

GALVESTON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Total Number of Parcels: The GCAD currently appraised 188,561 total parcels. The total appraised market value of the properties is \$33,243,040,907.

Uses and Types of Property: The following represents a breakdown of the number of parcels in each category of property and the appraised values of each of the categories. Category "A" (Single Family Residential) has 112,656 parcels with an appraised value of \$19,577,592,656. Category "B" (Multi-Family) has 1,916 parcels with an appraised value of \$779,159,720. Category "C" (Vacant Lots) has 35,853 parcels with an appraised value of \$836,894,074. Category "D" (Acreage and AG-Use) has 118,281 acres with an appraised value of \$522,346,277. Category "E" (Farm and Ranch Improvements) has 959 parcels with an appraised value of \$115,184,651. Category "F" (Commercial and Industrial) has 6,739 parcels with an appraised value \$5,109,886,907. Category "G" has 1,375 parcels with an appraised value of \$79,308,135. Category "J" (Utilities) has 1,479 parcels with an appraised value of \$579,614,495. Category "L" (Personal Property) has 11,430 parcels with an appraised of \$2,289,951,214. Category "M" (Mobile Homes) has 3,620 parcels with an appraised value of \$52,464,471. Category "O" (Inventory) has 2845 parcels with an appraised value of \$11,401,799. Category "S" (Special Inventory) has 181 parcels with an appraised value of \$67,176,900. Additionally there are 8,426 exempt properties.

Exemption Information: There are 72,950 Residential Homestead Exemptions, 21,884 Over 65 Exemptions, and 3,088 Disabled Person Exemptions. There are 1,599 Partial Disabled Veteran Exemptions and 631 Total Disabled Veteran Exemptions. The GCAD has 20 Pollution Control Exemptions, 1 Abatements, 1 Foreign Trade Zones and 0 CHDO. The values associated with the exemptions may be found in the 2015 GCAD Assessment Roll Grand Totals Report for Supplemental #1(Attached).

Appeal Data: Typically the GCAD will process approximately 30,000 appeals. This includes informal meetings and ARB proceedings. There were 27,345 appeals for 2015. 23,160 appeals were resolved during the informal appeal process. 4,185 unresolved protests were scheduled for the Appraisal Review Board. Of those that were scheduled to the ARB, 1,336 were reduced. Ninety-five percent of the protested accounts were resolved on July, 24, 2015 and the GCAD Appraisal Records were certified on that date.

Ratio Study Analysis: A ratio study is designed to evaluate appraisal performance through a comparison of appraised or assessed values for tax purposes with estimates of market value based on sales prices, and tested by measures of central tendency. The Galveston Central Appraisal District will adhere to the IAAO Standards on ratio studies. Those statistics include current measures of Central Tendency by CAD and Measures of Dispersion as required by law.

New Construction: Building Permits are gathered from Galveston County and all of the cities located in the appraisal district. Data collection in the field requires preparation of maps, computer generated appraisal cards, and coordination of appropriate staff members to begin the process. Properties are grouped in type, location, and neighborhood prior to the start of the fieldwork. This process requires coordination and supervision during all phases. Fieldwork is distributed to appraisers based on property type and location. Often,

field appraisers are trained in the techniques of listing, measuring, classifying, and appraising of property. Depreciation is also considered during the field inspection phase of the appraisal process. A breakdown of New Construction totals for 2015 can be found on the Effective Tax Rate Report.

Further Information: For further information describing increased efficiencies in the operations achievement of higher degrees of professionalism, and a complete listing of the standards and policies adopted in the valuation and administrative process please refer to the GCAD 2015-2016 Reappraisal Plan.