



Annexation Frequently Asked Questions

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ANNEXATION

When will the annexation become effective?

The effective date is not the night of the public hearing. The annexation will become effective when approval is received from the Oregon Secretary of State's office. If the effective date established for an annexation is a) within 60 days of a special election or within 90 days of a primary or general election, or b) after the deadline for filing notice for any local election that would be affected by the annexation, the annexation shall become effective the date after the election. Applicants will receive, by U.S. Postal Service mail, a copy of the ordinance with the effective date of annexation.

WATER SERVICE

Once annexed, am I required to connect to Medford water?

No. Annexation qualifies properties to access water service through the Medford Water Commission, but only if you choose and agree to pay for service. For more information, contact the Medford Water Commission at (541) 774-2430.

ZONING

What zoning will be on my property once annexed?

Most residential properties will be rezoned to SFR-00 (Single-Family Residential – 1 dwelling unit per existing lot). Commercial and industrial properties will be rezoned to a comparable city zone, with the I-00 overlay (Limited Industrial Overlay District) given to most industrial properties. For more information contact the Planning Department at (541) 774-2380.

Will I be able to maintain my animals?

Any legal uses that are currently allowed by existing county zoning on the affected property will be allowed to remain (e.g., rights to animals). This right may be lost if animals are abandoned for a year. For more information contact the Planning Department at (541) 774-2380.

STREETS

Who will maintain my streets upon annexation?

Private roads will remain the responsibility of adjoining property owners. County local access roads (streets that are public right-of-way but privately maintained) will remain the responsibility of private owners. County-owned and maintained streets are on a schedule to eventually become maintained by the City of Medford. If streets are improved to City standards, the City will take over maintenance immediately upon completion. These improvements are typically funded through the formation of a local improvement district. The City of Medford has a street maintenance utility fee and all properties within the city contribute through a monthly fee for the overall maintenance of the city street system. A single-family home is charged \$7.35* per month. For more information contact the Public Works Department at (541) 774-2100.

*Fees are subject to change

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PARKS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

What are Parks Utility and Public Safety fees?

A Parks Utility fee for a single-family home is \$2.95* per month. This fee will be used for the debt service for construction of U.S. Cellular Community Park, maintenance of rights-of-way, and beautification areas within the City. For more information see playmedford.com or call the Parks Department at (541) 774-2400.

A Public Safety fee for a single-family home is currently \$7.42* per month. This fee is used for the Police and Fire station bonds, as well as five full-time Police and Fire staff positions. For more information call the Police Department at (541) 774-2200 and/or the Fire Department at (541) 774-2300.

SANITARY SEWER

Once annexed must I connect to the sanitary sewer system?

City ordinance requires that if a property is within 300 feet of a sanitary sewer system the property owner must connect to the sanitary sewer system if the septic system requires a permit for repair, replacement, or expansion. A septic system which is performing as designed may continue to be used. The specific ordinance is Medford Municipal Code 4.325 which may be viewed on the city website at <http://www.ci.medford.or.us/code.asp>. The monthly sewer fee for a single-family residence without water service or without water usage history is \$22.47*. Please call the Public Works Department at (541) 774-2100 for additional information.

STORM DRAINS

Who will maintain storm drains?

The City of Medford will maintain the drainage ditches along those streets that will continue to be County-owned and maintained. The City has a storm drainage maintenance utility fee and all properties within the city contribute through a monthly fee to the overall maintenance of the city storm system. A single-family home is charged \$10.25* per month. For more information contact the Public Works Department at (541) 774-2100.

BUILDING PERMITS

I have a building permit issued by Jackson County; now that I have annexed to the City, who will inspect my project?

Jackson County will complete the inspection process, including your final inspection. If a permit was applied for at the County, but not issued prior to annexation, you will need to terminate the application at the County, and make application with the City. For more information contact the Building and Safety Department at (541) 774-2350.

PROPERTY TAXES

Will my property taxes increase?

You may see an increase that helps pay for city services and various departments in the general fund, such as police patrol, fire service, etc. Property taxes are based upon levies from taxing entities. In some cases various taxing entities will no longer be providing services or receive taxes that are being transferred to delivery by the City of Medford. An estimate of taxes may be obtained by determining the current taxing districts, subtracting taxes of tax districts no longer providing services, and comparing these rates to the City of Medford rate. The following examples are provided for a \$200,000 assessed valuation home, are for illustration purposes only, and do not include other taxing districts.

Example of \$200,000 assessed valuation home in Fire District #2

\$5.1031/\$1,000 in assessed valuation City Tax Rate	\$	1,020.62	
\$0.0583/\$1,000 in assessed valuation City Bond Rate	\$	11.60	
\$0.3308/\$1,000 in assessed valuation Medford Urban Renewal	\$	66.16	
\$-2.4938/\$1,000 in assessed valuation Fire District #2	\$	-498.76	
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\$2.9474 increase in assessed valuation/\$1,000	\$	599.62	approximate increase

Example of \$200,000 assessed valuation in Fire District #3

\$5.1031/\$1,000 in assessed valuation City Tax Rate	\$	1,020.62	
\$0.0583/\$1,000 in assessed valuation City Bond Rate	\$	11.60	
\$0.3308/\$1,000 in assessed valuation Medford Urban Renewal	\$	66.16	
\$-3.1194/\$1,000 in assessed valuation Fire District #3	\$	-623.88	
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\$2.2464 increase in assessed valuation/\$1,000	\$	474.50	approximate increase

For further information please contact the Planning Department at (541) 774-2380.