

Santa Cruz City Schools Parcel Tax Exemption Application For Tax Year 2025-26



For Owner-Occupants Aged 65 or older as of June 30, 2025

Instructions

1. This parcel tax exemption is for property owners who are 65 years of age or older on or before June 30, 2024 and 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) *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.*

\$110 per parcel per year

Measure U – Santa Cruz City Elementary District (for properties generally within Santa Cruz City limits) *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*

\$208 per parcel per year

2. **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 **(844) 332-0549** for application by mail
3. 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 Senior Citizen Exemption Application and include the following documentation (copies only):**
 - o Proof of ownership (property tax bill)
 - o Proof of residence (utility bill)
 - o Proof of birth date (driver's license, birth certificate, Medicare card, or passport)
5. **Mail the application and required documentation to: Santa Cruz City Schools Exemptions, 4745 Mangels Blvd, Fairfield, CA 94534, no later than June 30, 2025.**

Please Note:

- If your property received the exemption in 2024-25 and you are still the homeowner and currently reside at the same address, you **do not** need to renew the exemption, it will automatically be renewed. **If you sold your home and purchased a new home, you must re-file for a Senior Citizen 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 June 30, 2025**. If you have any questions, please contact the Parcel Tax Administrator at (844) 332-0549.

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: _____
Street City Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Application Due on or before June 30, 2025
 To: Santa Cruz City Schools Exemptions
 4745 Mangels Blvd., Fairfield, CA 94534
 Fax: 707-430-4319

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 birth date:

Ownership Verification	Residence Verification	Birth Date Verification <i>(Choose one from below)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2024-25 Property Tax Bill	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Bill	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License
		<input type="checkbox"/> Passport
		<input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate
		<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare Card

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**