

Santa Clarita Valley Cost-Savings Comparison

With no gross receipts tax, business tax, or utility taxes,
Santa Clarita is the cost-effective alternative

Home of LA County's "Most Business Friendly City"

COMPARISON CITIES

Santa Clarita Los Angeles Palmdale Pasadena San Fernando

BUSINESS TAXES

Basis for Business Tax	No tax	Gross Receipts	Gross Receipts + Employees	Employees	Gross Receipts
Tax Rate	No tax	\$1.05 - \$5.28/\$1000	Base fee + \$3-\$45/employee	Base fee + \$15-100/ employee	\$.96-\$2.40/\$1000

UTILITY USER TAX RATES

Cable	\$0.00	0%	0%	9%	0%
Cellular	\$0.00	9%	0%	8%	0%
Electric	\$0.00	13%	0%	8%	0%
Gas	\$0.00	10%	0%	8%	0%
Telephone	\$0.00	9%	0%	8%	0%
Water	\$0.00	0%	0%	8%	0%

OTHER TAX RATES

Sales tax Rate	9.25%	9.25%	9.25%	9.25%	9.75%
Est Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate	1.89%	1.22%	1.37%	1.13%	1.49%
Transient Occupancy Tax Rate	10.00%	14.00%	10.00%	7.00%	0.00%
Parking Tax Rate	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Documentary Transfer Tax Rate	\$1.10 per \$1,000	\$5.50 per \$1,000	\$1.10 per \$1,000	\$1.10 per \$1,000	\$1.10 per \$1,000

DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Development Impact Fees	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Public Facilities Fees	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Scheduled Traffic Impact/Trip Fees	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Signalization Fees	No	No	Yes	No	No
Major Thoroughfare/Bridge Fees	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Art in Public Places Fees	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

OVERALL COST RATING	\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$
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Source: 2015 Kostmont-Rose Institute Cost of Doing Business Survey.

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