






Homestead Exemption: Parameters & Timeline

-  Any taxing unit, including a city, county, school district or special district, has the option of offering a separate exemption of up to 20 percent of the property's appraised value.
-  Minimum exemption of \$5,000, regardless of property value or percentage level of exemption.
-  To be eligible, resident must have an ownership interest in property and use as primary residence.
-  Homeowner must be an individual (for example: not a corporation or other business entity) and use the home as his or her principal residence on January 1 of the tax year.
-  The taxing unit must decide before July 1 of the tax year to offer this exemption; therefore any exemption would not take effect until FY 2015-16.

Homestead Exemption: Comparison with Peer Jurisdictions

Peer Cities

City of Dallas	20%
City of Fort Worth	20%
City of Houston	20%
City of San Antonio	None

Overlapping Taxing Entities

Travis County	20%
AISD	\$15,000 (state mandated)
ACC	1%
Central Health	20%

Homestead Exemption: Cost at Proposed Tax Rate

This table shows the General Fund property tax revenue that would be lost at FY 2013-14 certified property values using the proposed tax rate of 48.09 cents per \$100 of taxable value. Actual revenue loss in FY 2015-16 would vary depending upon the tax rate and certified property values in that tax year.

Level of Exemption	Tax Rate	GF Revenue Generated	Change vs. Proposed Revenue	Annual Savings for Owner of Median-Value Home
No Homestead Exemption	48.09¢	\$352.5M	-	-
20%	48.09¢	\$316.8M	(\$35.6M)	\$189.00
\$5,000	48.09¢	\$349.4M	(\$3.1M)	\$24.05