

HOW TO PROTEST YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

AS A TAXPAYER IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTEST TO THE APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB.)

File a Notice of Protest: Submit a written protest to your local Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The deadline is usually May 15th or 30 days after receiving your Notice of Appraised Value, whichever is later. Filing options include online, mail (using Comptroller Form 50-132), or in person. Filing by the deadline is crucial.

Gather Evidence: Collect documentation to support your claim of overvaluation. This can include photos, comparable property sales data, appraisals, reports, or documentation of inaccuracies in the appraisal district's records. Property damage can also serve as evidence.

Attend an Informal Meeting (Optional): You can request an informal conference with the appraisal district to try and resolve the protest before the ARB hearing. Some counties offer online options for this.

Attend the Appraisal Review Board (ARB) Hearing: You can attend in person, by phone, or video conference, or submit evidence by written affidavit. Familiarize yourself with the ARB's procedures and be prepared.

Appeal (If Necessary): If you disagree with the ARB's decision, you can appeal through district court or arbitration. To appeal to binding arbitration, you must file a request with the Comptroller's office within 60 days of receiving the ARB's order.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ✓ A formal protest form is not required to request a hearing.
- ✓ You can appoint an agent to represent you using Form 50-162.
- ✓ Specialized companies can assist with the property tax protest process.