#### JOAQUÍN TORRES ASSESSOR-RECORDER



## SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR-RECORDER

# Action Required: Complete and return the attached 1-page form by January 17, 2025

January 1, 2025

#### Dear:

Congratulations on starting construction work on your property! Across San Francisco, property owners like you are improving their homes, and each year, my office asks each taxpayer for information on their active construction projects.

#### Why am I receiving this letter and form?

You are being asked to complete the attached Residential Construction Project Information Form because our records indicate that you have open building permits on your property. As the San Francisco Assessor-Recorder, we are required by law to value all construction that is in progress on January 1<sup>st</sup>. To assess your work accurately, we require that you submit information about your project.

#### What do I need to do?

Complete the attached Residential Construction Project Information Form in its entirety. You need to complete this Form even if construction has not yet started or you decided not to move forward with the permitted construction. **Join the** majority of property owners who submit this information by January 17<sup>th</sup> using one of the following options:

Option 1: Scan & Email	Option 2: Mail	Option 3: Drop off
Scan your form and email it to rp.assessor@sfgov.org	Mail your form to our office using the enclosed remit envelope.	Drop off your form to our office in City Hall Room 190 (1st floor).

#### Why should I complete this form?

This form helps us to accurately assess the progress and value of your construction project as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. If we do not receive a response from you, we will use the information otherwise available to us to determine an appropriate assessment. **Therefore, please respond by the deadline to ensure we have your information prior to assessing your project.** Blank or incomplete documentation will not be considered responsive.

#### More questions?

Please read the FAQs on the reverse side of this letter, visit our website at <a href="www.sfassessor.org">www.sfassessor.org</a>, call San Francisco 311 by dialing 3-1-1 (within SF only) or (415) 701-2311 (outside SF), or email us at <a href="mailto:rp.assessor@sfgov.org">rp.assessor@sfgov.org</a>
Sincerely.

Joaquín Torres, Assessor Recorder

Translation of this form is available on our website:

Español www.sfassessor.org/spanish 中文 www.sfassessor.org/chinese Filipino (Tagalog) www.sfassessor.org/filipino

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> California Revenue and Taxation Code, Sections 50 and 401.3

#### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): Residential Construction Project Information Form

#### **General Questions**

Why am I being asked to complete this form? Our office is required by law to value construction in progress each January 1st. Our records indicate that you have open building permits on your property that require assessment.

**Under what authority do you request this information or reassess my property?** The California Revenue and Taxation Code authorizes the Assessor to request this information and to assess construction in-progress on January 1<sup>st</sup> (Sections 50, 401.3, and 441(d)).

When is the form due? You must return the form to our office by January 17th, 2025.

**Do I have to complete this Form? What will happen if I don't?** Yes, all taxpayers who receive this form must complete and return it to our office. If we do not receive a response from you, we will use the information available to us to proactively determine an appropriate assessment for your construction as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. A returned form that is blank or incomplete will not be considered a response.

#### Completing the Form

I am not sure how to complete the form. How can I get help? We have posted examples of completed forms at <a href="https://www.sfassessor.org/new-construction">www.sfassessor.org/new-construction</a>. You can also call our office at (628) 652-8100 if you have specific questions about your property.

What if I have not started construction? You must still complete and return the form to our office. Indicate that the work has not started by marking that option in Section 1a.

What if I decided not to do the work at all? You must still complete and return the form to our office. Indicate that the work will not be done by marking that option in Section 1a. You must also separately notify the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) to cancel the permit(s), which will automatically remove your property from future mailings like this one. For more information, visit DBI's website at <a href="https://www.sfdbi.org">www.sfdbi.org</a>.

How should I estimate the total amount I will spend on the project? Include all projected costs, including but not limited to the amount you will pay to your contractor and any fees paid to DBI, architects, surveyors, engineers, etc.

What if I do not have a contractor and am doing the work myself? Mark "no" in Section 3b.

**Will you inspect my property?** We complete field inspections for a variety of construction projects. Please provide your contact information in Section 3a so we can contact you to set up an inspection if necessary.

#### **Taxes & Billing**

**How will I find out what you assessed for my project?** The value added for the in-progress construction project will be listed as a line item on your annual Notice of Assessed Value, which you will receive in July.

