



HENDERSON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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OPEN-SPACE LAND APPLICATION FOR YEAR _____

To claim open-space land valuation, this application must be timely filed BETWEEN JANUARY 1st and APRIL 30th of this year.

DEED OWNERS NAME: _____ EMAIL _____

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: _____
NUMBER/POST OFFICE BOX STREET

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE NO: (____) _____ WORK PHONE NO: (____) _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PREVIOUS OWNER: _____

IDENTIFICATION OF LAND

Our account number: _____ Legal Description: _____

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TOTAL ACREAGE COVERED BY THIS APPLICATION: _____

1. List the principal use of the land described above for the past seven (7) years. Include both agricultural (see ** below) and nonagricultural uses of the land. Indicate below the number of acres in each category. This should total the number of acres that is the subject of this application (same as * above)

_____ ACS. HOMESITE	_____ ACS. UNIMPROVED PASTURE (Native grasses, i.e., common Bermuda, dallis, johnson, sparsely wooded)
_____ ACS. IMPROVED PASTURE	_____ ACS. NOT USED AGRICULTURALLY (Coastal Bermuda, Bahia, rye grass) (other than homesite)
_____ ACS. DRYLAND/CROPLAND	_____ ACS. ORCHARDS/HORTICULTURE
= _____ TOTAL ACREAGE*	

** "AGRICULTURAL USE" includes but is not limited to the following activities: cultivating the soil, producing crops for human food, animal feed, planting seed, and to produce fibers; floriculture, viticulture, and horticulture; raising or keeping livestock; and planting cover crops or leaving land idle for the purpose of participating in any governmental program, or normal crop or livestock rotation procedure.

- 2. Is the land subject to this application CURRENTLY devoted principally to agricultural use as defined above? ____ Yes ____ No
- 3. Is the land subject to this application located within the corporate limits of a city or town? ____ Yes ____ No
- 4. Is the land subject to this application owned by a non-resident alien, a foreign government, or a corporation, partnership, trust, or other legal entity in which a non-resident alien or foreign government owns a majority interest in the entity and which is required by federal law or federal rules to register its ownership or acquisition of this land? ____ Yes ____ No

NOTE: VERY IMPORTANT

DOCUMENTATION SHOWING THE HISTORY OF AGRICULTURAL USE OF THIS LAND FOR FIVE (5) OF THE LAST (7) YEARS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION WHEN IT IS RETURNED TO THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT. IF THE DOCUMENTATION IS NOT FURNISHED, THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. (Receipts for fertilizer, feed, bill of sale, copies of leases, etc.)

An application for open-space valuation does not have to be filed annually once such valuation is granted. However, the chief appraiser may require a new application to be filed to confirm that the land is currently eligible for open-space land valuation.

If the use on all or part of qualifying land changes to a non -qualifying use, the land which changes use will be subject to a rollback in taxes for each of the preceding five (5) years in which the special land valuation has been granted.

In addition, a penalty will be imposed if the owner fails to notify the chief appraiser in writing before May 1st after eligibility for the open-space land valuation ends or after a change in the category of agricultural use. This penalty will be equal to 10% of the difference between the taxes imposed on the property in each year that the property was erroneously allowed the special valuation and the taxes that would otherwise have been imposed.

If the application is granted after being filed late, the owner is liable for a penalty of 10% of the difference in the amount of tax imposed on the property and the amount that would be imposed if the property were taxed at market value.

ANY PERSON WHO MAKES A FALSE ENTRY UPON THE FOREGOING RECORD SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:

1. Imprisonment of not more than 10 years nor less than 2 years and/or a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both such fine and imprisonment.
2. Confinement in jail for a term up to 1 year or a fine not to exceed \$2,000 or both such fine and imprisonment as set forth in Section 37.10 of the Penal Code.

The signature below certifies that the information contained in this application is true and correct. The signature below authorizes the Henderson County Appraisal District to enter my property for inspection of agricultural land described in the application.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

Texas Constitution, Article VIII
Property Tax Code, Ch. 23, Subch. D
State Property Tax Board
Special Use Application 23.54 (9/8) Ir

IN THE SPACE BELOW, PLEASE PROVIDE A MAP SHOWING THE EXACT PHYSICAL LOCATION OF YOUR PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN ON- SITE INSPECTION. INCLUDE ROAD NAMES AND NUMBERS.

SUPPLEMENT TO OPEN-SPACE LAND APPLICATION
(1-D-1 agricultural land)

Account No. _____

Account No. _____

This additional information is necessary to determine if your property qualifies for this special valuation. The appraisal district cannot make an eligibility determination unless this information is provided with the application.

Please return the completed supplement questionnaire to our office with the main application. If you have any questions concerning the information requested, please contact the HENDERSON CAD at (903) 675-9296.

1. If you use this property for raising livestock, how many head of livestock do you raise **(Please give # of yearly average)**?

Cattle _____

Goats _____

Calves _____

Horses _____

Bulls _____

Sheep _____

Other _____

Is raising livestock the principal use of this property? ____ Yes ____ No

How many acres do you devote to raising livestock _____?

2. Is this property devoted to hay production? ____ Yes ____ No

3. If crops are grown on this property, list the principal crop grown and the average yield per acre.

Crop _____

Average yield per acre. _____

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Average yield per acre. _____

Is growing crops the principal use of this property? ____ Yes ____ No

4. If you are using this property to participate in a government program, what is the name of the program in which you participate?

Agency/Program _____

How many acres are devoted to this program? _____ acres

Are you planting cover crops ____ Yes ____ No

Is participating in a government program the principal use of this property? ____ Yes ____ No

How long has the land been idle? _____ Months _____ Years

Is livestock or crop rotation currently the principal use of this property? ____ Yes ____ No

5. Do you use this land to raise or keep exotic animals? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, how many head of exotics do you raise on this property?

Axis deer _____

Nilga antelope _____

Red sheep _____

Other(explain) _____

6. Is this property used for any of the following?

a. floriculture(flowering) _____ Y _____ N

b. viticulture(grapes) _____ Y _____ N

c. horticulture(ornamental) _____ Y _____ N

7. Are you currently cultivating the soil on this property to PREPARE for agricultural use? _____ Y _____ N

If so, how long have these preparations taken place? _____

Is cultivating the soil currently the principal use of this property? _____ Y _____ N

8. If you lease this property to another party for agricultural purposes, please provide the following information:

Name: _____ Phone no. _____

9. If you are currently leasing another property for your own agricultural usage, please provide the following information:

Name of Owner: _____ Phone no. _____

Number of acres you lease: _____ acres

Lease amount \$ _____

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____