

Press Release

Important Property Tax Deadlines Change Effective for 2018 As a Result of Recent Legislation

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – March 2, 2018. Legislation passed by the 85th Texas legislature and signed by the governor has changed several, long-standing property tax deadlines. Effective for the 2018 tax year, house bill 2228 changed deadlines that affect property owner protests, business personal property rendition statements, freeport exemption applications, and business personal property allocation applications.

“We wanted to make sure that the public was made aware of the deadline changes that affect the property tax appraisal process. Those who have been engaged in the process throughout the years have become accustomed to deadline dates that have now been changed by the legislature. These deadlines affect a taxpayer’s rights and remedies that are available as a matter of law. We are reaching out to notify everyone of the changes,” said Chief Appraiser Michael Amezcua of the Bexar Appraisal District.

Below details the important deadlines affected by HB2228:

1. **Protest Deadline** – The deadline to protest the appraised value of your property has changed to **May 15**, or 30 days after a notice is mailed, whichever is later.
2. **Business Personal Property Renditions Deadline** - The deadline to file a business personal property rendition (a listing of property owned by a business that is used in the production of income) is **April 1**. There is a 10% penalty of the tax that is imposed if a business fails to render or does not render on time. Owners may request an extension to file by May 1 but the request must be in writing and filed by April 1.
3. **Freeport Exemption Application Deadline** – Owners can file an application for exemption of freeport goods (goods and merchandise that are exported or leave the state within 175 days of its arrival). **June 15** is the last day to submit a late application.
4. **Allocation Application Deadline** – The deadline for filing an application to allocate the value of commercial aircraft, vessels, and watercraft used in interstate commerce is **March 31**.

Protests and applications are considered timely if they are postmarked by their appropriate deadline dates.

The Bexar Appraisal District appraises over 685,000 properties annually and administers exemptions for property tax purposes within Bexar County. For questions regarding deadlines or other matters affecting property tax appraisal, please contact the district at (210) 224-2432 or visit the district’s website at www.bcad.org.