



THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Why does this law exist?

The Homestead Exemption exists to prevent the forced sale of a home to meet the demands of creditors, to provide the surviving spouse with shelter, and to provide an exemption from property taxes which can be applied to a home. Please note that the exemption does not apply to forced sales to satisfy mortgages and mechanics liens.

How is a homestead defined?

Urban: An urban homestead is defined as a lot or lots of no more than ten acres located within a municipality.

Rural: For families, a rural homestead is defined as a lot or lots of no more than 200 acres located outside of a municipality. For a single adult, the lot or lots may not exceed 100 acres.

How To Declare A Homestead

In order to declare a homestead, you must contact your county's Appraisal District and request that they mail you the necessary forms.

Bexar County
210-224-8511
<http://www.bcad.org/>

Collin County
469-742-9200
<http://www.collincad.org>

Comal County
830-625-8597
<http://www.comalad.org/>

Dallas County
214-631-0910
<http://www.dallascad.org>

Denton County
940-349-3800
<http://www.dentoncad.org>

Guadalupe County
830-372-2871
<http://www.guadalupead.org/>

Johnson County
817-645-3986
<http://www.johnsoncad.org>

Kendall County
830-249-8012
<http://www.kendallad.org/>

Parker County
817-596-0078
<http://www.parkercad.org>

Tarrant County
817-284-0024
<http://www.tad.org>