

CET FACTS

ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

What is the Construction Excise Tax (CET)?

In the 2007 Regular Session, the Oregon State Legislature passed a law (Senate Bill 1036) that will help Oregon school districts pay for a portion of the cost of new or renovated school facilities. The bill allows school boards, in cooperation with cities and counties, to tax new residential and non-residential development. The tax will be assessed at \$1 per square foot on residential construction and \$0.50 per square foot for non-residential construction, not to exceed \$25,000 per building permit or \$25,000 per structure, whichever is less.

What does this tax pay for?

The tax pays for capital improvements including: land acquisition; construction, reconstruction or improvement of school facilities; acquisition or installation of equipment, furnishings or other tangible property; architectural, engineering, legal or similar costs related to capital improvements; or the payment of obligations and related costs of issuance that are issued to finance or refinance capital improvements.

Why is this tax needed?

Oregon's fastest growing school districts are overcrowded and many older schools throughout the state are in need of repair. This tax will maintain the community's investment in their schools.

Who has to pay this tax? Am I exempt from paying the tax?

The tax applies to construction permits on property located within Ashland School District's jurisdiction, issued on or after July 1, 2010. Exemptions are provided for the following: private school improvements; public improvements as defined in ORS 279A.010; certain residential housing that is guaranteed to be affordable under guidelines established by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development; public or private hospital improvements; improvements to certain religious facilities; and agricultural buildings as defined in ORS 455.315 (2)(a). Please see the *CET Exemption Application* for additional information.

Is my property located within Ashland School District's jurisdiction?

Ashland School District's jurisdiction includes properties located within the City of Ashland as well as rural property in Jackson County. If you have questions about your jurisdiction, you may call the Jackson County Assessor at 541-774-6059.

Who can I contact for more information?

If you have additional questions, you may contact Ashland School District at 541-482-2811.