

## Lindsay Koskiniemi

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**From:** Kristin Bulanek <KBulanek@brazoriacountytx.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 8, 2023 11:32 AM  
**To:** Lindsay Koskiniemi  
**Cc:** Melisa Hudman  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Update

Lindsay,

Properties in Sweeny do qualify and have homestead exemptions. However, the City of Sweeny does not offer their own local homestead exemption. This means that if I am a resident of Sweeny and I have a homestead exemption on my property, I will receive a homestead exemption from each of the my taxing units that I pay that offer a homestead exemption. The City of Sweeny currently does not offer their own homestead exemption, therefore, residents of Sweeny are not getting a value reduction for their city taxes. But they would be receiving a value reduction for the county, school, and potential other entities who offer homestead exemptions.

Feel free to call me if this is still muddied water.

Also, the disabled veteran's exemption is mandatory by statute for all entities.

Thanks.



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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Update

Hi Kristin,

Some residents have stated they receive a home exemption in Sweeny. Can you tell me why some resident would have a homestead exemption if that is not offered in Sweeny? I'm just trying to understand the process thoroughly before I present it to Council in our next public meeting.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Update

The City of Sweeny currently does not offer a local option homestead exemption.

According to Tax Code 11.13, the City can adopt a local option homestead exemption up to 20%, with a minimum of \$5,000. This would need to be adopted by the City no later than June 30th.

The City does offer a \$25,000 Over65 exemption and a \$20,000 Disabled Persons exemption. If the City decided to increase these, the City would need to adopt no later than June 30th.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 3, 2023, at 8:20 PM, Lindsay Koskiniemi <[citymanager@sweenytx.gov](mailto:citymanager@sweenytx.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon, Kristin,

We will be reviewing this topic with Council during the budget process and will not be collecting rent for the time being. The mold study found there is a presence of Cladosporium, a common spore, that may cause itchy eyes, runny nose, etc.

As we go into our FY24 budget hearings, I would like to know what Sweeny's homestead exemption rate is. We have had a lot of challenges with water coloration. While we can't go backwards on utility rates (revenue is collateral for \$4m in CO's - 2019), we can discuss increased property tax exemptions.

Thank you,  
Lindsay

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**Subject:** Update

Good afternoon Lindsay,

Just wanted to follow up with you to see if there was any update on how Council wanted you to proceed with the Tax Office in Sweeny.

Thanks so much!

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