

# ANNEXATION



## What is annexation?

Annexation is the process of adding property to the city limits.

## BENEFITS OF ANNEXATION

### Police Department

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

### Fire Department

- Average emergency response time is approximately 4 minutes, with full-time paid firefighters who are trained above industry standards, with no lapse in coverage.  
<http://fire.greenvillesc.gov>
- ISO 1 Class Rating
- Full range of inspection services
- Hazmat Team, provides 24-hour response to accidental and intentional release of hazardous materials. All personnel are trained NFPA Hazardous Material and Operational Technicians.
- Inspection of newly-renovated buildings in a time-sensitive manner.
- Fully-trained codes division to assist with compliance with OSHA standards.

### Water Rates

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

### Zoning

The City has more flexible zoning regulations than Greenville County due to cumulative zoning classifications.

### Infrastructure Assistance

- 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.
- Street lighting, along with pedestrian lights, in some designated areas.

### Greenville Cares

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

## RESIDENTIAL BENEFITS

### Community Development

<http://greenvillesc.gov/265/Community-Development>

### Residential Trash Service

The Solid Waste Division provides weekly curbside collection of trash and recyclables, as well as yard waste. Utility trailers are also provided.

### Other Services and Benefits

Residents of annexed areas are eligible to vote for City offices and participate on City boards and commissions.  
<https://boards.greenvillesc.gov/>

## COMMERCIAL BENEFITS

### Business License Tax Abatement

The City of Greenville provides an abatement of the business license tax for newly-annexed businesses.  
<http://www.greenvillesc.gov/339/Tax-AbatementApplication>

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information on annexation:  
(864) 467-5723  
[www.greenvillesc.gov/317/Annexation](http://www.greenvillesc.gov/317/Annexation)