



TAX BREAK AVAILABLE

FOR OWNERS OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

The City of Tustin has a program for owners of historic buildings that can save property owners thousands of dollars every year.

Through the City's Mills Act program, owners of historic buildings may be eligible for a reduction in their property tax bill. The reduction can be as high as 50 percent or more and is determined by the Orange County Assessor.

- To participate in the program, owners must agree to maintain and preserve their property for at least ten years.
- Mills Act properties may be bought and sold without penalty. The property tax savings is transferred to the new owners.
- Owners are allowed to make changes to their properties, provided that the historic structure is maintained and preserved and all City approvals are obtained.
- The property tax savings are highest for properties that have changed ownership most recently due to escalated home prices.
- Mills Act properties may be owner occupied or income properties.
- The property tax savings may vary from year to year.
- An application fee covers the City's cost to process the application and prepare the Mills Act Contract between the property owner and the City of Tustin.

Anyone interested in the City's Mills Act program should contact the City's Community Development Department staff at (714) 573-3016.