



Mills Act Property Tax Incentive Program

Overview

The City of Long Beach Mills Act Property Tax Abatement Program, known as the “Mills Act”, was established in 1993 under the authority of State Legislation. The Program is a financial incentive for property owners undertaking restoration, rehabilitation or maintenance of a designated historic property. A property must be designated as City of Long Beach historic landmarks or contributing structures within Historic Landmark Districts in order to be awarded a Mills Act Contract.

The purpose of the Mills Act Program is to encourage the designation, protection and restoration of historic properties. Participating property owners enter into a formal contract with the City for a **minimum 10-year term**. Contracts are automatically renewed each year for a new 10-year term and are transferred to new owners when the property is sold. Property owners agree to restore, maintain, and protect the property in accordance with specific historic preservation standards and terms identified in the contract. Entering into a Mills Act contract can result in a property tax reassessment by the County Assessor using the income-capitalization method, which may result in an approximately 30 to 50 percent reduction in property tax.

Eligibility

To apply for a Mills Act contract, properties must be located in a historic district or be a designated historic landmark building, meet the property valuation maximum, and provide a Rehabilitation Plan. Properties that are not yet designated as a historic landmark can apply for that designation concurrently to be considered for landmark designation.

Application Preparation and Submittal

Interested applicants, or their representatives, must attend both workshops to be considered for the 2023 Mills Act Property Tax Incentive Program:

- **In-Person Pre-Application Workshop: Saturday, January 20, 2024, 10 a.m. to noon**
Cal Rec Community Center at Ernest McBride Park, 1550 Martin Luther King Jr Ave.
- **Virtual Application Workshop: Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10 a.m. to noon**
via Zoom

After attending the workshops, interested applicants, or their representative(s) must complete the application form and assemble all required additional documentation.

A completed application package consists of the following:

All materials should be submitted electronically with fee. Documents will be transferred via secure City of Long Beach methods and over the counter USBs will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

The deadline to submit the completed application package is **3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024**.

Contacts

For more information or questions regarding Mills Act, please email MillsAct@longbeach.gov or call Gina Casillas at 562.570.6879 or Alejandro Plascencia at 562.570.6437.

To request this information in an alternative format or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact the Community Development Department at longbeach.gov/lbcd 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.