

General Information

- Zip code: 94549
- Population: 26,103
- Median household income: \$142,977
- Housing units: 9,651
- Percentage of Owner-Occupied Housing: 72.6%
- Median Value Owner-Occupied Housing: \$1,127,400
- Average persons per household: 2.67
- Median Gross Rent: \$1,816

Largest Employers

- Lafayette School District
- McCaulou’s Department Store
- Whole Foods Market
- Lafayette Park Hotel
- Safeway Stores
- Oakwood Athletic Club
- Diablo Foods
- Acalanes High School
- Trader Joes
- Yankee Pier Restaurant

Real Estate-Related Policies & Regulations

For-Sale and Open House Sign Regulations

The Lafayette sign ordinance [LafayetteSignOrdinance](#) allows for temporary real estate related signage as follows:

Residential Real Estate Signage:

- The sign may advertise that the property is for sale, lease or exchange;
- It may include directions to the property, the owner’s or agent’s name, and the owner’s or agent’s address and telephone number;
- The sign shall not exceed four (4) square feet in area;

Open House Signage:

- An off-site open house real estate sign that complies with Section 6-2568 (a) and (b) is permitted and may be placed only on the day and during the hours that the property is available for public showing;
- Signs may be a portable or A-board in design. For each parcel, there may be only one sign per intersection and no sign may be located farther from the property than the closest main thoroughfare intersection.
- The sign must be removed after each day of showing;
- On an unimproved lot that is capable of being subdivided, a forsale, for lease or for exchange sign shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area

Subdivision Signage:

- For a recorded subdivision, no more than one on-site subdivision sign and one off-site subdivision sign on real property owned by another with the other's consent is allowed;
- A subdivision sign shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area or eight (8) feet in height and shall not be placed within one hundred (100) feet of an occupied residence;
- A temporary residential realty sign may not be internally or externally illuminated;
- A temporary residential realty sign shall be removed either (1) no more than ninety (90) days after placement or (2) ten (10) days after the sale of the property to which it relates, whichever is clearer.

Time-of-Sale Requirements: None.

Potential Disclosure Issues

The potential disclosure issues and resource list below are not intended to be all-inclusive. The Contra Costa County Disclosures and Disclaimers Advisory is available from the Bay East Association of REALTORS®.

Creek Setbacks: For any work on creek-side properties, a creek setback determination is required. Article 5 of Ordinance No. 512 prohibits construction of structures within the creek setback area. For more information, contact Planning Services at 925-284-1976 or visit [Creek Setbacks](#)

Energy Efficiency Program- Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE): PACE is a financing option for property owners engaging in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation upgrades to buildings. PACE financing is attached to the home, repaid through the property tax bill, and transferred to subsequent owners until paid off. Lafayette participates in the CaliforniaFIRST Program, CSCDA Open PACE, HERO Residential, HERO Commercial, PACE Funding, and Figtree PACE Financing for residential and/or commercial properties. Details are available at www.heroprogram.com; <http://www.pacenation.us/resources/all-programs/>; <http://cscda.org/Open-PACE>; www.californiafirst.org; www.figtreefinancing.com

Taxes, Bonds, and Assessment Districts

Real Estate Transfer Tax: \$1.10/per \$1,000 property value (comprised of City Rate: \$0.55/per \$1,000 property value plus County Rate: \$0.55/per \$1,000 property value).

Mello Roos Tax: Areas of Lafayette within the Mt. Diablo School District assess a Mello Roos parcel tax to fund the district. Homeowners age 65 or older may apply for an exemption to the \$67 per year at the Mt. Diablo School District by June 1 of the current tax year. For exemption forms, call (925) 682-8000, ext. 4004. For property-specific information, contact Contra Costa County Treasurer's Office at (925) 957-5280 or search online at [ContraCostaCountyTaxRecords](#)

Special Study or Planning Zones: Find details at: [LafayetteMajorProjects](#)

Additional Information:

Dog & Cat Licenses: All dogs and cats shall be licensed in accordance with the Contra Costa County regulations, found here: [ContraCostaPetLicensing](#).

<u>Type/Term</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>
Unsterilized	\$40.00	\$74.00	\$110.00
Sterilized	\$20.00	\$37.00	\$55.00

Senior Citizens (65+): Pet license discount eligible; License replacement fee: \$7

City of Lafayette Resources

Building Inspections	CC Building Inspection Dept.	925-646-4108
Business License	(Not required)	
Cable and/or Phone	AT&T	800-228-2020
Cable and/or Phone	Comcast	800-945-2288
Electricity	PG&E	800-743-5000
Environmental Services	Environmental Task Force	925-299-3219
Finance Department	Finance & Budget	925-299-3227
Fire Department	Contra Costa County Fire Protection	925-941-3300
Garbage	Allied Waste	925-603-1144
Gas	PG&E	800-743-5000
Housing Department	Planning & Building Department	925-299-3206
Permit Department	Lafayette Planning Services Division	925-984-1976
Planning/Zoning Dept	Lafayette Planning Services Division	925-984-1976
Police Department		925-283-3680
Public Works		925-934-3908
Recycling	Valley Waste Management	925-935-8900
Rent Stabilization	Center for Human Development	92-798-6132
Water	EBMUD	866-403-2683

Online Resources

- City Website: [City of Lafayette](#)
- Lafayette Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.lafayettechamber.org/>
- Lafayette School District: <http://www.lafsd.k12.ca.us/>
- Acalanes Union High School District: <http://www.acalanes.k12.ca.us/>
- U.S. Census Bureau: [LafayetteQuickFacts](#)

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