Marin County Radio Authority (MERA)
Measure A Parcel Tax
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – 2023-24 Tax Year

ACCESS THE LOW-INCOME SENIOR EXEMPTION APPLICATION

(APPLICATION FILING DEADLINE – on or before – JUNE 1, 2023

Who is eligible to receive a Low-Income Senior Exemption for the Measure A Parcel Tax for the 2023-2024 tax year?

To qualify for a Low-Income Senior Exemption for the Measure A parcel tax for a single-family residence, you must (1) be 65 years of age or older by December 31, 2023, (2) own and occupy your residence, and (3) not have earned a total annual household income of more than **$104,400 in 2022.**

What is the deadline to file a Low-Income Senior Exemption application for the 2023-24 tax year?

The deadline to file a Low-Income Senior Exemption application for the 2023-24 tax year is **June 1, 2023**.

Note: Mailing Address (as noted on application):

Marin Emergency Radio Authority
c/o NBS
32605 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
Temecula, CA 92592

Fax: 1-951-296-1998 Email: customercare@nbsgov.com

APPLICATIONS MAILED, FAXED, EMAILED OR HAND-DELIVERED TO MERA AT THE NOVATO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Do I need to submit a Low-Income Senior Exemption application every year?

Yes. Because the exemption is based upon income, and income may change from year-to-year, you will need to file a Low-Income Senior Exemption application every year.

Where does the money go?

The parcel taxes will be used to replace Marin County's aging emergency communications system; reduce 911 response times, improve communications reliability during earthquakes, floods, fires, and other disasters; and ensure reliable communications among police, fire, and paramedic first responders throughout Marin County.

For how many years has the parcel tax been authorized?

The Measure A parcel tax has a term of 20 years, commencing in the 2015-2016 tax year. The final levy for the Measure A parcel tax will be for the 2034-2035 tax year.

Who voted for this parcel tax?

The Measure A parcel tax was put before the registered voters of Marin County as a General Election ballot measure on November 4, 2014. The measure passed with 67.14% approval.

I occupy multiple residences which are located on different parcels. Can I receive an exemption for all of them?

No. You may only claim **ONE** parcel as your primary residence.

I sent in the Low-Income Senior Exemption application before June 1st. Why is the charge for the Measure A parcel tax is still on my property tax bill?

If you are able to provide evidence that you submitted a Low-Income Senior Exemption application prior to June 1st (e.g., certified mail receipt, fax confirmation, receipt from our office of hand-delivery, etc.), please provide a copy of such evidence to us. We will investigate on a case-by-case situation to verify your submission of a Low-Income Senior Exemption application.

If you have further questions, please contact NBS at 1-800-676-7516

What is NBS?

NBS is the consulting firm MERA has contracted with to provide post-election tax administration services, including property owner support, handling exemption requests, and placing correct parcels and tax amounts on the County tax roll. They also provide comprehensive annual parcel tax administration services to other public agencies in Marin County and throughout California.

NBS assures confidential and secure handling of all taxpayer information.