

Santa Cruz City Schools
Parcel Tax Exemption Application
For Tax Year 2020-21

For Owner-Occupants Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance
Instructions



1. This parcel tax exemption is for property owners who currently receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and whose annual household income does not exceed 250% of the 2019 Federal poverty guidelines issued by the United States Dept. of Health & Human Services (see Application form).
2. The exemption will only apply to their primary place of residence. Exemptions for multiple properties will not be approved. The parcel taxes in effect for the 2020-21 tax year are as follows:

Measure I - Santa Cruz City High School District: (for properties within the Santa Cruz City Elementary District, and within the Live Oak, Soquel, Mountain, Happy Valley, Bonny Doon and Pacific Elementary School Districts) Supports *Grades 9-12 Library & Counseling services* \$38 per parcel per year, effective through 2020-21

Measure J – Santa Cruz City Elementary District: (for properties generally within Santa Cruz City limits) Supports *Grades K-8 Art & Music programs, Library programs & Counseling services* \$85 per parcel per year, effective through 2020-21

Measure P – Santa Cruz City Elementary District (for properties generally within Santa Cruz City limits) Supports *Grades K-3 Class Size Reduction, lowered Class Sizes in Grades 4-6, Library services, Art supplies, Life Lab, & a variety of other K-6 programs* \$105 per parcel per year, effective through 2023-24

Measure O – Santa Cruz City High School District: (for properties within the Santa Cruz City Elementary District, and within the Live Oak, Soquel, Mountain, Happy Valley, Bonny Doon and Pacific Elementary School Districts) *Preserves local middle and high school students' instructional and after-school programs in Career Technical Education, Science, Technology, Engineering, Performing Arts and supports Athletic programs to keep kids safe, healthy and engaged in school.* \$72 per parcel per year, effective through 2023-24

3. **Applications are available electronically, by email, by request, or in person:**
 - o Download at www.sccs.net
 - o Send an email to exemptions@sci-cg.com
 - o Call the Parcel Tax Administrator at **(800) 273-5167** for application by mail
 - o Pick up an application Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, **133 Mission St. Suite 100, Santa Cruz, CA 95060**
4. **Complete the Parcel Tax Exemption Application for SSDI Recipients and include the following documentation (copies only):**
 - o Proof of ownership (property tax bill)
 - o Proof of residence (utility bill)
 - o Proof of benefit (benefits verification letter) **A Benefits Verification Letter may be obtained by calling the Social Security Administration at (800) 772-1213 or by visiting a local Social Security Administration Office.*
5. **Mail the application and required documentation to: Santa Cruz City Schools Exemptions, 4745 Mangels Blvd, Fairfield, CA 94534, no later than July 1, 2020.**

Please Note:

- Once you receive the SSI or SSDI Exemption, **you are required to provide an updated benefits verification letter annually** to continue to receive the exemption. **If you sold your home and purchased a new home, you must re-file for a SSDI Exemption for the new property.**
- The parcel tax applies to parcels with land value. If your parcel is taxed for improvement value only (as in some mobile home parks), the parcel tax will not be assessed on your parcel, and you do not need to fill out this application.
- Please include your e-mail address if you would like to receive a receipt for your application by e-mail. Otherwise, a receipt will be mailed to you.

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Qualified applicants within the Santa Cruz City Schools District may request to be exempt from several Parcel Tax Measures, listed below. Please complete the application and submit it by mail, e-mail or fax **on or before July 1, 2020**. If you have any questions, please contact the Parcel Tax Administrator at (800) 273-5167.

Owner's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parcel Number (See Property Tax bill): _____

Property Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Street _____ City _____ Zip Code _____
 E-mail Address (Optional) _____

INCOME INFORMATION

1. Applicant's Personal Income for January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019: \$ _____ (includes wages, salaries, tips, entitlements, social security, pension(s), annuity, etc.)
2. Personal Income of Other Family/Household Members for January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019: \$ _____ (includes wages, salaries, tips, entitlements, social security, pension(s), annuity, etc. of other family/household members who reside with you).
3. TOTAL COMBINED PERSONAL FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD INCOME January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019: \$ _____.

Total number of family members who reside in residence: _____.

I wish to claim exemption from the following parcel taxes (check all that apply):

- Measure I** – High School District - \$38 per year; *Supports Grades 9-12 Library & Counseling services*
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2019 Poverty Guidelines	
Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
*For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,420 for each additional person	
1	\$12,490
2	16,910
3	21,330
4	25,750
5	30,170
6	34,590
7	39,010
8	43,430

Please attach a copy (no originals) of each to prove residence, benefit and income verification:

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| Ownership Verification | Residence Verification | SSDI Verification Letter | Income Verification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Bill | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Bill | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefits Verification Letter | <input type="checkbox"/> W2, Federal Tax Return |

I certify that the property for which I am claiming the Parcel Tax Exemption(s) is my principal place of residence and that the information above (including accompanying copies of proof documents) is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

 Owner's Signature Date

Mail application to: Santa Cruz City Schools Exemptions, 4745 Mangels Blvd., Fairfield, CA 94534
Application Deadline: July 1, 2020