How much more in property taxes will I have to pay based on that added value? The increase in taxes is based upon the assessment multiplied by the tax rate. For example, if your new construction results in a \$50,000 added assessment, \$50,000 x 1.1714% (2024 tax rate) = \$585.70 will be added to your upcoming property tax bill.

When will I have to pay the additional taxes? Will I get another bill? For work in progress as of January 1st, the additional taxes will be added to your regular tax bill, which will be due in two installments on December 10<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>. When construction is completed, you will receive a separate supplemental tax bill.

What if I don't agree with your assessment of my construction project? After receipt of your annual Notice of Assessed Value in July, you may request an informal assessment review if you disagree with the value by calling the Assessor-Recorder's Office at (628) 652-8100. If you believe that review does not result in a satisfactory conclusion, the deadline to file a formal assessment appeal with the Assessment Appeals Board is September 15<sup>th</sup>. For filing information, please contact the Assessment Appeals Board at http://sfgov.org/aab/.

Will this information be used to assess my construction project when it is completed? While the information provided on the form may be used, the Assessor is required to do a full analysis at the completion of the project to determine the fair market value added. For more information, please refer to our New Construction Fact Sheet, which is available at <a href="http://sfassessor.org/about-us/fact-sheets">http://sfassessor.org/about-us/fact-sheets</a>.

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pursuant to the authority granted by Revenue and Taxation Code section
441(d). This provision requires you to comply.

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS

(Make necessary corrections to the printed name and mailing address.)

DUE DATE FOR REQUESTED INFORMATION DATE OF REQUEST 01/01/2025 01/17/2025 STREET ADDRESS OR PHYSICAL LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY CITY STATE ZIP SAN FRANCISCO CA ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER ACCOUNT NUMBER/ASSESSMENT NUMBER **EVENT DATE EVENT TYPE** 01/01/2025 2025 LIEN DATE NEW CONSTRUCTION

SEE ENCLOSURE FOR THE LIST OF INFORMATION SPECIFICALLY BEING REQUESTED. IF YOU ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO WHAT INFORMATION IS BEING REQUESTED OR NEED MORE TIME TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUEST, PLEASE CONTACT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE EMPLOYEE WHOSE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION APPEAR ON THE ENCLOSURE.

Is this request I	Is this request being made in conjunction with an assessment appeal hearing?			
X	NO			
	YES If yes, please complete the following:			
	Assessment Appeal Application number(s), if assigned:  Applicant:			
	Hearing date, if scheduled:			
	Type of assessment being appealed:			

Various provisions in the Revenue and Taxation Code grant assessors the authority to obtain information to fulfill their assessment duties. This request for information is made pursuant to the authority granted by Revenue and Taxation Code section 441, subdivision (d), which states:

(1) At any time, as required by the assessor for assessment purposes, every person shall make available for examination information or records regarding their property or any other personal property located on premises they own or control. In this connection details of property acquisition transactions, construction and development costs, rental income, and other data relevant to the determination of an estimate of value are to be considered as information essential to the proper discharge of the assessor's duties.

- (2) (A) Upon written request of an assessor, the assessee or the assessee's designated representative shall transmit the information or records described in paragraph (1) by mail, or in electronic format if the information or records are available in electronic format or have been previously digitized. This paragraph shall not be construed or interpreted to limit the assessor's authority to also examine information or records described in paragraph (1).
- (B) Information or records requested pursuant to this paragraph shall be transmitted within a reasonable time period.
- (3) (A) This subdivision shall also apply to an owner-builder or an owner-developer of new construction that is sold to a third party, is constructed on behalf of a third party, or is constructed for the purpose of selling that property to a third party.
- (B) The owner-builder or owner-developer of new construction described in subparagraph (A), shall, within 45 days of receipt of a written request by the assessor for information or records, provide the assessor with all information and records regarding that property. The information and records provided to the assessor shall include the total consideration provided either by the purchaser or on behalf of the purchaser that was paid or provided either, as part of or outside of the purchase agreement, including, but not limited to, consideration paid or provided for the purchase or acquisition of upgrades, additions, or for any other additional or supplemental work performed or arranged for by the owner-builder or owner-developer on behalf of the purchaser.

