

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ORANGE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected to, the Orange County Appraisal District Board of Directors, under the Texas Elections Code 141.001 (except for 141.001(a)(5)), a person must:

- 1) be a United States citizen;
- 2) be 18 years of age or older on January 1, 2027; (first day of term)
- 3) have not been determined by a final judgement of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
 - a. totally mentally incapacitated; or
 - b. partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
- 4) have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
- 5) have been a resident of Orange County and must have resided in Orange County for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office on January 1, 2027;
- 6) on the date described by Subdivision (5), be registered to vote in Orange County; and
- 7) satisfy any other eligibility requirements prescribed by law for the office.

To be eligible to be a candidate for, elected to, the Orange County Appraisal District Board of Directors, under the Texas Property Tax Code, a person must:

- 1) The individual must be resident of the district (county) and must have resided in the district (county) for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office;
- 2) An individual who is otherwise eligible to serve on the board is not ineligible because of membership on the governing body of a taxing unit. (An employee of a taxing unit that participates in the district is not eligible to serve on the board unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the district).

A person **IS NOT ELIGIBLE** to be a candidate for, or elected to, the Orange County Appraisal District Board of Directors, under the Texas Property Tax Code, if the person:

- 1) is an employee of a taxing unit that participates in Orange County;
- 2) has served as a member of the Board of Directors for all or part of five terms, unless:
 - a. the individual was the county assessor-collector at the time the individual served as a board member; or
 - b. the appraisal district is established in a county with a population of less than 120,000;

- 3) is related within the second degree of consanguinity (blood) or affinity (marriage), as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, to an individual who is engaged in the business of appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under the Texas Property Tax Code or of representing property Owners for compensation in proceedings under the Texas Property Tax Code within Orange County;
- 4) owns property on which delinquent taxes have been owed to a taxing unit for more than 60 days after the date the individual knew or should have known of the delinquency unless:
 - a. the delinquent taxes and any penalties and interest are being paid under an installment payment agreement under Section 33.02 of the Texas Property Tax Code; or
 - b. a lawsuit to collect the delinquent taxes is deferred or abated under Property Tax Code Section 33.06 or 33.065;
- 5) has engaged in the business of appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under the Texas Property Tax Code at any time during the preceding three years;
- 6) has engaged in the business of representing property owners for compensation in proceedings under the Texas Property Tax Code in Orange County at any time during the preceding three years; or
- 7) has been an employee of the Orange County Appraisal District at any time during the preceding three years.
- 8) has a substantial interest in a business entity that is party to a contract or the individual is a party to a contract with the CAD. This prohibition also applies to contracts with a taxing unit that participates in the CAD if the contract relates to the performance of an activity governed by the Tax Code. Tax Code Section 6.036(a). An individual has a substantial business interest in a business entity if:
 - a. the combined ownership of the director and director's spouse is at least 10 percent of the voting stock or shares of the business entity; or
 - b. the director or director's spouse is a partner, limited partner or officer of the business entity.