

Santa Cruz City Schools Parcel Tax Exemption Application For Tax Year 2017-18

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 2017-18 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) Supports *instructional and after-school programs in Career Technical Education, Science, Technology, Engineering, Performing Arts and Athletics for middle and high school students.* \$72 per parcel per year, effective through 2023-24

3. **Applications are available electronically, by email, by request, or in person:**
 - Download at www.sccs.net
 - Send an email to exemptions@sci-cg.com
 - Call the Parcel Tax Administrator at **(800) 273-5167** for application by mail
 - Pick up an application Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, **405 Old San Jose Rd, Soquel CA**
4. **Complete the Parcel Tax Exemption Application for SSI Recipients and include the following documentation (copies only):**
 - Proof of ownership (property tax bill)
 - Proof of residence (utility bill)
 - 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, 2017.**

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.

