



Staff Report

City of Pomona Historic Preservation Commission

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SUBJECT Mills Act Year-In-Review

PROJECT PLANNER: Geoffrey Starns, AICP, AIA, LEED AP, Planning Manager

This year we had 11 applications for the Mills Act. Last year we had 19 applications submitted.

In 2022, staff changed the application process to make it easier to complete. Before these changes, the City received five (5) applications at most. The City has received 51 applications in the last four years.

The biggest issue in the last two years has been with the LA County Assessor's Office. The 2023 Contracts ended up delayed a year, partially our fault as there was a misunderstanding with the Assessor's Office. The 2024 contracts have not been reassessed by the County as the County is behind on assessments due to the January 2025 fires, even though they were recorded on time (staff verified they were recorded, sent to the Assessor's Office, and were received). The 2025 contracts were recorded on time and have been sent to the Assessor's Office.

Due to the Assessor's Office delays, for the 2026 applications, Staff will be adhering to the strict limit of eight (8) applications per year. Staff will also inform applicants that their assessment may be delayed as the County is behind on assessments. This way applicants can factor the delay on their improvements schedule.

Staff looks forward to discussing the issue with the Commission.