

Titus County Appraisal District 2022 Annual Appraisal Report

Introduction

The Titus County Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the state of Texas. The Constitution of the State of Texas, the Texas Property Tax Code, and the Rules of the Texas Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division govern the operation of the appraisal district.

Mission Statement

The main objective and primary purpose of this district is to provide uniform methods to establish fair and uniform equitable market values for all types of properties located within the boundaries of Titus County for ad valorem purposes in a professional, ethical, economical, and courteous manner and to inform local property owners of their entitlement of rights and remedies under the law. The laws and rules can be found in the following guidelines:

- The Property Tax Assistance Division of the Texas State Comptroller's Office
- The International Association of Assessing Officers
- The Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice
- The Texas Property Tax Code

Governance

The Appraisal District is governed by a Board of Directors with the primary responsibilities to:

- Establish the district's office
- Adopt its operating budget
- Contract for necessary services
- Hire the Chief Appraiser
- Appoint the Appraisal Review Board members
- Provide advice and consent concerning the appointment of the agricultural advisory board
- Approve contracts with appraisal firms
- Make and adopt general polices on the operations of the district
- Biennially develop a written plan for the periodic reappraisal of property in the district

To be eligible to serve on the board of directors, a person must have resided within the boundaries of the appraisal district for at least two years prior to their appointment. The board is appointed by the taxing entities in the appraisal district boundaries. The Appraisal District boundaries are inclusive of the county boundary lines.

The **Chief Appraiser** is the chief administrator of the Appraisal District and is hired by the board of directors.

Appraisal Review Board members are appointed by the local Administrative Judge to settle value disputes between the property owner and the appraisal district. They serve staggered terms and may serve consecutive terms. The Comptroller of Texas approves curricula, provides materials, and supervises a comprehensive course for training and education of the Appraisal Review Board members and issues certificates for each member completing the requirements.

The **Agricultural Advisory Board** is appointed by the Chief Appraiser upon the advice and consent of the board of directors. The Agricultural advisory board shall advise the Chief Appraiser on the valuation and use of land that may be designated for agricultural use or that may be open space agricultural or timber land within the district. A member of the Agricultural Advisory Board is not entitled to compensation.

Taxing Jurisdictions

The properties in the appraisal district which require appraisals for ad valorem purposes include the following:

Cities:

City of Mount Pleasant
City of Talco
City of Winfield

County jurisdictions:

Titus County
Titus Regional Medical Center
Northeast Texas Community College

Schools:

Chapel Hill ISD
Daingerfield ISD
Harts Bluff ISD
Mount Pleasant ISD
Pewitt CISD
Rivercrest ISD

Legislative Changes

Titus CAD responds to all legislative changes that may affect the Appraisal District's operations. After the passing of laws records, forms and/or procedures are updated.

The Texas Legislature meets in odd-numbered years. Customarily, the Property Tax Assistance Division of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Office publishes a booklet explaining all the Texas Property Law changes for that Legislative session. A copy of this booklet accompanies this report.

The most recent legislative session was in 2021. Updates will be provided to include that information on bills that have been passed.

- Official electronic communications may be made to the district through:
- Fax to 903-572-5147,
- email to info@titus-cad.org or
- physical delivery to the district's office at 2404 West Ferguson Road Mount Pleasant Texas 75456
- Telephone 903- 572-7939
- Mailing address P. O. Box 528, Mount Pleasant, Texas 75456-0528

- Communications between the district and designated agents will be treated in the same manner as communications between the district and the property owner, provided written authorization for agent's representation can be established.
- A property tax form that requires a signature may be signed by means of an electronically captured handwritten signature.

Property Types Appraised

Titus County appraisal district had 30,873 properties for the 2022 certified appraisal year. The following chart accounts for the various property types, their percentage of parcel count and market value respectively. 36.3% of the economic wealth of the county is generated from utilities, local industry, oil and gas production. Most of the land is rural with agricultural or timber qualified production.

