



APPLICATION FOR 1-d-1 (OPEN - SPACE) AGRICULTURAL APPRAISAL

YEAR 2010

Appraisal district name: HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DIST
Address: PO BOX 112, CROCKETT TX 75835-0112
Phone (area code and number): 936-544-9655

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Article 8, Sec. 1-d-1, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 23, Subchapter D, Tax Code, provide for appraisal of agricultural land based on the land's ability to produce agricultural products. Land qualifies for 1-d-1 appraisal if it has been used for agriculture in the past, used to protect federally listed endangered species under a federal permit or used for conservation or restitution projects provided for under certain federal and state statutes and is currently used for agriculture at the same level as typical prudent producers in your area.

You must complete this application in full and file it no later than April 30 of the year you are applying for agricultural appraisal. If your application is granted, you do not need to file again in later years unless the chief appraiser requests a new application. You may file a late application up to midnight the day before the appraisal review board approves appraisal records for the year. Approval usually occurs in July. If you do file a late application and your application is approved, you must pay a penalty equal to 10% of the tax savings resulting from agricultural appraisal.

Step 1: Owner's name and address. Fields include Owner's name, Current mailing address (number and street), City, town or post office, state, ZIP code, and Phone (area code and number).

Step 2: Describe the property. Fields include Give legal description, abstract numbers, field numbers or plat numbers, Account number (if known), Number of acres for which application is made, and Owner.

Survey questions regarding 1-d-1 appraisal history, property changes, wildlife management, and conservation projects. Includes checkboxes for Yes/No answers.

<b>Step 4: (continued)</b> <b>Describe the property's use</b>	7. (a) Is this property owned by a nonresident alien? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (b) Is the owner described in question 7(a) required by federal law or federal rules to register the person's ownership or acquisition of this property? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	8. If you are using the land to manage wildlife, list the three or more ways in which you manage wildlife. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <b>Example:</b> Conduct census counts.  A. B. C.  Please indicate the property's agricultural land use category for the tax year preceding the property's conversion to wildlife management use. Example: native pastureland.  <hr/> Please attach a wildlife management plan completed on a form prescribed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the property described in Step 2.
	9. If the land is under a federal endangered species permit and included in a habitat preserve subject to a conservation easement or part of a conservation development under a federally approved habitat conservation plan, please provide evidence of the permit and conservation easement or habitat conservation plan.
	10. If the land is actively used for a conservation or restoration project to provide compensation for natural resources damages under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, Federal Water Pollution Control Act, or Chapter 40 of the Texas Natural Resources Code. Please provide evidence of the conservation easement, deed restriction or settlement agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

<b>Step 5:</b> <b>Sign the application</b>	<b>If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Texas Penal Code Section 37.10.</b>  I certify that the information given on this form is true and correct.	
	Authorized signature  <b>sign here</b> ➔	Title

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

<p>After you file this application, your chief appraiser may require additional information from you before qualifying your land. The additional information may only relate to your current and past agricultural use or to the level at which you use your land for agriculture.</p> <p>You must notify the chief appraiser in writing if you: stop using your property for agriculture (e.g., you voluntarily decide to stop farming); change the category of your use (e.g., you change from dry cropland to irrigated cropland); change the level of your use (e.g., you substantially increase or decrease the number of cattle you raise); change the nature of your use (e.g., you switch from growing corn to growing ornamental plants); enter, leave or change governmental programs (e.g., you put 100 acres in CRP); or if you begin using your land for something other than agriculture</p>	<p>(e.g., you build a shopping center on most of your land). You must deliver this notice no later than April 30 following the change in use or eligibility.</p> <p>If your land receives agricultural appraisal and you fail to notify the chief appraiser of a change in agricultural use, you may be required to pay a penalty. You will be required to pay a substantial additional tax plus interest (a rollback tax) if you stop using all or part of the property for agriculture.</p> <p>The Texas Supreme Court has ruled that §23.56(3), Tax Code, is unconstitutional. While the Court's reasoning would apply to §23.56(2), which is reflected in Question #7, that subsection has not specifically been ruled unconstitutional.</p>
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**SUPPLEMENT**

Is land leased? \_\_\_\_\_ Lessee: \_\_\_\_\_ Price per acres \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Lessee Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Is land under fence? \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage wooded: \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage open: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I give the Houston County Appraisal District permission to enter the property for inspection. **ALL AGRICULTURAL LAND IS SUBJECT TO ONSITE REVIEW.**

\*Please include a phone number in case an appraiser needs to contact you.