

On this, the 9th day of June 2025, the Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas convened in a Commissioners Court meeting with the following members thereof present:

Mark Henry, County Judge
Darrell A. Apffel, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Joe Giusti, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Hank Dugie, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Robin Armstrong, MD, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; and
Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to-wit:

An Order Granting Various Residence Homestead Exemptions From the 2025 Tax Levy Pursuant to V.T.C.A., Tax Code §11.13 and §11.131.

Whereas, V.T.C.A., Tax Code §11.13 and §11.131 provides for the granting of various residence homestead exemptions. Through the years, the Commissioners' Court of Galveston County has granted such exemptions; and

Whereas, the Court desires to continue to provide for such exemptions.

It is Therefore Ordered that the Commissioners' Court hereby exempts from its 2025 Tax Levy the first Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars of the assessed value of residence homestead of persons, married or unmarried, including those living alone, who are under disability for purposes of payment of disability insurance benefits under Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance or its successor, as provided in Article 8, §1-b (b), Constitution of the State of Texas.

It is Further Ordered that the Commissioners' Court hereby exempts from such ad valorem taxes the first Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars of the assessed value of residence homestead of persons, married or unmarried, including those living alone who are sixty-five years of age or older, as provided in Article 8, §1-b(b), Constitution of the State of Texas.

It is Further Ordered that as provided in Article 8, §1-b(f) Constitution of the State of Texas and V.T.C.A., Tax Code §11.13(q), the surviving spouse of an individual who received an exemption under §1-b(b) for the residence homestead of a person sixty-five (65) years of age or older is entitled to an exemption for the same property in an amount equal to that of the exemption for which the deceased spouse qualified if the deceased spouse died in a year in which the deceased spouse qualified for the exemption, the surviving spouse was fifty-five (55) years of age or older when the deceased spouse died, and the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the deceased spouse died and remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse. A person who receives an exemption under §1-b(b), Constitution of the State of Texas, is not entitled to an exemption under this paragraph. Also, an individual who receives an exemption

under V.T.C.A., Tax Code 11.13(d) is not entitled to an exemption under V.T.C.A., §11.13(q).

It is Further Ordered that as provided in Article 8, §1-b(b) Constitution of the State of Texas and V.T.C.A., Tax Code §11.13(h), an eligible disabled person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older may not receive both the "disability" and the "over sixty-five" exemptions as immediately set forth above but may choose either the "disability" exemption or the "over sixty-five" exemption as his residence homestead exemption. Joint, community or successive owners may not each receive the same exemption for the same residence homestead in the same year. In addition, a person may not receive an exemption under V.T.C.A., Tax Code §11.13(h) for more than one residence homestead in the same year.

It is Further Ordered that as provided in V.T.C.A., Tax Code §11.13(l) a qualified residential structure does not lose its character as a residence homestead when the owner who qualifies for the exemption temporarily stops occupying it as a principal residence if the owner otherwise complies with the conditions set forth in this section.

It is Further Ordered that Galveston County hereby exempts the first Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars of the assessed value on the residential homestead from its Farm to Market Lateral Road and Flood Tax Levy as provided in Article 8, §1-a of the Constitution of the State of Texas. As provided for in V.T.C.A., Tax Code §11.13(g), an individual may not receive the "Farm to Market" exemption in addition to the "over sixty-five" or "disability" exemption but is entitled to take only the "over sixty-five" or "disability" exemption.

It is Further Ordered that in addition to all other applicable exemptions that Galveston County hereby exempts from all its ad valorem taxes the greater of \$5,000.00 or twenty percent (20%) of the assessed value of the residence homestead of a married or unmarried adult, including one living alone, as provided in Article 8, §1-b(e), Constitution of the State of Texas and V.T.C.A., Tax Code §11.13(n).

It is Further Ordered that pursuant to Tax Code §11.131 a disabled veteran who receives from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual unemployability is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead.

It is Further Ordered that the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who qualified for an exemption under the guidelines adopted in the preceding paragraph when the disabled veteran died is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the same property to which the disabled veteran's exemption applied if:

- (1) the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the disabled veteran;
and
- (2) the property:
 - (a) was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the disabled veteran died; and

(b) remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

It is Further Ordered that if a surviving spouse who qualifies for an exemption under the immediately preceding paragraph subsequently qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead, the surviving spouse is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the subsequently qualified homestead in an amount equal to the dollar amount of the exemption from taxation of the former homestead under the immediately preceding paragraph in the last year in which the surviving spouse received an exemption under that subsection for that homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the disabled veteran. The surviving spouse is entitled to receive from the chief appraiser of the appraisal district in which the former residence homestead was located a written certificate providing the information necessary to determine the amount of the exemption to which the surviving spouse is entitled on the subsequently qualified homestead.

Upon Motion Duly Made and Seconded, the above foregoing Orders are hereby passed by Commissioners' Court meeting on this the 9th day of June, 2025.


County of Galveston



Mark A. Henry
County Judge

Attest:

Dwight B. Sullivan,
County Clerk

By:  _____, Deputy
Melissa A. Childs