

Joining the City of Springfield

West Centennial Area

Annexation

Annexation is the means by which property owners in unincorporated areas can join the City of Springfield, receive city services and vote in city elections. Usually, access to one or more major urban services is the reason residents and property owners consider annexation.



What would change and what would stay the same?

Police Services: Currently your police services are provided by the Lane County Sheriff's Office. After annexation, the Springfield Police Department would provide services to your property.

Fire and Emergency Medical Service: Your emergency medical service provider would remain Springfield Fire & Life Safety, and the fire protection service would transfer to the City of Springfield from Rainbow Water & Fire District. Rainbow Water & Fire District currently contracts with the City for fire protection services. By annexing you would no longer pay property taxes to Rainbow Water & Fire District and would start paying property taxes to the City.

Potable Water: Your water utility would change from Rainbow Water District to Springfield Utility Board.

Wastewater (sanitary sewer) Service: If sewer is available, you would be able to hook up to the regional wastewater treatment system. Annexation does not mean that wastewater services will be immediately available. In many neighborhoods the infrastructure is not currently in place. Please contact the Development & Public Works Dept. if you would like more information regarding the availability of, and costs associated with, wastewater services for your property.

Street maintenance and stormwater management: Planning and maintenance of the streets system and stormwater management facilities would transfer from Lane County to the City of Springfield. A monthly stormwater fee, currently \$13.12, applies to all residential properties within city limits

Parks & Recreation Services: You would stay within the Willamalane Park & Recreation District.

K-12 Education: Annexation does not affect school district boundaries in any way.

General Governance: Residents would retain their County Commissioner representative on regional issues, and gain the Springfield City Council as their elected representatives on most local municipal service issues. You would be able to vote in local elections, serve on City committee and boards, receive free library services, reduced building permit costs, and nuisance code enforcement.

Property Tax Rate per \$1,000

	West Centennial	In Springfield	Difference
School Taxes:	6.7237	6.6813	-0.0424
Government Taxes:	8.0657	11.6579	3.5922
Total:	\$ 14.7894	\$ 18.3392	\$ 3.5498
For \$100,000 assessed value property:	\$1,478.94	\$ 1,833.92	\$ 354.98

This is an estimate only for general information purposes. Actual tax change for a specific property may be different. Property Tax Rates can change each year due to voter approval of new levies and bonds, expiration of levies and bonds, and urban renewal calculations. For specific property tax account information, please contact the Lane County Assessor's office at 541.682.4321.

Fees (for single family home)

- Annexation application fees: \$1,050
 - Wastewater System Development Charges: \$6,500
 - Sewer-in-lieu of Assessment Fees: \$6,400*
- *This is an estimate for the typical subdivision lot and only applies if the sewer infrastructure is already in place and available for connection. If the sewer needs to be constructed, direct assessment would apply. No estimates available for specific sites due to cost variables.*

Definitions

System Development Charges (SDCs): SDCs are one-time fees assessed to cover a portion of the cost of providing specific types of public infrastructure. They are charged for new or increased demand of the public sewer system.

Sewer-in-lieu of Assessment: If the public infrastructure is already in place at the time of connection, the property owner pays an in-lieu of assessment fee to cover the construction costs that extended the public system to the specific property.

