



ANNEXATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

➤ **What is Annexation?**

Annexation is how the City of Goose Creek, or any city or town, extends and increases its corporate limits. Individual property owners or communities may petition for annexation if they are contiguous, or adjacent to, the boundaries of the City of Goose Creek.

➤ **How Do I Annex into the City of Goose Creek?**

First, you or your community need to be contiguous to (or touching) the boundary of the City of Goose Creek. You can find out if you are contiguous by searching for your property on [Berkeley County GIS](#) or by contacting us. To request annexation, contact us, and we will guide you through the process.

➤ **Will My School District or Attendance Zones Change?**

No, school district boundaries are independent of the City boundary.

➤ **Will My Zoning District Change?**

In many cases, the zoning district of newly annexed land will be similar to the zoning district prior to annexation. However, the City of Goose Creek and Berkeley County all have different Zoning Ordinances, so in this sense all annexations result in a rezoning, also known as a zoning map amendment.

If you have plans for development for your property, please contact us for a consultation regarding the zoning and land use classification of your property.

➤ **Will I Lose my County Council Representation if My Property is Annexed?**

No, all City of Goose Creek residents are also County residents and in addition to your new representation on City Council, you will still be represented by your member of County Council.

➤ **What City of Goose Creek Representation Will I Have if I am Annexed?**

The governing body of the City consists of a Mayor and six Council members who are elected at-large. Learn more about City of Goose Creek Mayor and City Council [here](#).

➤ **Once I Annex into the City, When Will I Start Receiving Municipal Services?**

Immediately! Once City Council passes the annexation ordinance or election results are certified, City Staff will notify all departments that your property is now a part of Goose Creek and you will receive services such as sanitation, police, fire, and recreation services immediately.

➤ **Will I have to follow City Ordinances once I Annex into the City?**

Yes, some things you were able to do in the county you will not be able to do in the City of Goose Creek. For example, the keeping of certain animals and burning debris. For a full set of the rules and procedures in the City of Goose Creek please review the [Code of Ordinances](#).

Still have questions about annexing into the City of Goose Creek? Feel free to reach out!

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