

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 services will I receive as a city resident?

- Full-time, 24-hour police protection.
- Full-time, 24-hour fire protection and emergency medical services.
- No separate library charge or tax for city residents.
- Water and Sewer Rates are reduced by 39.4% for City residents.
- Other City services that are available to newly annexed areas include reduced fees for parks and recreation programs, solid waste and recycling services,*and stormwater maintenance.
- Annexation entitles residents and developers to the City's convenient and expeditious development and inspection services, while enjoying the lowest development fees in Southwest Washington.

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.

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 2022, property taxes are slightly lower overall inside the Longview city limits compared to outside the city. As of 2022, 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

www.mylongview.com.

**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.*

Sample Comparison Rates

Residential Utilities and Property Taxes for 2022/2023

2023 Utilities	County	
	Monthly	Annual
Water (800 cf/month)	\$74.12	\$889.44
Sewer	\$132.33	\$1,587.96
Garbage	\$27.33	\$327.96
Stormwater	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utility Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal Utilities	\$233.78	\$2,805.36

	City of Longview	
	Monthly	Annual
Water (800 cf/month)	\$44.94	\$539.28
Sewer	\$81.06	\$972.72
Garbage	\$19.34	\$232.08
Stormwater	\$14.50	\$174.00
Utility Tax (14.5%)	\$23.18	\$278.16
Subtotal Utilities	\$183.02	\$2,196.24

2022 Taxes	County	
	Per \$1,000 AV	Annual Per \$100,000
County	\$1.24	\$124.81
County Road	\$1.51	\$151.35
School District	\$3.18	\$318.62
State Levy	\$2.65	\$265.99
Port of Longview	\$0.12	\$12.75
CDID #1	\$0.46	\$46.10
Fire District	\$1.15	\$115.08
Library District	\$0.31	\$31.85
Subtotal Taxes	\$10.62	\$1,066.55
Annual Total		\$3,871.91

	City of Longview	
	Per \$1,000 AV	Annual Per \$100,000
County	\$1.24	\$124.81
City	\$2.23	\$223.25
School District	\$3.18	\$318.62
State Levy	\$2.65	\$265.99
Port of Longview	\$0.12	\$12.75
CDID #1	\$0.46	\$46.10
Subtotal Taxes	\$9.88	\$991.52
Annual Total		\$3,187.76

Annual difference: Inside City of Longview Savings = \$ 684.15