

**Freedom of Information Act / Environmental Information Regulations Request**

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**This is an information request relating to council tax on second homes.**

**Second home premium**

**• Does the council currently charge a premium on second homes?**

**• If so, what is the rate of the premium (expressed as a percentage or multiplier of the standard council tax rate)?**

**Impact assessment**

**• Has the council undertaken any impact assessment(s) on the effect of the second home premium on the local economy?**

**• If so, please provide a copy of the assessment(s).**

**Definition of a second home**

**• How does the council define a second home for council tax purposes?**

**Disputes**

**• Have any households challenged the classification of their property as a second home?**

**• If yes, how many such disputes have there been, and how many resulted in a change of status?**

I can confirm that Essex County Council does not hold this information. Your request should be directed to City, District and Borough Councils who may be able to provide you with the information. Please see our webpages which should help you further.

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