

# Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

## Information and Frequently Asked Questions

### MEASURE M PARCEL TAX EXEMPTION

Measure M is a parcel tax that was passed by the voters in November 2011 to fund the educational mission of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District. The revenue from Measure M supports advanced programs in math, science and technology, keeps classroom technology up-to-date, attracts and retains highly qualified teachers, and maintains manageable class sizes.

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District offers its senior residents age 65 or older an exemption from the Measure M parcel tax. To receive the exemption, applications must be submitted in person at our District Office. Exemptions will remain in effect as long as the resident remains eligible. The District continually audits eligibility.

Below are Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the exemption. Should you need additional information, please call at (310) 896-3404.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

#### Does my parcel qualify for the exemption?

The exemption is only available for single-family parcels within the boundaries of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District that are:

- Owned by one or more persons 65 years of age or older (to qualify for the exemption, resident needs to be 65 years or older as of June 30, 2019); and,
- Occupied by the senior as his/her principal residence.

#### If my parcel qualifies, how do I apply for the exemption?

All first time filers must make an appointment by calling the District representative, Megan Wescott, at (310) 896-3404. If you have not filed for an exemption since 2014 (fiscal year 2014-15), qualifying property owners must also complete a New Filer Application.

#### When do I need to apply?

A New Filer Application must be submitted between January 15 and the last business day in May each calendar year. This deadline is firm and set by the Measure M ballot measure language.

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## **Does the exemption apply to any parcel owned by a senior?**

In order to qualify for the exemption, the senior must be the owner of record and the property must be that individual's principal place of residence.

## **What is a principal place of residence?**

The principal place of residence is the primary location that a person inhabits.

## **How will I know that I have received the parcel tax exemption?**

When you receive your Annual Property Tax Bill from Los Angeles County for your primary residence in the fall of each year, the District's parcel tax charge (**PVPUSD PARCEL TXM**) will not appear under "Direct Assessments" on the bill.

## **Why, under Voted Indebtedness, does my tax bill include a reference to "UNIFIED SCHOOLS" if I am exempt from the parcel tax?**

The reference to "**UNIFIED SCHOOLS**" relates to the District's general obligation bonds passed by the voters that, by law, does not allow for an exemption. The bond funds are used exclusively for facilities and do not support the instructional program.

## **Do I need to apply every year?**

No. Exemptions granted since fiscal year 2015-16 going forward will remain in effect as long as the taxpayer is eligible.

## **Will I be asked to verify my eligibility?**

There are many changes in property ownership or residency that can occur. The District will routinely audit taxpayers' properties to verify their continued eligibility for the exemption.

## **What do I do if I move, sell, or rent my property? Who do I contact?**

Contact the District representative at (310) 896-3404.

For other questions regarding your Los Angeles County Property Tax Bill, contact the Los Angeles County at <http://lacountypropertytax.com>