

## **Harris County Appraisal District**

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## Office of Chief Appraiser

July 24, 2020

Honorable Jerry Mouton Mayor City of Deer Park P O Box 700 Deer Park, TX 77536-0700

Re: 2020 Sec. 26.01(a-1) Estimate

City of Deer Park

Dear Mayor Mouton:

<u>Board of Directors</u> Ann Harris Bennett, Chairman

Tax Assessor-Collector, Ex-Officio Director
Mike Sullivan, Secretary
Glenn E. Peters, Assistant Secretary
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As required by Texas Tax Code Sec. 26.01(a-1), we have prepared an estimate of taxable value for the above taxing jurisdiction for 2020.

While we have taken our best estimate of potential hearing loss into account, 2020 protests are still being received and formal hearings held during the next several months may cause further value reductions. Also, if fewer protests are filed, your value could possibly increase.

Your final taxable value will also be impacted by late-filed exemption applications, late applications for productivity valuation, correction motions under Tax Code Sec. 25.25, and possible post-ARB appeals through binding arbitration, appeals to district court, or appeals to the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on operations has caused almost daily changes to many of our processes. Protests will continue to be scheduled and rescheduled into the winter of 2020, if not later. Due to social distancing requirements, the ARB capacity has been very limited and COVID-19 issues have occasionally caused changes to schedules. Many temporary disaster exemptions have been received, however the Attorney General's opinion (No. KP-0299) indicated that economic loss not associated with physical damage was not eligible for the exemption. There is still some uncertainty regarding how this may impact your taxable value moving forward.

Given these limitations, the estimated 2020 taxable value for the taxing unit identified above is:

\$3,201,298,735

The enclosed worksheet also provides additional <u>estimated</u> values that may be useful in your tax rate calculations.

Please do not hesitate to contact your HCAD jurisdiction coordinator or my office if you have questions regarding this estimate or other matters affecting appraisal district operations.

Sincerely,

Roland Altinger Chief Appraiser