or the branch of the armed services in which the veteran served

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Once this exemption is allowed, an application does not have to be filed annually unless the ownership of the property changes or qualifications for the exemption change. The chief appraiser may require a new application to be filed to confirm current eligibility by sending written notice and an application form.

DUTY TO NOTIFY

If eligibility ends, the property owner must notify the appraisal district in writing before May 1 after the eligibility ends.

EXEMPTION QUALIFICATIONS (Tax Code Section 11.22):

Disabled Veteran's Exemption A qualified individual is entitled to an exemption from taxation of a portion of the assessed value of one property the applicant owns and designates. This application applies to property owned on Jan. 1 of this year.

To qualify, an individual must be a Texas resident and possess a veteran's percentage of disability certified by the Veterans' Administration (VA) or its successor or the branch of the armed services in which the veteran served.

A qualified applicant can receive this exemption on only one property, which must be the same for every taxing unit in which the applicant claims the exemption.

A disability rating from 10-29 percent can have and exemption up to $5,000 from the property's assessed value, 30-49 percent up to $7,500, 50-69 percent up to $10,000 and 70-100 percent up to $12,000.

Disability Rating	Exemption Amount Up To
10% - 29%	$5,000 from the property value
30% - 49%	$7,500 from the property value
50% - 69%	$10,000 from the property value
70% - 100%	$12,000 from the property value

A disabled veteran may also qualify for an exemption of $12,000 of the assessed value of the property if the veteran is age 65 or older with a disability rating of at least 10 percent; totally blind in one or both eyes; or has lost the use of one or more limbs.

Survivor's Exemption (Tax Code Section 11.22(c)(d)): The veteran's surviving spouse is entitled to an exemption from taxation of a portion of the assessed value of a property the spouse owns and designates for the exemption. The amount of the exemption is the amount of the veteran's exemption at the time of death. The spouse is entitled to this exemption only for as long as the spouse remains unmarried.

If the spouse does not survive the veteran, each of the veteran's surviving children who is younger than 18 years of age and unmarried is entitled to an exemption from taxation of a portion of the assessed value of a property the child owns and designates for the exemption.