

Taxpayer Impact Statement

House Bill 1522 amends Section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code to add new notice requirements under the Texas Open Meetings Act. Specifically, when a governmental body posts notice of a meeting under Section 551.043(a)(c) at which it will discuss or adopt its budget, the notice must now include a taxpayer impact statement.

The taxpayer impact statement must show, for the median-valued homestead property within the governmental body’s jurisdiction:

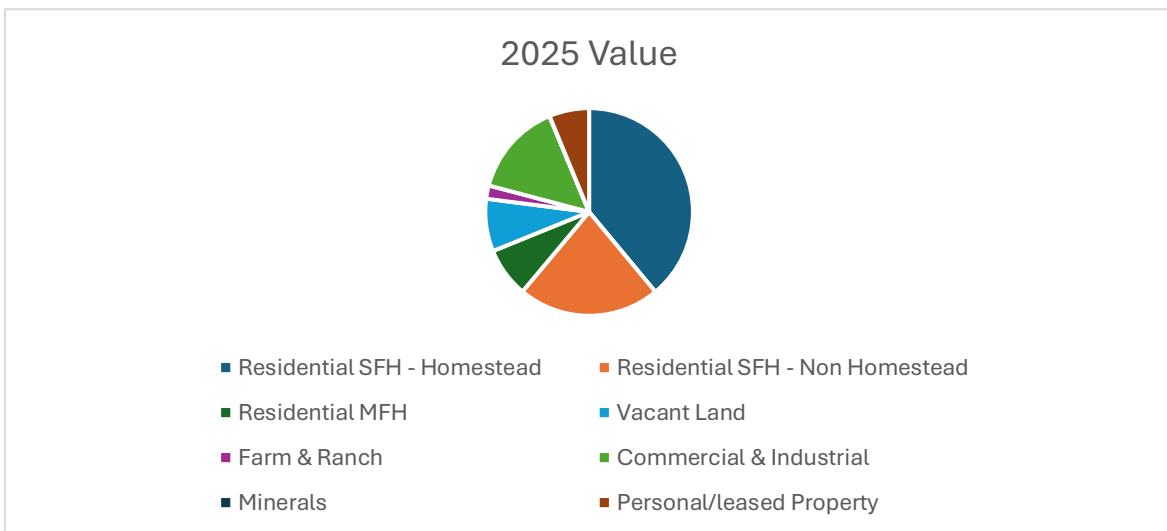
- The property tax bill in dollars for the current fiscal year, *and*
- An estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the upcoming fiscal year.

This requirement is intended to increase transparency by allowing taxpayers to see how proposed budgets may directly affect their property tax bills.

Estimated Annual Impact of the WCAD Budget for Homesteaded Properties

Budget Year	2025	2026
Median Value of Homestead Property	\$358,542	\$376,051
Value of property taxes received by The Appraisal District for the median value of a homestead property	\$38.01	\$40.54

- 45% of the total taxable value comes from homesteaded properties
- 45% of the total budget x taxable value of homesteaded properties = ‘rate’
- ‘Rate’ x median homestead taxable value = dollars to the CAD



The estimates in this statement are valid for the 2026 CAD budget cycle.