

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



For Owner-Occupants Receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

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 2026-27 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

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 **(844) 332-0549** 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; a copy of the grant deed and abstract/cover letter if your property is held in a TRUST)
 - o Proof of residence (electric, cable or internet 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. Email the application and required documentation to: exemptions@sci-cg.com
7. Or mail the application and required documents to Santa Cruz City Schools/Parcel Tax Administrator 4745 Mangels Blvd. Fairfield, CA 94534

No later than June 30, 2026

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 an 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 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) _____

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

Ownership Verification Residence Verification SSI Verification Letter

- ☐ Property Tax Bill; copy of grant deed and abstract/cover letter for TRUST verification ☐ Electric, Internet or Cable bill ☐ 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 June 30, 2026 ***

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