

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** June 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Discussion of the City's local option homestead exemption.

PRESENTER: Mark C. Mills, Director of Finance

SUMMARY:

Staff will make a presentation to City Council that provides an overview of current property value trends as well as an overview of the City's homestead exemption. At the conclusion of the presentation, staff will seek guidance from Council regarding the homestead exemption.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Based on information received from the Tarrant Appraisal District ("TAD"), staff is expecting significant property value growth to be reflected in the tax rolls provided by TAD in 2022. As a result, staff would like to provide the City Council with information and an opportunity to discuss the City's homestead exemption.

The homestead exemption provides a deduction for qualified properties, which lowers the appraised value of a residence for the purpose of determining its taxable value. The City's current homestead exemption is 15%. Based on the information presented and Council's discussion, Council may consider altering the homestead exemption. If Council desires to adjust the homestead exemption, an Ordinance will be on the agenda for Council consideration. Any changes to the homestead exemption must be approved via Ordinance and provided to Tarrant Appraisal District prior to July 1.