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**“Appraisal District clarifies Homestead Request Form”**

The Navarro Central Appraisal District has become aware of a Homestead Designation form being mailed to taxpayers in Navarro County. “We would like to inform the residents of Navarro County that to file for a residence homestead exemption on your primary residence is free of charge,” stated Karen Morris, Chief Appraiser.

“It seems that the forms being mailed are to be returned to Austin with a fee of \$49.00 and these forms did not come from Navarro Central Appraisal District.”

Through Navarro Central Appraisal District, the homestead exemption process is for tax purposes only. Independent companies offering paid homestead designations are not affiliated with the district. According to the Better Business Bureau, filing a homestead designation is not required in order to get a tax break.

The district typically contacts property owners in writing by regular mail containing a letter from the Navarro Central Appraisal District’s office on its official letterhead, along with an application.

This process usually occurs by Jan. 31 but can also happen throughout the year for special circumstances. Correspondences from the district will always contain a letter on its official letterhead.

The district reminds taxpayers that there is no charge to file a Residence Homestead Exemption.