Please read the enclosure carefully, as the assessor may also request information authorized under other provisions of law, as set forth in the enclosure. All information requested by the assessor or furnished in the property statement shall be held secret by the assessor pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 451.

If the assessor has checked the box "YES" indicating that this request is being made in conjunction with an assessment appeal hearing, based on the information you provide, the assessor may arrive at a value conclusion that is satisfactory to you. If this occurs, the assessor will make a recommendation to the assessment appeals board that your assessed value be changed to that value. However, if you still do not agree with the recommended value, a hearing will proceed.

If you do not comply with this request, or provide only a portion of the information requested, your hearing may proceed as scheduled or it may be delayed or the assessment appeals board may schedule a prehearing conference to be held in advance of your hearing. If you do not provide the requested information to the assessor before the hearing or the prehearing conference (if scheduled), you will have an opportunity to explain to the assessment appeals board members or hearing officer why you have not complied with the request for information, and they will decide whether to hold the hearing without the information, whether to postpone or continue the hearing in order to give you time to comply with the request, whether to postpone or continue the hearing so that a subpoena can be issued, or whether any other action should be taken by the assessor or by the assessment appeals board.

If you appear at the hearing and introduce any information that had been requested under Revenue and Taxation Code section 441(d) and was not provided to the assessor, the assessor is entitled to a continuance of the hearing to examine the new information.

If you do not comply with this section 441(d) request, you may be asked to appear before the Superior Court. (See Revenue and Taxation Code section 468.) Please also be advised that noncompliance or the making of a false statement with regard to the request may subject you to criminal misdemeanor penalties. (See Revenue and Taxation Code sections 461 and 462.)

For more information about the assessment appeal process, including how to obtain information from the assessor, please see the State Board of Equalization's Assessment Appeals Manual at:

http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/asmappeal.htm

### **Residential Construction Project Information Form**

**Instructions**: Help us correctly assess your construction project by completing and returning this form to our office by **January 17**<sup>th</sup>, **2025**. Scan and email it to <u>rp.assessor@sfgov.org</u>, mail it using the enclosed envelope, or drop it off at our office in City Hall Room 190 (1st floor). Please fill out this form in its entirety; a returned form that is blank or incomplete will not be considered a response.

our property	Property Ow	ner's Name:			
nformation	Property Ad	dress	Assessor Parcel Number:		
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What is the stat	tus of you	ır project?			
A) Progress of project What is the status of your		<b>ry 1<sup>st</sup></b> ne of the four options below:			
○ Work not started. ○ Work complete. Date of Completion:/					
O Work in progress.	Circle % comp	olete: 10% 25% 50	75% 90%	Other:%	
O I will not be doing	this work at a	II. To cancel your project, you mus	st cancel your permit with DE	I. See FAQs for details.	
B) Amount Spent as of How much did you spend as of Jan. 1, 2025?		How much do you anticipate V	O) Start Date When did construction start, or when do you expect to start?	E) Completion Date When do you expect the project to finish?	
Tell us more ab	out your	project			
A) Type of work being	<b>g done</b> . Mark a	Il that apply.			
Addition. Square footage is added to existing building (e.g. adding a new bedroom to house). Sq. ft added: New building. Constructing a new building a new house on a vacant lot).  Conversion or legalization Converting existing space to not a vacant lot).				g existing space to new use	
Remodel. Renova (e.g. upgrading kitc	0 0 1		Maintenance or repairs. Updating existing property elements (e.g. roof).  Other. The type of construction is not described in the options above.		
B) Major changes to property. Mark all that a					
C) Characteristics of	your property	How many of each room will you have at the end of this construction project?  Doms: Bathrooms: Family Rooms/Dens: Bedrooms: Other Rooms: Total:			
Living Rooms: Kitche	ens: Dining F				
with the diagram.  How can we con	ntact you			ie project description, includ	
A) Owner/agent contact information	Owner Ema	il	Owner Phone		
B) Are you working with a contractor?	Contractor Contact/Name		Contractor Company		
☐ Yes	Contractor Email		Contractor Phone		
□ No	·				

Note: This information request is for active construction projects as of JANUARY 1, 2025. As such, please respond ONLY with information pertaining to permits for rows below beginning 1/1/2025. Rows beginning with earlier years (e.g. 1/1/2024) are historical, and DO NOT require a response with information.

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