

Santa Cruz City Schools Parcel Tax Exemption Application For Tax Year 2024-25



For Owner-Occupants Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

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 2023 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 2024-25 tax year are as follows:

Measure T - 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) \$110 per parcel per year
Protects educational quality in local high schools (grades 9-12) and continue funding Career Technical Education, science, technology, engineering, arts, counseling, library and athletic programs keeping kids safe and engaged in school.

Measure U – Santa Cruz City Elementary District (for properties generally within Santa Cruz City limits) \$208 per parcel per year
Continues funding core programs in science, art and music that support student achievement at Santa Cruz elementary and middle schools, attract/retain highly qualified teachers, provide library and counseling services, and maintain smaller class sizes

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 **(844)332-0549** for application by mail
 - 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):**
 - 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 June 30, 2024.**

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

