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Property ID: _____
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APPLICATION FOR 1-d-1 (Open-Space) Agricultural Use Appraisal for 2020

(For frequently asked question about agricultural use, please visit <http://www.elliscad.com/ag-frequently-asked-questions/>)

STEP 1: Owner Name, Address and Date of Birth of Property Owner and other Contact Information

Property Owner Name and Address

Birth Date*

*Failure to provide date of birth does not affect your eligibility for special appraisal.

_____/_____/_____

Phone

Number _____ - _____ - _____

Email

Address** : _____

GENERAL INFORMATION: Texas Constitution, Article VIII, Section 1-d-1, and Tax Code, Chapter 23, Subchapter D, provide for appraisal of open-space land. The Comptroller's Manual for the Appraisal of Agricultural Land on the Comptroller's website provides information regarding applying for special appraisal, qualification requirements and additional taxes and penalties created by a changes of land use. Local appraisal district staff can answer questions regarding these matters.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: This application and all supporting documentation must be filed with the appraisal district office in each county in which the property is located so that the chief appraiser is able to determine whether the statutory qualifications have been met. Do not file this document with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. A directory with contact information for appraisal district offices may be found on the Comptroller's website.

APPLICATION DEADLINES: The completed application must be filed with the chief appraiser before May 1 of the year for which agricultural appraisal is requested. If the application is approved, a new application is not required in later years unless the land ownership changes, eligibility ends or the chief appraiser requests a new application.

A late application may be filed up to midnight the day before the appraisal review board approves appraisal records for the year, which usually occurs in July. If a late application is approved, a penalty will be applied in an amount equal to 10 percent of the difference between the amount of tax imposed on the property and the amount that would be imposed if the property were taxed at market value.

DUTY TO NOTIFY AND PENALTIES: The property owner must notify the chief appraiser no later than the April 30 following the change in use or eligibility. A change of land use for all or part of the property will trigger substantial additional tax plus interest (a rollback tax). Payment of a penalty may also be required for failure to notify the chief appraiser of a change in agricultural use or qualification. Notice must be delivered to the chief appraiser if:

- the property stops being used for agriculture (e.g., voluntarily stopped farming);
- category of land use changes (e.g., from dry cropland to irrigated cropland);
- level of use changes (e.g., a substantial increase or decrease the number of cattle raised);
- nature of use changes (e.g., a switch from growing corn to growing ornamental plants);
- property owner enters, leaves or changes governmental programs (e.g., 100 acres placed in a conservation reserve program); or
- the land is used for something other than agriculture (e.g., to build a shopping center on most of the land).

DUTY TO NOTIFY FOR CERTAIN LANDOWNERS: If land ceases to be devoted principally to agricultural use to the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area, open-space appraisal may be retained if the chief appraiser is notified as required and the property owner:

- is a member of the armed services who is deployed or stationed outside of Texas who intends to return the land to the manner and to the degree of intensity that is generally accepted in the area not later than the 180th day after being deployed or stationed outside this state ceases.
- owns land that has previously been under open-space appraisal primarily based on its citrus production; the land is located in a pest management zone; and an agreement was executed to destroy, remove or treat all the citrus trees located on the land that are or could become infested with pests with one of the following: Texas Citrus Pest and Disease Management Corporation, Inc., the Texas Commissioner of Agriculture or the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If the initial application form does not contain all essential information, the chief appraiser may request additional information that is necessary to determine whether the land qualifies for 1-d-1 appraisal. The chief appraiser may disapprove the application and request additional information. The chief appraiser may deny the application and that determination may be protested to the county appraisal review board in a timely manner. If the chief appraiser requests additional information from an applicant, the information must be furnished within 30 days after the date of the request, or the application is denied. For good cause shown, the chief appraiser may extend the deadline for furnishing the information by written order for a single 15 day period.

STEP 2: Describe the Ownership and Property for which you are seeking an Agricultural Special Use Valuation

1. Are you a new owner of this property for this year? Yes No
2. Did the applicant own the property that is the subject of this application on January 1 of the tax year? Yes No
3. Last year, were **you** allowed 1-d-1 appraisal on this property by the chief appraiser of this appraisal district? Yes No
4. Is this property located within the corporate limits of a city or town? Yes No

The applicant is the following type of property owner: Individual Partnership Corporation Other(specify): _____

Legal Description:

Property ID: _____

STEP 3:**Describe the Property Use**

Agricultural use includes, but is not limited to, the following activities: (1) cultivating the soil; (2) producing crops for human food, animal feed, or planting seed or for the production of fibers; (3) floriculture, viticulture and horticulture; (4) raising or keeping livestock; (5) raising or keeping exotic animals or fowl for the production of human food or fiber, leather, pelts or other tangible products having a commercial value; (6) planting cover crops or leaving land idle for the purpose of participating in a governmental program provided the land is not used for residential purposes or a purpose inconsistent with agricultural use or leaving the land idle in conjunction with normal crop or livestock rotation procedures; (7) producing or harvesting logs and posts used for construction or repair of fences, pens, barns or other agricultural improvements on adjacent open-space land having the same owner and devoted to a different agricultural use; (8) wildlife management; and (9) beekeeping.