2022 CERTIFIED APPRAISAL YEAR

CLASSIFICATION	TYPE	COUNT	MARKET VALUE	% OF COUNT	% OF MV
A	SINGLE FAMILY	7052	1,060,268,642	22.84%	23.63%
B	MULTI FAMILY	108	51,708,994	0.35%	1.15%
C	VACANT LOTS	1445	33,518,698	4.68%	0.75%
D1	QUALIFIED LAND	5003	714,151,767	16.21%	15.91%
D2	FARM AND RANCH	1219	23,242,783	3.95%	0.52%
E	RURAL LAND RESIDENTIAL	5204	650,848,917	16.86%	14.50%
F1	COMMERCIAL REAL	1126	347,992,468	3.65%	7.75%
F2	INDUSTRIAL REAL	110	402,394,877	0.36%	8.97%
G1	OIL AND GAS	3699	23,709,837	11.98%	0.53%
J	UTILITIES	372	209,575,867	1.20%	4.67%
L1	COMMERCIAL PERSONAL	886	111,530,558	2.87%	2.49%
L2	INDUSTRIAL PERSONAL	445	397,549,411	1.44%	8.86%
M1	MANUFACTURED HOUSING	1468	33,160,751	4.75%	0.74%
O	RESIDENTIAL INVENTOR	33	1,428,727	0.11%	0.03%
S	SPECIAL INVENTORY	35	18,570,842	0.11%	0.41%
X	EXEMPT	2668	407,850,247	8.64%	9.09%
TOTALS		30873	4,487,503,386	100.00%	100.00%

Appraisal Operation Summary

In compliance with the 2021-2022 Re-appraisal Plan, the real properties located in Region 1 and 1C which are predominantly north of Interstate 30 along with personal property which require

annual re-appraisal were systematically inspected or reviewed using all the tools and mechanism afforded the district. The main focus of the inspection developed around the class, recognized condition, configuration, and all characteristics of the improvements, land, and personal property.

Throughout the district, efforts were made to identify, gather, and appraise properties with new construction, locate demolished or removed properties, locate and value manufactured housing, along with continued review of commercial and industrial property.

Properties were adjusted when necessary to reflect the market trend which was recognized by the sales data gathered and analyzed for the county. No adjustments were made to properties which fell out of the trend or had not data to warrant changes.

The district continues to secure sales data and information to maintain and calculate an internal ratio analysis to justify the appraisal changes for each appraisal year. While the supply of sales data is good the district is not overwhelmingly inundated with data.

The below chart for an overall median or weighted mean represents the data available:

Mean Level of appraisal	1.0209
Median Level of Appraisal	1.0060
Weighted Mean	.9975
Coefficient of dispersion	11.2779
Price Related Differential	1.0234
Number of observations	289

Property Discovery The district utilizes the following construction mechanisms to help locate new property:

- City building permits
- Filed mechanics liens
- Mobile home installation reports
- Septic Tank permits
- Field inspection discovery
- General Public communications
- Aerial photography
- Homestead / Agricultural applications
- Recorded instruments from the courthouse
- Building plans
- Utility companies
- Mobile Home statement of location
- Newspapers, Sales Brochures and Magazines
- Telephone directories

New Construction

The use of the above resources and tools added approximately \$64,876,299 of market value to the appraisal roll for 2022.

Exemption Data

Property owners may qualify for a variety of exemptions as provided by the Texas Constitution. Some of the most commonly occurring exemptions are described below. Other less common are available and described in the Texas Property Tax Code, Chapter 11.

Residential Homestead

The following chart represents the total exemption amounts available to homeowners.

Titus County, Mt. Pleasant ISD, Chapel Hill ISD, Harts Bluff ISD, Pewitt ISD, Daingerfield ISD and Rivercrest ISD homestead applications for the 65 and older property owner, the disabled property owner, and surviving spouse of each of those (if the spouse is 55 or older) creates a tax ceiling prohibiting increased taxes on the homestead on existing buildings. An increase in the market trend does not increase taxes for these types of homesteads. (Any new value added to the home site will cause the ceiling to be readjusted in the next tax year.) Homestead exemptions available on 20 acres with home.

RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEADS

ENTITY	HOMESTEAD				
	20%	State Mandate	OVER 65	DISABILITY	DVHS
CITIES					
CITY OF MT PLEASANT	YES	NO	\$3,000	NO	100%
CITY OF TALCO	NO	NO	NO	NO	100%
CITY OF WINFIELD	NO	NO	\$3,000	NO	100%
SCHOOLS					
CHAPEL HILL ISD	NO	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%
DAINGERFIELD ISD	NO	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%
HARTS BLUFF ISD	NO	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%
MT PLEASANT ISD	YES	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%
PAUL PEWITT ISD	NO	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%
RIVERCREST ISD	NO	\$40,000	\$13,000	\$10,000	100%
COUNTY					
TITUS COUNTY	YES	NO	\$15,000	\$10,000	100%
TITUS REGIONAL HOSPITAL	YES	NO	\$15,000	\$10,000	100%
NTCC	NO	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%

All homeowners with qualified homesteads are subject to the placement of a homestead cap which prohibits the increase of taxable value on the homestead property to ten percent per

year. The homestead cap is removed in increments each year or completely at the time of owner transition. Market value can still be reflective of the local real estate market.

Disabled Veterans

In addition to the residential homestead exemption allowable to disabled veterans with a 100% service-connected disability, disabled veterans are allowed a general exemption on any property they own based upon the percentage rating as determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Current exemption amounts, as based upon these ratings are:

<u>Percentage Disability</u>	<u>Exemption Amount</u>
10-29%	\$ 5,000
30-49%	\$ 7,500
50-69%	\$10,000
70-100%	\$12,000

If the disabled veteran is 65 years of age or older, totally blind in one or both eyes, has lost the use of one or more limbs the exemption amount is \$12000 off the assessed value of the property. A surviving spouse is entitled to an exemption of \$5000 from the assessed value of the property.

Other Exemptions

Cemetery Exemptions
Religious Organizations
Charitable Organizations
Veteran’s Organizations

Several other less frequently occurring exemptions are allowable and described in the Chapter 11, Property Tax Code.

Appeal Data

Appraisal notices are typically mailed to property owners if:

- The appraised value of the property changes from the prior year
- The appraised value is greater than the value rendered by the property owner
- The property was not on the appraisal roll in the preceding year
- The property has had a change in ownership

*In 2022 approximately 23,312 notices were mailed. Of these notices approximately 1,988 parcels were formally protested.

Average Home Values 2022

City of Talco	\$ 67,611
City of Winfield	\$ 82,118
City of Mount Pleasant	\$170,036
Titus County	\$181,737
Titus Regional Medical	\$181,737
Northeast Texas community College	\$181,737
Mount Pleasant ISD	\$168,627
Rivercrest ISD	\$119,344
Pewitt CISD	\$205,850
Chapel Hill ISD	\$210,405
Harts Bluff ISD	\$259,822
Daingerfield-Lone Star ISD	\$116,087

EXEMPTIONS BREAKDOWN FOR THE DISTRICTS IN TOTAL:

Exemption Breakdown

Exemption	Count	Local	State	Total
AB	9	17,958,436	0	17,958,436
DP	184	1,622,210	0	1,622,210
DPS	4	40,000	0	40,000
DV1	18	0	115,000	115,000
DV2	10	0	76,500	76,500
DV3	18	0	152,000	152,000
DV4	194	0	1,664,668	1,664,668
DV4S	8	0	96,000	96,000
DVHS	137	0	28,323,603	28,323,603
DVHSS	12	0	1,901,629	1,901,629
EX	11	0	77,227	77,227
EX-XF	3	0	525,753	525,753
EX-XG	5	0	3,269,266	3,269,266
EX-XJ	3	0	142,251	142,251
EX-XL	4	0	717,618	717,618
EX-XR	80	0	21,224,667	21,224,667
EX-XU	12	0	719,645	719,645
EX-XV	852	0	376,463,626	376,463,626
EX-XV (Prorated)	22	0	1,138,622	1,138,622
EX366	1,657	0	374,897	374,897
FR	21	93,777,521	0	93,777,521
HS	6,752	229,402,728	0	229,402,728
LIH	4	0	572,783	572,783
OV65	2,863	39,303,020	0	39,303,020
OV65S	15	225,000	0	225,000
PC	11	90,262,983	0	90,262,983
PPV	15	2,623,892	0	2,623,892
Totals		475,215,790	437,555,755	912,771,545