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WAS YOUR HOME DAMAGED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF HURRICANE HARVEY IN 2017?

Texas received the following FEMA declarations earlier this calendar year, which included Austin County:

Declaration 4332 – August 23, 2017

Provide photographs and documents of all damages and repairs!!

The 2017 appraisals, as well as the 2017 tax bills, are based on the value of your home as of January 1, 2017...**before Hurricane Harvey.**

There are things you can do now for next year to minimize the impact of your property taxes:

- Inform Austin CAD that you have suffered flood damage by calling 979-865-9124 or by emailing austincad@gmail.com.
- Should you be displaced from your home as a result of any damage or while repairs are being made, you may continue your homestead exemption on this property during this time. Be sure to notify Austin CAD of any temporary address changes.
- File a Report of Decreased Value (Form 50-127) for 2018 no later than April 15, 2018. This form is located on the Comptroller's website (<https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/forms/>).
- Keep all repair receipts, insurance claims, cost estimates and photographs of damage for the Report of Decreased Value and/or 2018 value protest.

The appraised value of your Residence Homestead may not increase by more than 10% over the prior year plus the value of any new improvements. If an improvement is a replacement structure for one that was rendered uninhabitable or unusable by flood damage, then that structure is not considered to be a new improvement so long as it does not exceed the square footage or have an exterior of higher quality construction and composition than that of the replaced structure.

As a result of this disaster and if you are eligible, Austin County Appraisal District may allow you to pay in quarterly installments, to break your tax burden into four equal payments over time. Keep your photos and documentation to help establish your eligibility for this disaster plan.

Please contact the Austin County Appraisal District (979-865-9124) for more information.