

Santa Cruz City Schools
Parcel Tax Exemption Application
For Tax Year 2019-20

For Owner-Occupants Receiving Supplemental Security Income
Instructions



1. This parcel tax exemption is for property owners who currently receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
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 2019-20 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
4. Pick up an application Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, **133 Mission St. Suite 100, Santa Cruz, CA 95060**
5. **Complete the Parcel Tax Exemption Application for SSI 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.*
6. **Mail the application and required documentation to: Santa Cruz City Schools Exemptions, 4745 Mangels Blvd, Fairfield, CA 94534, no later than July 1, 2019.**

Please Note:

- Once you receive the SSI 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 SSI 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, 2019**. If you have any questions, please contact the Parcel Tax Administrator at (800) 273-5167.

Instructions are on the back side of this form. **Please Print.**

Owner's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parcel Number (See Property Tax bill): _____

Property Address: _____

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

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

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

Ownership Verification

Property Tax Bill

Residence Verification

Utility Bill

SSI Verification Letter

Benefits Verification Letter

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

*** Application Due on or before July 1, 2019 ***

To: Santa Cruz City Schools Exemptions
4745 Mangels Blvd., Fairfield, CA 94534
Fax: 707-430-4319