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Important Property Tax Information for Victims of Drought or Wildfire

Several taxpayer relief provisions are available in the Texas Property Tax Code for property owners in counties that have been declared a disaster area. Owners of real property used for residential purposes of up to five units and property owned or leased by businesses with no more than \$5,082,014 in gross receipts for 2010 (Comptroller's published inflationary value) will be eligible to make four equal installment payments as provided by Section 31.032 of the Texas Property Tax Code if they have suffered any damage as a result of the drought. Penalty and interest will not accrue if the following conditions are met: 1) the first payment is received by January 31, 2012 (*second payment by April 2, third by May 31 and fourth by July 31*); and 2) a formal request is made to the Tax Office along with the first payment.

Affected property owners must complete the form below and submit along with their property tax payment (if paying in person) or check the appropriate box on the payment coupon when mailing in payment. Coupons for the remaining payments will be sent by the first week of March.

Application for Special Taxpayer Payment Option

Owners of residential properties of up to five dwelling units and small businesses (gross receipts less than \$5,082,014 for 2010) experiencing damage from wildfire or drought are eligible to make four equal installments on their 2011 property taxes if the first payment is received by January 31, 2012 (*second payment by April 2, third by May 31 and fourth by July 31*); and 2) this form is submitted along with the first installment payment to the Tax Office (address here) or the appropriate box is checked on the payment coupon.

I attest that my property qualifies for installment payments as provided by Section 31.032 of the Texas Property Tax Code. Damage caused by wildfire or drought qualify me for this special payment option.

Signature of property owner

Property Address or Tax Account #:

