



Date: February 28, 2018
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *PLW*
From: Tom Modica, Interim Director of Development Services *T.M.*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: **2018 Application Window for Mills Act Property Tax Abatement Program**

The 2018 application period for the Mills Act Property Tax Abatement Program (Mills Act) began on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, and will run through Friday, March 30, 2018.

On January 6, 2015, the City Council adopted revisions to the Mills Act and directed staff to implement the revised program. The Mills Act Program provides property tax relief to owners of historic properties in exchange for the rehabilitation and restoration of the property pursuant to the terms of the Mills Act contract. An invitation to participate in the program was mailed to all owners of designated historic landmark and historic district properties within the City.

Development Services will host two public workshops for all potential applicants on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Silverado Park Social Hall, and on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Burnett Neighborhood Library.

Mills Act applications and a non-refundable processing fee must be submitted by the March 30, 2018 deadline to be considered for the 2018 program. Staff anticipates that these applications will be reviewed by the Cultural Heritage Commission on or before Monday, May 14, 2017, and transmitted to the City Council for action in June 2018. Final property tax contracts are due to the County Recorder by December 28, 2018.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Alejandro Plascencia at (562) 570-6437 or alejandro.plascencia@longbeach.gov.

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Mills Act Program Workshops

The City of Long Beach is now accepting applications for the Mills Act Property Tax Abatement Program (Mills Act). As a property owner of a designated historic landmark or home located within a historic district, we would like to invite you to attend two important events to learn about how you may qualify and apply to receive economic incentives for the restoration and preservation of your property:

- 1. Pre-Application Workshop: Saturday, March 3, 2018, at 10:00 am at the Silverado Park Social Hall located at 1545 W. 31st St.**
- 2. Application Workshop: Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 10:00 am at the Burnett Neighborhood Library Community Room, 560 E. Hill St.**

The Pre-Application Workshop will feature an overview of the Mills Act and discuss eligibility requirements. The event will also review the process for preparing an application and calculating individual property tax savings. The Application Workshop will provide more specific information geared toward those interested in proceeding with the application process.

All potential applicants or their representative must attend the Pre-Application Workshop. Mills Act applications are processed once per year, during the application period. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, March 30, 2018. Every tax situation is different, but the Mills Act is commonly of great value to those who recently purchased a historic property or those who have a high tax burden due to a recent transfer or reassessment. There are currently 58 properties with Mills Act contracts in Long Beach.

For questions regarding the Mills Act, please call (562) 570-6437 or e-mail alejandro.plascencia@longbeach.gov. For additional information, visit www.lbds.info/millsact/.

This information is available in alternative format by request at 562.567.3807.
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