

**Santa Cruz City Schools
Parcel Tax Exemption Application
For Tax Year 2026-27**



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 2022 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 2026-27 tax year are as follows:
Measure T - Santa Cruz City High School District: (for \$110 per parcel per year
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.
Measure U – Santa Cruz City Elementary District (for \$208 per parcel per year
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
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 (**2025-26 property tax bill; include a copy of the grant deed and abstract/cover page if property is held in a TRUST**)
 - Proof of residence (**electric, cable or internet 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 or email the application and required documentation to:**
Santa Cruz City Schools Exemptions 4745 Mangels Blvd, Fairfield, CA 94534 OR
Email: exemptions@sci-cg.com
No later than June 30, 2026.
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.

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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, 2026**. If you have any questions, please contact the Parcel Tax Administrator at (844) 332-0549.

Owner's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parcel Number (See Property Tax bill): _____

Property Address: _____

Street City Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address (Optional): _____

INCOME INFORMATION

1. Applicant's Personal Income for January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026: \$ _____
(includes wages, salaries, tips, entitlements, social security, pension(s), annuity, etc.)

2. Personal Income of Other Family/Household Members for January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026:
\$ _____ (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, 2026, to December 31, 2026 \$ _____.

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

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

☐ **Measure T** – High School District - \$110 per year (property within Santa Cruz City Elementary District, and the Live Oak, Soquel, Mountain, Happy Valley, Bonny Doon & Pacific Elem. 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*

☐ **Measure U** – Elementary District - \$208 per year (property 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*

2022 Poverty Guidelines

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
*For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,720 for each additional person	
1	\$13,590
2	18,310
3	23,030
4	27,750
5	32,470
6	37,190
7	41,910
8	46,630

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

Residence Verification

☐ 2025-26 Property Tax Bill;

included a copy of the grant deed and abstract/cover page for my TRUST verification

SSDI Verification

☐ Utility Bill

Income Verification

☐ Benefits Verification Letter

Ownership Verification

☐ 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 or

Email: exemptions@sci-cg.com

Application Deadline: June 30, 2026