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**Property Taxes - Changes to Beekeeping Qualification**

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Carla,

About

In addition to the information we already provided to you about our opposition to the proposed changes to Chapter 23 of the Tax Code as it relates to the beekeeping qualification, we have identified at least 55 counties in Texas that over the past 9 years have established degree of intensity standards currently less than the six hives per five-acre tract you are proposing as a statewide minimum standard. A list of the counties is attached as well as the names of the seventeen TBA member local associations that serve beekeepers from these counties.

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The CAD appraisers and their Ag representative board members in these 55 counties have certainly considered the environmental conditions (rainfall, soils, temperatures, growing season, forage resources, etc.) in their respective area to arrive at their standards. They may also have done so with input from local beekeepers. Beekeepers in these 55 counties will not accept an arbitrary increase in standards without vigorous objection, especially if the justification for the increase seems to be that it may benefit a CAD's position in court.

You also stated in our conversation on January 22 that if it were not for one individual in South-Central Texas, who you believe is not abiding by the "spirit of the law," there would be no reason for any changes. To be clear, we do not condone the kind of practices that you allege are happening, but CADs clearly have existing avenues to address such issues. The proposed changes do not add anything to what CADs can already require.

We are always open to discuss appropriate solutions for legitimate concerns, but we believe the proposed changes are not good law, do not add anything to address what you have expressed are your concerns, and would have an immediate detrimental effect on beekeepers in at least 55 Texas counties. Therefore, we do not support adding the additional language that you have proposed.

Leesa Hyder  
Executive Secretary  
Texas Beekeepers Association  
[www.texasbeekeepers.org](http://www.texasbeekeepers.org)

**Counties that have fewer than six hives per 5-acre requirement and TBA member local associations that serve their area:**

**Bailey**

Palo Duro Bee Club

Caprock Beekeepers Association

**Bandera**

Alamo Area Beekeepers Association

Texas Hill Country Beekeepers Association

**Bee**

Golden Crescent Beekeepers Association, Victoria

**Borden**

Caprock Beekeepers Association

Big Country Beekeepers Association

**Bowie**

Texarkana Beekeepers Association

**Brewster**

Southwest Texas Beekeepers Association

**Crane**

Concho Valley Beekeepers Association

**Briscoe**

Palo Duro Bee Club

**Cass**

Texarkana Beekeepers Association

**Collingsworth**

Palo Duro Bee Club

**Cooke**

Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

**Cottle**

Caprock Beekeepers Association

**Crockett**

Southwest Texas Beekeepers Association

**Dallam**

Palo Duro Bee Club

**Delta**

Hopkins County Beekeepers Association

**Deaf Smith**

Palo Duro Bee Club

**Duval****Ector**

Concho Valley Beekeepers Association

**Erath**

Erath County Beekeepers Association

**Garza**

Caprock Beekeepers Association

**Hale**

Palo Duro Bee Club

Caprock Beekeepers Association

**Harrison**

Marshall Beekeeping Association

**Hartley**

Palo Duro Bee Club

**Hemphill**

Palo Duro Bee Club

**Hidalgo****Hill**

Hill County Beekeepers Association

**Jack**

Wise Texas Bee Club (1)

**Johnson**

Johnson County Beekeepers Association

Chisholm Trail Beekeepers

**Karnes**

Bees in the East Club  
Golden Crescent Beekeepers Association, Victoria

**Kimble**

Southwest Texas Beekeepers Association  
Texas Hill Country Beekeepers Association

**Lamar**

Lamar County Beekeepers Association

**Lamb**

Caprock Beekeepers Association

**Maverick**

Alamo Area Beekeepers Association

**Medina**

Alamo Area Beekeepers Association

**Moore**

Palo Duro Bee Club

**Morris**

Caddo Trace Beekeepers Association

**Oldham**

Palo Duro Bee Club

**Potter**

Palo Duro Bee Club

**Rains**

Hopkins County Beekeepers Association  
Wood County Beekeepers Association

**Randall**

Palo Duro Bee Club

**Red River**

Lamar County Beekeepers Association  
Caddo Trace Beekeepers Association

**Refugio**

Golden Crescent Beekeepers Association, Victoria

**Scurry**

Big Country Beekeepers Association  
Caprock Beekeepers Association

**Shackelford**

Big Country Beekeepers Association

**Somervell**

Dino-Beekeepers Association

**Sterling**

Concho Valley Beekeepers Association

**Terrell**

Southwest Texas Beekeepers Association

**Tom Green**

Concho Valley Beekeepers Association

**Upton**

Concho Valley Beekeepers Association

**Val Verde**

Southwest Texas Beekeepers Association

**Waller**

Central Texas Beekeepers Association

**Wichita**

Red River Valley Beekeepers Association

**Willacy**

Golden Crescent Beekeepers Association, Victoria

**Wilson**

Bees in the East Club (2)  
Golden Crescent Beekeepers Association, Victoria

**Wood**

Wood County Beekeepers Association  
North East Texas Bee Association