

### Application Check List:

To start the application process, please contact the District's Development Services Department to confirm that your alteration, expansion or renovation is an eligible or qualifying project. If your project qualifies, you must:

- ◆ Submit a \$10 application fee;
- ◆ Complete an *Application for Revitalization Tax Exemption Form*

The District will review your application to ensure your project meets the program criteria. The next step will be to:

- ◆ Enter into a Revitalization Tax Exemption Agreement; and
- ◆ Substantially complete your project.

When your project is substantially completed, the District will issue a Tax Exemption Certificate which will be forwarded to BC Assessment.



**Revitalize your commercial property and save tax dollars**



The District of Kent Revitalization Tax Exemption Programs provide a tax break **for commercial property owners** wanting to upgrade, expand or renovate their premises.

# Revitalization Tax Exemption Program: Commercial Properties

To promote the revitalization of commercial properties in the District of Kent, Council has adopted a new Revitalization Tax Exemption Program. The goal of the program is to encourage investment in commercial property, improve the aesthetic appeal of the community and create additional permanent employment for residents.



For more information or to submit an application contact:

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*Commercial properties within the District of Kent may apply for tax relief that results from the increase in assessed value due to an alteration, renovation or expansion project.*

*Amounts of Tax Exemption as follows:*

### New Improvements

Year	% of Increased Assessed Value*
1	100
2	80
3	60
4	40
5	20

### Alterations of Existing Improvements

Year	% of Increased Assessed Value*
1	100
2	100
3	80
4	40
5	20

\*Exempt from Municipal Taxation Only

This tax exemption program was adopted by District of Kent Council on November 15, 2017. To view the full document of Bylaw No. 1588, 2017, please visit Municipal Hall or [www.district.kent.bc.ca/bylaws](http://www.district.kent.bc.ca/bylaws)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who is eligible?

Owners of commercial properties, anywhere in the District of Kent, who undertake alteration, renovation or expansion projects with new improvements of at least \$100,000 or alterations of at least \$50,000.

For every \$100,000 of increased assessed value of your property from new improvements, it is estimated that you would save \$3,100 over the five year period.

For every \$50,000 of increased assessed value of your property from alterations, it is estimated that you would save \$1,760 over the five year period.

### Can the exemption be transferred if I decide to sell?

Yes, the exemption may be transferred.

### Is there a cost to apply?

There is an application fee of \$10. This fee can be submitted to the District of Kent at the time of application.

Applications are available at Municipal Hall or online at [www.district.kent.bc.ca](http://www.district.kent.bc.ca)