

The City of Punta Gorda Welcomes River Haven

Annexation into the City



Punta Gorda

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What is Annexation?

- Process that allows a neighborhood, community, or individual property to become part of a municipality
- Occurs when residents elect to join the municipality seeking:
 - improved municipal services
 - a more responsive government
- Contributes to sound growth
- Strengthens municipal boundaries
- Provides an improved framework for residential & business expansion

NOTE: Florida law provides for the annexation of areas contiguous to incorporated municipalities in order to provide a more rational & efficient delivery of services to residents

City Benefits & Tax Savings of Annexation

- Net savings of ~15% on water/sewer utility bill
- Based on a general comparison of tax rates & taxing entities:
 - Properties see a see moderate savings in annual property bill upon annexation into the City
- Your property tax dollars would stay in your community – going directly to the improvements in this area



2018 Tax Comparisons

Based on a \$100,000.00 Valuation

Unincorporated Charlotte County Taxes	
CHARLOTTE COUNTY	6.3007
GREATER CHARLOTTE LIGHTING	0.3250
LAW ENFORCEMENT	2.5855
WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION	0.0394
ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS	0.2000
CHARLOTTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD	6.3480
SOUTHWEST FL WATER MANAGEMENT	0.2955
Total Ad Valorem Millage	16.0941
Appraised Value Millage	\$1,609.41
Non Ad Valorem Assessments	
CHARLOTTE CNTY SANITATION UNIT	172.00
CHARLOTTE CO FIRE RESCUE DEPT	168.72
SOU CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTIL	2.14
Total Non Ad Valorem Assessment	\$367.86
Total Taxes for Unincorporated County Property Tax \$1,977.72	

City of Punta Gorda Taxes	
CHARLOTTE COUNTY	6.3007
GREATER CHARLOTTE LIGHTING	N/A
LAW ENFORCEMENT	N/A
WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION	0.0394
CITY OF PUNTA GORDA	3.1969
ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS	0.2000
CHARLOTTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD	6.3840
SOUTHWEST FL WATER MANAGEMENT	0.2955
Total Ad Valorem Millage	16.38050
Appraised Value Millage	\$1,638.05
Non Ad Valorem Assessments & Service Fee	
CITY SANITATION (Billed MONTHLY on utility bill \$21.60)	266.40
CHARLOTTE CO FIRE RESCUR DEPT	N/A
SOU CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTIL	N/A
Total	\$266.40
Total Taxes for the City of PUNTA Gorda Property Tax \$1,904.45	

Savings of \$73.27

Fire

- Response time is cut in half
- Fire House located on Acline Road at Burnt Store Road
- EMS located on Aqui Esta Drive
- Fire hydrants required by State Statute and Ordinance
- Safety Programs
 - Replacement or installation of one 10-year smoke alarm
 - Flare Disposal
 - CPR Training
 - Fire Extinguisher Training
 - Medication & Sharps disposal



Police

- Minimum staffing of 4 officers on any given shift
- Officer's & Volunteers on patrol conduct regular directed patrols
- Average dispatch call for service 1:47 minutes
- Average patrol response time 4:23 minutes
- Away from home program/house checks
- Aggressive Sexual Offender Monitoring Program that includes proximity alerts



Utilities

- Already Utility customers
- All facilities on site are customer owned and maintained
- Bulk customer: individual billing is performed by park management
- Net savings of ~15% on water/sewer bill
- Additional questions contact Utilities directly at 941-575-3339



Sanitation

- Costs are similar, but services will **increase**
- Costs billed monthly on the water & sewer utility bill
- Household Waste 2x a week
 - May be reduced to 1X per week by pre-annexation agreement
- Recycle & Yard Waste 1X per a week
- Garbage & Yard Waste collected by
 - City Staff
 - City Trucks
- Recycling contracted to Waste Management
 - Waste Management Crews
 - Waste Management Trucks



Building

- Faster permitting
- Direct access to Building Official & Inspectors

Other

- Pro-active Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement
- Voice in the affairs of the City
 - Eligible to run for City offices
 - Serve on Citizen Boards and Committees
 - Vote in City Elections



Annexation FAQ

Would my mailing address change?

- No, addresses are unaffected

Would there be any disruption in my utility service?

- No, residents would not see any disruption in utility services

Can I “keep” what is Existing?

Non-Conforming Conditions - Existing (“Legal”)

A use of land or structure which was legally established according to the applicable zoning and building regulations at the time of development, but which does not meet current zoning and building regulations:

- *May continue unless they are destroyed beyond 50% of their value
- *May not be expanded, changed or enlarged in any fashion

***Some development standards may have the ability to be included in the pre-annexation agreement**

What is the Annexation Process?

1. Pre-Annexation Agreement
2. Application Submittal
 - A. Annexation Application
 - B. Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application
 - C. Re-Zoning Application
3. Staff Technical Review
 - A. Development Review Committee Meeting



What is the Annexation Process?

4. Public Hearing
 - A. Punta Gorda Planning Commission
 - B. Punta Gorda City Council - 1st Reading - Proposed
5. Transmittal of Proposed Annexation to the State Planning Agency
6. Public Hearing
 - A. Punta Gorda City Council – 2nd Reading - Adoption

Approximately 180 Days

Questions?



Our Mission is “To enhance Punta Gorda’s identity as a vibrant waterfront community, unique in character and history, and one of the most desirable places to live, work and visit.”