

## **Property Owners Should Soon Start Receiving Appraisal Notices for the 2017 Tax Year**

You may soon receive an appraisal notice from the Childress County Appraisal District. The appraisal district mailed appraisal notices on May 1. Your city, county, school district and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set your 2017 property taxes.

Under Texas law, county appraisal districts are required to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. The notice contains important information about the property's location, ownership and property tax exemptions that apply to the property. It must also include an estimate of the taxes by local taxing units if your property value increased in the last year. 2017 notices were not mailed to owners whose property value did not increase more than \$1,000.

Property owners who disagree with the appraised value of their property, the exemptions or any other action by the appraisal district have the right to appeal to the Childress County Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling property owner protests. The notice of appraised value includes instructions on how and when to file a protest, a protest form and the Comptroller's *Property Taxpayer Remedies*. The deadline for filing a protest with the ARB is May 31st or 30 days after the appraisal district mailed your notice of appraised value, whichever is later.

The Comptroller's publication, *Property Taxpayer Remedies*, explains in detail how to protest your property appraisal, what issues the ARB can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking your case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your ARB hearing.

*Property Taxpayer Remedies* is available from the Childress County Appraisal District at 940-937-6062, 1710 Avenue F NW, Childress, TX. The publication is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at [comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/](http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/).