



ANNEXATION FACTS

One Community Around The Lake

This sheet presents a summary of city services and a fiscal overview to citizens and businesses becoming part of the city of Lake Stevens.

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WHY ANNEX?

Lake Stevens is devoted to its residents and is actively investing in the community.

- Lake Stevens is revitalizing its historic downtown with the construction of a new civic building called The Mill, expanding North Cove Park, and planned streetscape improvements.
- The city is working on or has recently completed several capital improvements to benefit the community, including:
 - Widening and installing sidewalks along 20th St SE
 - Completing Phase 1 of a new multi-use path along S Lake Stevens Road
 - Restoration of Lundeen and Frontier Heights Parks as well as coordinating with Snohomish County on improvements to Cavalero Hill Park and Davies Beach
- In coordination with the state, county, and neighboring jurisdictions, the city continues to improve its transportation network, including several newly completed or planned roundabouts and intersection improvements as well as resurfacing of existing roads.
- In 2015, Lake Stevens was one of three cities in the state that was authorized to grant a 10-year property tax exemption for the value of new construction of industrial and manufacturing facilities.
- Local Government – Upon annexation, you have access to local government including city staff and elected officials. When you become a resident, you can serve on city boards and commissions and help make decisions that directly affect your quality of life and business.
- Fire service is provided by Fire District 7 – there would be no change in fire service or protection.
- The Lake Stevens Sewer District provides sewer service in the city and most of the unincorporated Urban Growth Areas where available. The sewer district is involved in the annexation discussions between the city and county, including potential future sewer service in areas not currently served by the district.
- Upon annexation, the Lake Stevens Police Department would provide police services instead of the Snohomish County Sheriff, which means a quicker response time and patrols that are more frequent.
- Upon annexation, the Lake Stevens Public Works Department would provide street sweeping and public drainage maintenance.
- Garbage service is mandatory in Lake Stevens.

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TAXES & FEES

- Local tax dollars stay in Lake Stevens to support road, parks and stormwater improvements.
- The sales tax rate in Lake Stevens is 9.0%.
- Property owners in the unincorporated area outside of Lake Stevens, if annexed, would see a similar property tax rate based on assessed valuation.
- The city has a 6% utility excise tax on electricity, water, gas, telephone service and garbage.
- For the first sixty days after annexation, residents will be able to register their dogs/cats at no charge for a lifetime tag. If the tag is issued after the 60-day period, the \$20 fee per pet for your lifetime tags will apply. Pet licenses from the county cost \$20 or \$40 depending on if the pet is altered or not.
- Once annexed, businesses would be required to obtain a city business license.

2020 TAX COMPARISON

TAX	Property	Utilities Excise (telephone/gas/water/garbage/power)	Real Estate Excise	Sales
CITY	\$10.49 per \$1000 (areas within Lake Stevens School District)	6%	0.5%	9.0%
COUNTY	\$10.56 per \$1000 (areas within Lake Stevens School District)	N/A	0.5%	9.0%

To find out more about Lake Stevens, please visit the city's website:
<http://www.lakestevenswa.gov>