

**STANDING ORDER
REGARDING
MANDATORY DISCLOSURES IN TAX CASES**

The Court notes that Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.1(a) provides:

Duty to Disclose. *Except as* exempted by Rule 194.2(d) or as otherwise agreed by the parties or *ordered by the court*, a party must, without awaiting a discovery request, provide to the other parties the information or material described in Rule 194.2, 194.3 and 194.4.

That provision establishes a method for this Court to enter this Standing Order to waive the application of Rule 194 in specific circumstances. After due consideration and in order to maximize judicial efficiency and economy, this Court is of the opinion that any claim or lawsuit filed under Texas Tax Code Chapters 31-34 should be exempt from the mandatory disclosure requirements set out in Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194, but further notes that any party in a claim or lawsuit under Texas Tax Code Chapters 31-34 that is duly served discovery requests by the opposing party will still be fully and completely obligated to timely respond to any such party initiated discovery requests. It is:

ORDERED that all parties in any claim or lawsuit filed under Texas Tax Code Chapters 31-34 in the 125th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas are exempt from the mandatory nature of the disclosure rules set out in Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this the 12 day of March, 2021.



JUDGE KYLE CARTER

FILED
Marilyn Burgess
District Clerk

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Time: _____
Harris County, Texas
By _____
Deputy