

ATTACHMENT "A"

AUSTIN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

AGRICULTURE = Variable per acre of farmland / tax exempt

Agriculture - Confirmed agricultural property is taxed on the basis of a special valuation of the use (productivity) of the land. The area location (school district) and agricultural classification (dry crop, improved pasture or native pasture) determines the taxable value per acre of land.

DISABLED VETERANS = Variable based on percent of disability

Partially disabled veterans exemptions range from \$5,000 to \$12,000 based on the following schedule:

% Disability	Exemption
10-29	\$5,000
30-49	\$7,500
50-69	\$10,000
70-99	\$12,000

Disabled veterans with a 100 percent disability are entitled to a tax exemption of the total appraised value of the residence homestead.

STRAIGHT DISABILITY LOCAL OPTION = \$51,000

Disabled persons (unable to hold a job) on social security or forced retirement receive a \$51,000 tax exemption.

ELDERLY HOMESTEAD = \$51,000

Persons 65 years and older can apply for a \$51,000 tax exemption on their home.

HISTORIC HOMESTEAD

- (A) Except as provided in Subsection (B) below, for a property designated as a historic landmark before December 1, 2004 the following percentage of the assessed value of a property designated "H" Historic and approved for tax exemption shall be exempt from ad valorem taxes levied by the City:

- (1) 100 percent of the assessed value of the historic structure and 50 percent of the assessed value of the portion of the land the chief appraiser for the county appraisal district determines is reasonably necessary for access to and use of the historic structure for:
 - (a) an owner-occupied historic residential property that is not fully or partially leased to another person; and
 - (b) a property owned by a nonprofit corporation, as defined in the Texas Nonprofit Corporation Act; and
 - (2) 50 percent of the assessed value of the historic structure and 25 percent of the assessed value of the portion of the land the chief appraiser for the county appraisal district determines is reasonably necessary for access to and use of the historic structure for any other historic property, including property used for a commercial purpose.
- (B) This subsection applies to a property designated as a historic landmark before December 1, 2004 that changed ownership after November 30, 2004, or designated as a historic landmark after November 30, 2004.
- (1) The following percentage of the assessed value of a property designated "H" Historic and approved for tax exemption shall be exempt from ad valorem taxes levied by the city.
 - (a) subject to the limitation of Paragraph (2), 100 percent of the assessed value of the historic structure and 50 percent of the assessed value of the portion of the land the chief appraiser for the county appraisal district determines is reasonably necessary for access to and use of the historic structure for:
 - (i) an owner-occupied historic residential property that is not fully or partially leased to another person; and a property owned by a nonprofit corporation, as defined in the Texas Nonprofit Corporation Act; and
 - (ii) a property owned by a nonprofit corporation, as defined in the Texas Nonprofit Corporation Act; and
 - (b) 50 percent of the assessed value of the historic structure and 25 percent of the assessed value of the portion of the land the chief appraiser for the county appraisal district determines is reasonably necessary for access to and use of the historic structure for any other historic property, including property used for a commercial purpose.

- (2) An exemption under Subparagraph (1)(a) above may not exceed the greater of \$2,000 or 50 percent of the ad valorem tax that the City would otherwise levy on the property.
- (C) The City Council recommends to the Chief Appraiser for each appraisal district that the entire tax parcel on which the historic structure is located, and which is designated "H" Historic, is reasonably necessary for access to and use of the historic structure, unless otherwise determined by City Council in a specific case.