

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF SCENARIOS

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Sticker shock?

- Appraisal values reportedly increasing by an average of 28%
- State law caps assessment growth to 10%
- State law caps property tax growth in cities
- Fair Oaks Ranch relies much more on property taxes than most Texas cities
- Fair Oaks Ranch receives less than \$2 for over every \$10 of homestead property tax



Governmental Fund Revenue Average Texas City vs. Fair Oaks Ranch

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Average Tax Bill* Breakdown By Entity



*Based on tax rates applied to a home value of \$535,467

Current Exemptions



City

- Homestead: \$5,000
- Over 65: \$20,000

State Mandated

- Disabled Veteran 1: \$5,000
- Disabled Veteran 2: \$7,500
- Disabled Veteran 3: \$10,000
- Disabled Veteran 4: \$12,000
- 100% Disabled Veteran: 100%

Options and Analysis

1. Proposed Exemption

- CITY S RANC' • \$25,000 exemption for Disabled
- Persons \$25,000 exemption for Disabled and \$5,000 additional exemption for **Residents Over 65**

2. Freeze options

- Disability Freeze
- Disability & Over 65 Freeze

Assumptions

- Average homestead value \$535,467 (FY 2022 Adopted)
- Average homestead value growth of 5%
- Collection rate of 99.1%
- Number of exemptions per 2021 Certified Tax Rolls
- No change in City Tax Rate





\$25,000 Exemption – Disability



6 Homesteads

\$87 savings per homestead per year

\$5,200 reduced revenue over 10 years ASImage: second s

per year

\$25,000 Exemption Disability Additional \$5,000 for Over 65

\$1.2 Million (\$237,000 additional) reduced revenue over 10 years



Disability Freeze









6 Homesteads

\$93 savings per homestead per year

\$36,000 reduced revenue over 10 years

Disability & Over 65 Freeze









1365 Homesteads \$93 savings per homestead per year

\$8.2 million \$(7.8 million additional) reduced revenue over 10 years

Considerations



Additional tax exemptions and tax freezes may not be applied to disabled veteran categories by a municipality.

A tax freeze once enacted cannot be repealed -Texas Constitution Article VIII, section 1-b(h)

A tax freeze effectively caps the tax levy of a homestead, freezing the taxable valuation and tax rate.

A property must be a designated homestead in order to receive an exemption or freeze

Timeline



| Presentation of property tax relief options | | Certified Appraisal Roles received from 3 Counties | | Budget filed with City Secretary | |
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| | 3 Ju | | | Aug. | |
| 21 Apr. | | 25 July | | 22 Aug. | |
| | Deadline to N Appraisal Dist | • | Set Propose 2022-23 | d Tax Rate for | |



Questions?