

Shelby County Appraisal District Reminds Businesses to Render Their Taxable Property by April 15th

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, then a rendition must be filed with the Shelby County Appraisal District by April 15th. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15th to receive an automatic extension to May 15th or the next business day. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the postponed deadline, if necessary.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1 of this year. Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

The appraisal district may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office.

You can also file a report of decreased value to notify the district of significant depreciation of your property. For example, if your property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year, you should file a report of decreased value. The district will look at your property before assigning a value. The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 15th.

If a rendition is filed late, is incomplete, not filed at all or is determined to contain false information, a penalty of 10 to 50 percent of the total amount of taxes levied on the property for that year will be imposed.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Shelby County Appraisal District at (936) 598-6171. More information is also available from the Comptroller's website at www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.