



Date: February 24, 2020

To: Thomas B. Modica, Acting City Manager *TBM*

From: Linda F. Tatum, Director of Development Services *LT*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **2020 Application Period for Mills Act Property Tax Abatement Program**

The 2020 application period for the Mills Act Property Tax Abatement Program (Mills Act) began on Monday, February 10, 2020, and will run through Friday, March 29, 2020.

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 (see attached).

Development Services will host two public workshops for potential applicants on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the Long Beach Energy Resources Auditorium, and on Saturday, March 14, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the Recreation Park Social Hall.

Mills Act applications and a non-refundable processing fee must be submitted by the March 27, 2020, deadline to be considered for the 2020 program. Staff anticipates that these applications will be reviewed by the Cultural Heritage Commission on, or before, Monday, June 30, 2020, and transmitted to the City Council for action at its July 21, 2020 meeting. Final property tax contracts are due to the County Recorder by December 30, 2020.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Alejandro Plascencia, Project Planner at (562) 570-6437.

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ATTACHMENTS: MILLS ACT PROGRAM INVITATION

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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, you're invited to attend two important events to learn about how you may qualify and apply to receive economic incentives for the preservation of your property:

- 1. Pre-Application Workshop: Saturday, February 29, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – noon  
Energy Resources Auditorium, 2400 E. Spring St.**
- 2. Application Workshop: Saturday, March 14, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – noon  
Recreation Park Social Hall, 4900 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.**

The Pre-Application Workshop will feature an overview of the Mills Act and eligibility requirements. 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 both workshops. Mills Act applications are processed once per year during the application period. 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.

**The deadline to submit an application is Friday, March 27, 2020.**

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For questions regarding the Mills Act, please call (562) 570-6437 or e-mail [alejandro.plascencia@longbeach.gov](mailto:alejandro.plascencia@longbeach.gov).

For additional information, visit [longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/preservation/mills-act/](http://longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/preservation/mills-act/).

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To request this information in an alternative format or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact the Development Services Department at [longbeach.gov/lbds](http://longbeach.gov/lbds) and 562.570.3807. A minimum of three business days is requested to ensure availability; attempts will be made to accommodate requests with shorter notice.

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