



ANNEXATION

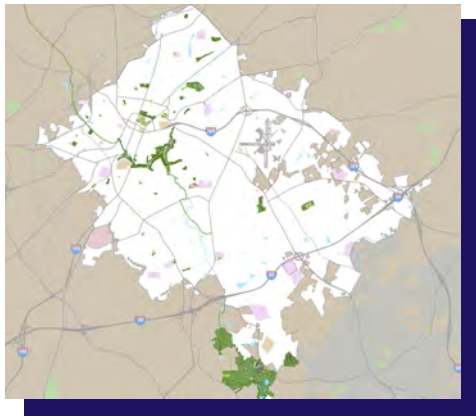


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The city of Greenville is home to more than 71,000 residents and is growing each day. 28.8 square miles make up the city limits we know today with a daytime population of 135,685 people.

Greenville is also one of the Southeast's favorite tourist destinations, attracting more than 3.9 million visitors each year. Greenville's residents and visitors can enjoy a host of outdoor offerings, including 39 city parks, an expansive trail system and a year-round series of award-winning special events ranging from weekly outdoor concerts and events, to food and art festivals and national sporting competitions.



The boundaries of the city of Greenville defined in white.

WHAT IS ANNEXATION?

Annexing into the city of Greenville is the process by which the city expands its boundaries into adjacent areas not already incorporated into the city.

THE ANNEXATION PROCESS

Annexation of property into the City of Greenville can be accomplished through various methods:

Individual Property Owner

An individual property owner may petition the city for annexation of a specific parcel(s) as long as the property is contiguous (touches) to the existing city limit line. A completed Annexation Petition (PDF), Annexation Application (PDF) must be submitted by the filing deadline. A draft annexation survey of the property submitted to the Economic Development Department 2 weeks prior to the filing deadline. Please coordinate with Kevin Howard at 864.467.5723 prior to your submittal.

Multiple Property Owners

Where multiple property owners desire to annex a larger area, a petition may be made by:

- 75% of the individual property owners having title to 75% of the total assessed value of all the property in the designated annexation area and filing an Annexation Petition (75%) (PDF); or
- at least 25% of the qualified electors in the area desiring to be annexed can petition the city council to call for an election within the area proposed to be annexed.





BENEFITS TO ANNEXATION

GENERAL BENEFITS

Police Department

- Police officers per square mile is 7 versus .04 in the unincorporated area of Greenville County.
- Average emergency response time is 7 minutes versus 15 minutes in the unincorporated area of Greenville County.
- Full range of crime prevention services: <http://police.greenvillesc.gov/579/Prevent-Crime>

Water Rates

- Greenville Water System rates are approximately 1/3 lower for properties located within the Greenville city limits.

Greenville Cares

- Greenville Cares customer service center takes service requests for City services.
<http://greenvillesc.gov/176/Greenville-Cares>



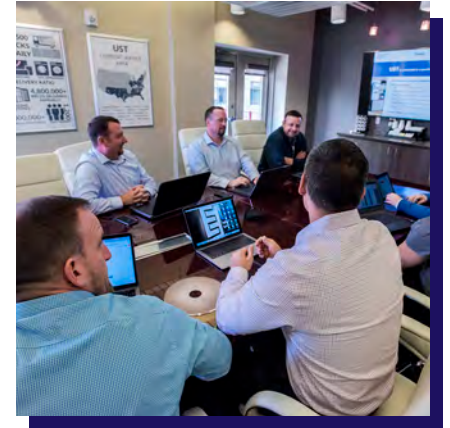
RESIDENTIAL BENEFITS

Neighborhood Support

- Eligibility for participation in the City's NSTEP program:
<https://www.greenvillesc.gov/325/Sidewalk-Expansion>
- Street lighting, along with pedestrian lights and other infrastructure improvements, in some designated areas.
- Affordable housing ownership and rental opportunities for city residents:
<https://www.greenvillesc.gov/265/Community-Development>
- Neighborhood Traffic Calming program. Through the Traffic Calming Program, the City and residents work together to improve public safety on neighborhood streets.
<https://greenvillesc.gov/498/Traffic-Calming>

Parker/Gantt Tax Districts

- Up to 5.5% property tax savings.



COMMERCIAL BENEFITS

Business License Tax Abatement

- The City of Greenville provides a 3-year graduated abatement of the business license tax for newly-annexed businesses and properties.
<http://www.greenvillesc.gov/339/Tax-AbatementApplication>
- Assistance to developers, as funds allow, with construction cost of sewer lines, roads, landscaping, and other improvements on public property. Level of assistance is determined on a project-by-project basis.



MORE INFORMATION

For more information on annexation, call (864) 467-4473 or visit www.greenvillesc.gov/annexation