ALAMEDA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

OVERVIEW OF OUR SERVICES



Topics to be discussed About Us **Business Personal Property** Change in Ownership **Base Property Transfer** Exemptions Appeals

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About Us

AMEDA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

- The Assessor's Office is responsible for locating all taxable property in the County, establishing its taxable value, and applying any legal exemption.
- We are one of the largest assessment agencies in the state.
- We are committed to establishing accurate and fairly assessed property values.



The Assessor, the Auditor, and the Treasurer-Tax Collector **OF ALAMEDA COUNTY**



ASSESSOR'S OFFICE Designates a value to property and determines eligibility and applies exemptions AUDITOR'S OFFICE Calculates taxes and applicable refunds TREASURER-TAX **COLLECTOR'S OFFICE** Collects taxes





Business Persond Property



WHAT IS BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY?

Any tangible property owned, claimed, used, possessed, managed or controlled in the conduct of a trade or business.

Examples: Operating Supplies Machinery Equipment Office Furniture Telephones Computers





PROPERTY aimed, used,



You must file a business personal property statement (571L) if:

If you own business personal property with a combined acquisition cost of \$100,000 (personal property & fixtures) or more located in the County as of 12:00am January 1, of each year (lien date).

The Assessor's Office has sent you a Notice of **Requirement to File.**





property renovations & assessments





HOW DOES THE ASSESSOR KNOW WHEN THERE IS CONSTRUCTION ON A PROPERTY?

- The Assessor periodically receives copies of building permits issued by city and county agencies.
- The Assessor may also be notified by another governmental entity, an appraiser from the Assessor's Office who is out in the field, a neighbor, or directly by the property owner.
- When the Assessor has knowledge of new construction, whether or not it is permitted, the Assessor has a legal duty to value it for assessment purposes.



ASSESSABLE NEW CONSTRUCTION MAY BE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: New structures; New items added to existing structures, such as bathroom fixtures/plumbing, fireplaces, central heating/air conditioning, electrical upgrades and yard improvements such as swimming pools, patios, etc. Rehabilitation, renovation, or modernization that converts an improvement to the substantial equivalent of a new improvement





CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP REASSESSMENT EXCLUSION Things to keep in mind!





Proposition 58 aka Parent to Child Transfer

Proposition 193 aka Grandparent to Grandchild Transfer



How to file

REASSESSMENT EXCLUSIONS "Prop 58 and 193 exclude from reappraisal the principal residence and other property as defined when transferred between parent and child and grandparent and grandchild provided specific criteria are met."

TWO TYPES OF TRANSFERS **PARENT TO** CHILD

GRANDPARENT TO GRANDCHILD

How To File Eligible transferee(s) must file a claim with the Assessor's Office.

The following forms (available on our website at acassessor.org) are required:

- Claim for Reassessment Exclusion for Transfer between Parent and Child Transfer from Grandparent to Grandchild
- Change in Ownership Statement Death of Real **Property Owner**
- Preliminary Change in Ownership Report

for persons 55 and older or severely and permanently disabled

The following information pertains to Proposition 60, which allows for baseyear value transfers to qualified replacement dwellings of equal or lesser value within the same county.





Prop 60 recognizes that seniors on fixed income may not be able to afford higher taxes, so it allows them to carry over their existing Prop 13 to their new homes.

Prop 60 is a one-time tax benefit, and the property must be your principal residence. The market value of your new home must also be equal to or below the market value of your existing home.

That means you can continue to pay taxes at your existing Prop 13 value as if you had never moved.

Proposition 90 allows for the transfers of a base year value from one county to another county in California (intercounty) if the county has authorized such a transfer by an ordinance.

As of November 7, 2018, the following ten counties in California have an ordinance enabling the intercounty base year value transfer:

Alameda, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Tuolumne, and Ventura

If you plan to sell before you purchase and buy within a year of that sale, your new home must not be at a market value that is more than 105% of your existing home.

Once a year passes and you haven't found a new home, you can still participate in the program if you make a purchase in year two. However, your new home cannot be market valued at more than 110% of your existing home.

To benefit from this program, you will need to apply.

Please head over to our website at http://www.acassessor.org and go to the forms tab at the top.

Click on Base Value Transfer – Person(s) Age 55 or older – Claim Form and Instructions. Download the form, fill it out, and submit it to our office!



Affordable Housing













Exemptions

Exemptions Church Religious Welfare Homeowner Disabled Veteran's



EXEMPTION #1: CHURCH EXEMPTION The Church Exemption, for property that is owned, leased, or rented by a religious organization and used exclusively for religious worship services.



EXEMPTION #2: RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION

The Religious Exemption, for property owned by a religious organization and used exclusively for religious worship services, and certain school activities. The exemption may also apply to leased personal property. EXEMPTION #3: WELFARE EXEMPTION

The California Legislature has the authority to exempt property (1) used exclusively for charitable, hospital, or religious purposes, and (2) owned or held in trust by nonprofit organizations operating for those purposes.



EXEMPTION #4: HOMEOWNER'S EXEMPTION

Homeowners who own and occupy a dwelling on January 1st as their principal place of residence are eligible to receive a reduction of up to \$7000 off the dwelling's full cash value.

The law provides that once you file a homeowners' exemption and receive the exemption it is not necessary to file each year as long as you continue to occupy the residence on which the exemption is claimed.



EXEMPTION #5: DISABLED VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

If you are a California veteran who is rated 100% disabled, blind, or paraplegic due to service connected disability while in the armed forces (or if you are the unmarried widow of such a veteran), you may be eligible for a Disabled Veterans' Exemption. The Veterans Administration must certify 100% disability.

An additional exemption is available for qualified low-income

veterans.

EXEMPTION #5: DISABLED VETERAN'S EXEMPTION \$139,437 Low Income: <u>\$209,156</u> (Income must be below \$62,614)



Assessment Appeals Unresolved differences between the Assessor and the taxpayer over the assessment of property are handled by the Assessment Appeals Board. They consider all evidence presented by the property owner and the Assessor's Office at a formal hearing. The Appeals Board then determines the value of the property in question.









Paying Fair Share



Assessment Appeals

- Appeals of regular assessments must be filed between July 2 and September 15.
- Appeals of Supplemental or Escape Assessments must be filed within 60 days of the date of "Notice of Supplemental Assessment" or "Notice of Enrollment of Escape Assessment" or the postmark for that notice, whichever is later.
- All appeal applications must be filed with the Clerk of the Board, County Administration Bldg. 5th Floor, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland 94612.
- These forms may be obtained by calling (510) 272-6352 or visiting www.acgov.org/clerk/assessment.htm.







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