Wildlife management is defined as actively using land that at the time the wildlife-management use began, was appraised as qualified open-space or timber land under Tax Code, Chapter 23, Subchapter D or E, to propagate a sustaining breeding, migrating or wintering population of indigenous wild animals for human use, including food, medicine, or recreation, in at least three of the following ways: (1) habitat control; (2) erosion control; (3) predator control; (4) providing supplemental supplies of water; (5) providing supplement supplies of food; (6) providing shelters; and (7) making census counts to determine population.

Wildlife management is also actively using land to protect federally listed endangered species under a federal permit if the land is included in a habitat preserve subject to a conservation easement created under Chapter 183 Natural Resources Code or part of a conservation development under a federally approved habitat conservation plan restricting the use of the land to protect federally listed endangered species or actively using land for a conservation or restoration project under certain federal and state statutes is wildlife management. These two types of wildlife management uses do not require showing a history of agricultural use but do require evidence in the Wildlife Management Use Attachment A, questions 7 and 8.

Agricultural land use categories include: (1) irrigated cropland, (2) dry cropland, (3) improved pastureland, (4) native pastureland, (5) orchard, (6) wasteland, (7) timber production, (8) wildlife management, and (9) other categories of land that are typical in your area.

Total Acres on this tract: _____

Does this property have non-agricultural activities like a homesite (house, yard, amenities, non-ag storage)? Yes-# of Acres? _____ No

STEP 3-a**Describe the PREVIOUS Property Use**

Describe **the past agricultural uses** of this property as described above, starting with the previous year and working back 5 years or until 5 out of 7 years of agricultural use is shown. Five years of continuous agricultural use may be required if the land is located within the corporate limits of a city or town.

Year	Type of Agricultural Use	Acres
2019		
2018		
2017		
2016		

Year	Type of Agricultural Use	Acres
2015		
2014		

STEP 3-b**Describe the CURRENT Property Use using items 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5. (For Wildlife Management Use see Attachment A)****1. Grazing Pasture for livestock, exotic animals or exotic fowl:**

Type of Grasses _____		Number of Acres: _____
Do you Fertilize? Yes No	If yes, what type? _____	Amount per Acre _____
Number of applications in a normal year _____	Number of Head _____ Type _____	

2. Hay Production Pasture:

Type of Grasses _____		Number of Acres: _____
Do you Fertilize? Yes No	If yes, what type? _____	Amount per Acre _____
Number of applications in a normal year _____	Number of cuttings per year _____	Number of Bales _____

3. Cropland (including ornamental plants, flowers or grapevines):

Type of Crop _____		Number of Acres: _____
Type of Fertilizer: _____	Normal Yearly per Acre Yield: _____	
Do you participate in a government program? Yes No	If yes, please list program name and attach a copy of agreement: _____	

Complete this section only if the land is used for wildlife management.
If the land is not used for wildlife management, do not complete this section.

1. If the land is used to manage wildlife, list at least three of the wildlife management practices being used (listed and described in section 3).

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

2. Indicate the property's agricultural land use category (described in section 3-a) for the tax year preceding the land's conversion to wildlife management use. For example, if the land was categorized as native pasture before conversion to wildlife management, native pasture would be the response to this request as it is the category of use prior to conversion.

3. **Attach the wildlife management plan** for the property using the appropriate Texas Parks and Wildlife Department form (obtained at www.tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/private/agricultural_land/).

4. Was the land subject to wildlife management a part of a larger tract of land qualified for 1-d-1 or timberland appraisal on Jan. 1 of the previous year?

Yes No

5. Is any part of the land subject to wildlife management managed through a wildlife management property association?

Yes No

If yes, attach a written agreement obligating the owners in the association to perform wildlife management practices necessary to qualify wildlife management land for 1-d-1 appraisal.

6. Is any part of the land located in an area designated by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a habitat for an endangered species, a threatened species or a candidate species for listing by as threatened or endangered?

Yes No

7. (a) Is the land that is the subject of this application subject to a permit issued under Federal Endangered Species Act Section 7 or 10(a)?

Yes No

(b) If yes, is the land included in a habitat preserve and subject to a conservation easement created under Texas Natural Resources Code Chapter 183 or part of a conservation development under a federally approved habitat conservation plan?

Yes No

If yes to questions 7(a) and (b), provide evidence of the permit and of the conservation easement or habitat conservation plan. Your application cannot be approved without this evidence.

8. Is the land that is the subject of this application actively used for a conservation or restoration project providing compensation for natural resources damage under one or more of the following laws:

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq.)

Yes No

Oil Pollution Act (33 U.S.C. Section 2701 et seq.)

Yes No

Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1251 et seq.)

Yes No

Texas Natural Resources Code Chapter 40

Yes No

If yes to any of the above, provide evidence of the conservation easement, deed restriction or settlement agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Applications without this evidence cannot be approved.