Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence

Form 50-283

Tax Year _____

Appraisal District's Name _____ Appraisal District Account Number *(if known)* _____

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: This form is for use by a property owner to offer and submit evidence and/or argument for an appraisal review board (ARB) protest hearing by telephone conference call or written affidavit pursuant to Tax Code Section 41.45.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: This affidavit and evidence for the hearing may be submitted to the ARB either in paper or on a small portable electronic device (such as a CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) which will be kept by the ARB.

SECTION 1: Property Owner or Lessee

Name of Property Owner or Lessee

Mailing Address, City, State, Zip Code

Phone Number *(area code and number)* Email Address*

* An email address of a member of the public could be confidential under Government Code Section 552.137; however, by including the email address on this form, you are affirmatively consenting to its release under the Public Information Act.

SECTION 2: Property Description

Physical Address, City, State, Zip Code *(if different than above)*

If no street address, provide legal description. _____

Mobile Home Make, Model and Identification Number *(if applicable)*

SECTION 3: Reasons for Protest

To preserve your right to present each reason for your protest to the ARB according to law, be sure to select all boxes that apply. Failure to select the box that corresponds to each reason for your protest may result in your inability to protest an issue that you want to pursue.

- ☐ Incorrect appraised (market) value.
- ☐ Value is unequal compared with other properties.
- ☐ Property should not be taxed in _____. *(name of taxing unit)*
- ☐ Property is not located in this appraisal district or otherwise should not be included on the appraisal district's record.
- ☐ Failure to send required notice. _____ *(type)*
- ☐ Exemption was denied, modified or cancelled.
- ☐ Temporary disaster damage exemption was denied or modified.
- ☐ Ag-use, open-space or other special appraisal was denied, modified or cancelled.
- ☐ Change in use of land appraised as ag-use, open-space or timberland.
- ☐ Incorrect appraised or market value of land under special appraisal for ag-use, open-space or other special appraisal.
- ☐ Owner's name is incorrect.
- ☐ Property description is incorrect.
- ☐ Incorrect damage assessment rating for a property qualified for a temporary disaster exemption.
- ☐ Other: _____

SECTION 4: Evidence

Attach evidentiary materials (such as letters, receipts, deeds, photographs, etc.) to be submitted with this affidavit.

Provide the total number of pages or images submitted as evidence with this affidavit: _____

SECTION 5: Statement of Facts or Arguments

State all facts or arguments that may help resolve your case.

SECTION 6: Hearing Type

Indicate how you intend to participate in the ARB hearing regarding your protest (select only one box).

☐ I do **not** intend to appear at the hearing, either in person or by telephone conference call.
This affidavit and the evidence and/or argument submitted with it may be used for the hearing if I do not appear in person at the hearing.

☐ I intend to appear **in person** at the hearing.
This affidavit may not be used for the hearing if I do appear in person at the hearing.

☐ I intend to appear **by telephone conference call** for the hearing.
This affidavit and the evidence submitted with it may be used for the hearing if I do not appear in person at the hearing.
If you decide later to appear by telephone conference call, you must provide written notice to the ARB at least 10 days before the hearing date and submit your evidence with an affidavit (if not previously done).

NOTE: You may change your mind and appear in person at the ARB hearing. You do not waive the right to appear in person at the hearing by submitting this affidavit to the ARB. If you indicate that you intend NOT to appear at the hearing or you do not complete this section of the form and you do not elect to appear by telephone conference call, the ARB is not required to consider the affidavit at a scheduled hearing, and may consider the affidavit at a hearing designed for the specific purpose of processing affidavits.

SECTION 7: Name and Signature

State of Texas
County of _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____, who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:
Affiant Name

1. My name is _____. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and personally acquainted with the facts stated in this affidavit as well as any materials attached to this affidavit. I am submitting and offering any materials as evidence or argument to the ARB for consideration at the protest hearing for the property described in Section 2 of this affidavit.
   Affiant Name
2. Any materials submitted with this affidavit as evidence were generated or collected by me or for me, and are the original or exact duplicates of the original.
3. Any materials I am submitting as evidence comprise a total of _____ pages or images and are described in Section 4 of this affidavit. I am attaching any materials in paper form or on a small portable electronic device (such as a CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) onto which images of the materials have been loaded as prescribed by the ARB's hearing procedures.
4. The facts contained in this affidavit are true and correct, and the information reflected in any evidentiary materials attached to this affidavit are true and correct.

Signed on this _____ day of _____ , 20 _____

_____
Affiant Signature

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the

_____ day of _____ , 20 _____

_____
Notary Public, State of Texas

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My Commission Expires

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Notary's Printed Name

Important Information

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Property owners not appearing in person at a scheduled ARB protest hearing are required to offer and submit evidentiary materials (such as documents, photographs, etc.) or argument (such as a written statement that specifies the action of the appraisal district relating to the property from which relief is sought) by written affidavit delivered to the ARB before the hearing.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: This affidavit and evidence for the hearing may be submitted to the ARB either in paper or on a small portable electronic device (such as a CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) which will be kept by the ARB. Evidence should NOT be provided on a smart phone. Review the ARB's hearing procedures regarding the requirements to properly submit evidence on a small portable electronic device. **Do not file this document with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.**

DEADLINES: The affidavit and evidence must be submitted to the ARB before the protest hearing begins.