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APPLYING FOR PARCEL TAX EXEMPTIONS

What are the parcel taxes?

Loma Prieta Quality Education Tax/Loma Prieta SD Measure G

Each parcel owner within the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District will be taxed \$150 per parcel for the special assessment originally approved by the voters in 1991. This special tax money is used directly by the Loma Prieta District to support smaller class sizes, technology, grounds, health and safety services and supplemental instructional services. This special tax is ongoing, as long as District revenues do not exceed a state determined limit, called the Gann limit.

What exemptions are available?

Exemptions are available upon approved applications for:

Quality Education Tax/Measure G - \$150
Senior citizens
Contiguous parcels
Unimproved parcels < 1 acre
Uninhabitable by natural disaster

Do I have to reapply for an exemption every tax year?

No. You do not have to reapply for any of the exemptions once one is approved.

How do I qualify for a senior exemption?

You qualify for an exemption if you are 65 years of age or older on or before June 30 of the taxable year, and you are the owner of a parcel within the Loma Prieta District, and that parcel is your principal residence, and there are no other habitable residences on the property.

How do I apply for a senior citizen exemption?

Complete an application form. Provide copies of your property tax bill, as well as at least one form of documentation as proof of birthdate and residency:

Proof of Residence (if not on property tax bill):
 Driver's License
 PG&E, Propane or Water Bill
 Retirement Income Statement

Proof of Birthdate:
 Driver's License
 Birth Certificate
 Passport or Medicare Card

What is a contiguous parcel exemption?

The contiguous parcel exemption allows a property owner who holds title to more than one parcel that share a common property line, and who resides on one of the properties, and does not have another habitable structure on those parcels, to combine parcels into one taxable unit for the purposes of assessing these parcel taxes.

How do I apply for a contiguous parcel exemption?

Complete an application form. Provide copies of your property tax bills, and parcel maps of your property, that shows the ownership and relationship of the parcels to be combined.

How can I find my Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN)?

Your Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN) can be found on your annual Tax Bill, the Notification of Assessment card, or by contacting your County Assessor’s Office:

Santa Clara County Assessor’s Office
(408) 299-5500
<https://www.sccassessor.org/>

Santa Cruz County Assessor’s Office
(831) 454-2495
<http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/asr/>

How do I qualify for an unimproved parcel exemption?

These small parcels often do not receive a property tax bill. If your’s does and you want an exemption, please fill out a contiguous parcel exemption form.

How do I qualify for a natural disaster exemption?

You qualify for an exemption if your property was rendered uninhabitable by the damages of a natural disaster (an “act of God”) on or before July 1 of an applicable year, and where no other habitable structure exists on that same parcel. Such exemption shall end when that structure becomes habitable during any given year. Uninhabitable is defined as a) 50% or more of the square footage of residential property or business structures as being non-occupied, or b) 50% or more of the square footage of residential property or business structures being under repair. This exemption is available on the \$150 special assessment only.

How do I apply for a natural disaster exemption?

Complete an application form. Provide copies of your property tax bill, as well as documentation that can be used to substantiate the damage such as an approved disaster relief application, paid insurance claims, or assessor’s office documentation.

Applications are available by contacting the District Office, or by downloading from the District website at

<https://www.loma.k12.ca.us/Page/112>. Bring, fax, email or mail the completed application and appropriate documentation to:

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