

What are some of the benefits of annexation?



Annexation is an adjustment to boundaries that shift unincorporated areas into an existing city boundary. Once your property is annexed, you are considered a Longview resident within the city limits. Being an official city resident means you will be eligible to receive all city services, government participation opportunities, and additional tax benefits.*

What extended services will I receive as a city resident?

- Full-time, 24-hour police protection.
- Full-time, 24-hour fire protection and emergency medical services with possible reduction in fire insurance rates.
- No separate library charge for city residents, a potential savings of \$100 per household annually.
- The 65% outside-users surcharge is eliminated for water and sewer services.
- Other City services that are available to newly annexed areas include solid waste and recycling services*, city zoning/land use, development review and building inspections, reduced fees for parks and recreation programs, stormwater control, and street maintenance and improvements.

What City government participation opportunities will I be eligible for?

- City residents are eligible to vote in city elections.
- City residents are eligible to serve on the Longview City Council and other boards and commissions.

**Existing county garbage service will remain in effect for seven years after the annexation. After seven years, mandatory garbage and recycling services will be provided by the City of Longview. Price listed is the City's rate.*

What taxation benefits will I receive as a city resident?

(See table entitled Sample Comparison Rates for Utilities and Property Taxes on the backside)

- As of 2018, property taxes are slightly lower overall inside the Longview city limits compared to outside the city. As of 2018, utility charges are substantially lower.
- County Road, Library, and Fire District taxes – These property tax levies are eliminated upon annexation. City road, library, and fire services are provided by the City of Longview by other means.

Annexation does not affect the rates charged and services provided by port districts, public utility districts, school districts, cemetery districts, and public hospital districts.

Do you have additional questions about annexation? Please contact:

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You may also visit us online at
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Sample Comparison Rates

Utilities for 2018 and Property Taxes for 2018

2018 Utilities	County	
	Monthly	Annual
Water (600 cf/month)	\$49.43	\$593.19
Sewer	\$109.13	\$1,309.53
Garbage	\$23.84	\$286.08
Stormwater	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utility Tax (0%)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal Utilities	\$182.40	\$2,188.80

	City of Longview	
	Monthly	Annual
Water (600 cf/month)	\$29.96	\$359.52
Sewer	\$66.14	\$793.68
Garbage	\$18.41	\$220.92
Stormwater	\$12.21	\$146.52
Utility Tax (9.5%)	\$12.04	\$144.52
Subtotal Utilities	\$138.76	\$1,665.16

2018 Taxes	County	
	Per \$1,000 AV	Annual
County Road	\$1.61	\$161.00
Fire District	\$1.67	\$167.00
Library District	\$0.31	\$31.00
Mosquito District	\$0.038	\$3.80
School District	\$4.39	\$439.00
State Levy	\$2.90	\$290.00
Port of Longview	\$0.26	\$26.00
County	\$1.89	\$189.00
CDID #1	\$0.47	\$47.00
Subtotal Taxes	\$13.54	\$1,353.80

	City of Longview	
	Per \$1,000 AV	Annual
City	\$3.16	\$316.00
School District	\$4.39	\$439.00
State Levy	\$2.90	\$290.00
Port of Longview	\$0.26	\$26.00
County	\$1.89	\$189.00
Mosquito District	\$0.038	\$3.80
CDID #1	\$0.47	\$47.00
Subtotal Taxes	\$13.11	\$1,310.80

Annual difference: Inside City of Longview Savings = \$566.64



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