

What is the Mills Act Program?

In February 2008, the Board of Supervisors established the County of Orange Mills Act Program to encourage the preservation of historic properties in the unincorporated area. This program implements Government Code Section 50280 which provides owners of historically significant structures a property tax reduction if the owner enters into a “Historic Property Contract” with the local jurisdiction.

The Historic Property Contract is a voluntary agreement between the County and the owner of the historic property that provides reduced property taxes on the eligible historic property if the owner agrees to maintain and preserve the property for a minimum of ten (10) years. Mills Act program participants may realize a property tax savings of up to 70 percent each year, depending on the circumstances.



How do you qualify for the program?

- Must not be exempt from property taxation
- Must be listed on any federal or state register, including the *National Register of Historic Places* or *California Register of Historical Resources*

More information

Please contact the *California Office of Historic Preservation* for information regarding the process to list your property on the *California Register of Historical Resources* at https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21412.

For more information, please contact OC Development Services at 714-667-8888.

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