How to Read Your Annual Secured Property Tax Bill
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Ownership and Property Information

1. SECURED PROPERTY TAX BILL
2. PROPERTY ADDRESS
3. ASSESSEE AS OF JANUARY 1, 20XX
4. SEC APN 123-456-789-0 SAMPLE
5. MAILING ADDRESS
6. CURRENT ASSESSED VALUE
7. NET TAXABLE VALUE
Levy & Assessment Information

8. IMPORTANT MESSAGE(S) TO TAXPAYER
9. TRA
10. CORTAC
11. DEFAULT#
12. SPECIAL TAXES & ASSESSMENTS
13. AD VALOREM TAXES & ASSESSMENTS
14. ASTERISK (*) NEXT TO PARCEL TAX CODE
15. 1% COUNTYWIDE TAX
16. VOTED INDEBTEDNESS
17. TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
Special Taxes v. Ad Valorem Taxes

SPECIAL TAXES & ASSESSMENTS - These are additional charges placed on the property tax bills. These charges are not based on Assessor's valuations. Examples are charges for sewer maintenance districts, water districts or fire districts. For questions regarding these assessments, you should contact the Agency using the phone number adjacent to the charge.

If you see an asterisk (*) next to a Parcel tax code, this indicates the parcel tax offers an exemption for senior citizens. A listing of parcel taxes offering senior exemptions can be found at www.cctax.us under Tax Info.

AD VALOREM TAX & ASSESSMENT charges are calculated by multiplying the Net Value of the property as of January 1, 20XX by the tax rate.

1% COUNTYWIDE TAX amount is the general one percent (1%) tax rate levied against every property in the County. The calculation is 1% multiplied by the "Net Value on January 1, 20XX". You may look up the tax allocation on www.cctax.us under Quick Links: Where your taxes go.

VOTED INDEBTEDNESS - Voter-approved construction bond taxes levied against property. These taxes are based on the net taxable value of the property as of January 1st.
1% Countywide Tax

https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/6581/Where-Your-Taxes-Go

Where Your Property Tax Dollars Go

Countywide, basic 1% property taxes are allocated as follows (approximately):

1% Property Tax

Redevelopment Dissolution, 11%

Special Districts, 20%

Schools, 48%

Cities, 8%

County, 13%

Tax Rate Area Allocations

Enter the Property Address or Tax Rate Area number shown on your property tax bill to see how the basic 1% tax is allocated for fiscal year 2020-21 in your area.

Address: (1234 Street) (SUFFIX) (CITY)

OR Tax Rate Area #: Look up

How does this data relate to the taxes on my tax bill?

Your annual property tax bill lists separately all of the tax rates, including the basic one percent tax and voter approved additional taxes (mostly for school bonds), as well as all of the various special taxes, assessments, fees and charges that apply to your property. All of the taxes listed in separate lines on the bill are distributed directly to the agencies levying the charge, except for the one percent tax, which is shared by many agencies.
2ND COUPON

18. 2ND INSTALLMENT COUPON
19. SIGN UP FOR E-BILLING
20. PAY THIS AMOUNT
21. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE
22. SAN FRANCISCO P.O. BOX
23. AFTER APRIL 10TH BUT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30
### 24. 1ST INSTALLMENT COUPON

### 25. SAVETIME—PAY ONLINE

### 26. PAID 11/01/20XX

### 27. INTERNET COPY

### 28. MARTINEZ P.O. BOX

### 29. THIS INSTALLMENT HAS BEEN PAID—THANK YOU!

### 30. PLEASE WRITE THE PARCEL NUMBER ON CHECK

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Numbers in this section indicate you owe prior year(s) delinquent taxes.
Important Information
Assessment Review and Appeal

If you feel the property’s assessed value is too high, you have a right to an informal review by the Assessor or his staff.

IMPORTANT: Property taxes still must be paid by the delinquent date regardless of review status.

If an informal agreement cannot be reached between the owner and the Assessor, the owner has the right to file an application for reduction in assessments with the County Assessment Appeals Board. Applications must be filed with the County Clerk.

If an informal or formal assessment review is requested, relief from penalties shall apply only to the difference between the county assessor’s final determination of value and the value on the assessment roll for the fiscal year covered.
Tax Payment Options

- IN PERSON
- BY MAIL
- ONLINE
- BY TELEPHONE
- HOME BANKING

* A third-party service fee is charged for all credit and debit card transactions.
PROPERTY TAX POSTPONEMENT
For Senior Citizens or Blind or Disabled Persons

Administered by the State Controller’s Office (SCO), the program allows eligible homeowners to postpone payment of current-year property taxes on their primary residence.

To qualify, a homeowner must:

• Be at least 62 years of age, or blind, or disabled;
• Own and occupy the property as his or her principal place of residence (floating homes, and house boats are not eligible);
• Have a total household income of $45,000 or less;
• Have at least 40 percent equity in the property; and
• Not have a reverse mortgage on the property.
SIGN UP FOR E-BILLING
WWW.CCTAX.US

Want to support a cleaner and healthy environment? Having difficulty keeping track of property tax bills.

Here are some benefits for signing up for e-Billing:

- It’s Clean! e-Billing prevents paper waste and allows you to save on postage.
- It’s Safe! e-Billing notification is sent directly to the email address listed in your profile.
- It’s Direct! e-Billing links you directly to your online property tax account.
- It’s Helpful! With e-billing you get an email reminder to pay prior to each delinquent date.

TO CHANGE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS, VISIT WWW.CCCOUNTY.US/ASSESSOR OR CALL (925) 313-7400

SAVE TIME – PAY ONLINE
WWW.CCTAX.US

Tired of waiting in line to pay your property taxes? Worried your property tax payment will arrive late?

Here are a few reasons to pay online (or by telephone):

- It’s Convenient! You can pay anytime anywhere you have internet access (or telephone).
- It’s Free! When you pay with electronic check (e-Check) from your checking account.
- It’s Simple! Your online (or telephone) payment requires just a few easy steps to submit it.
- It Saves Time! You can avoid travel and long lines by paying online (or by telephone).

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