

City of Medford

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. It will become effective 30 days following council approval or when notification is received from the Secretary of State's office. You will be notified in writing of the effective date of annexation.

WATER SERVICE

Once annexed must I connect to Medford water?

Annexation qualifies properties to access water service through the Medford Water Commission, however, not unless you choose and agree to pay for service. For more information contact the Medford Water Commission at 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.

Will I be able to maintain my animals?

Any legal uses that are currently allowed by your existing county zoning on your property will be allowed to remain, e.g., rights to animals. The rights may be lost if they are abandoned for a year. For more information contact the Planning Department at 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 be maintained by the City of Medford. If they 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 contribute through a monthly fee to the overall maintenance of the city street system. A single-family home is charged \$5.83 per month.

PARKS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

What are Parks and Public Safety fees?

A Parks fee for a single-family home is \$2.87 per month. This fee will be used for the development of the Medford Sports and Community Park, and operation and maintenance of accepted beautification of rights-of-way within the City. For more information see playmedford.com. A Public Safety Fee for a single-family home is currently \$2.60 per month. This fee will fund the hiring of ten additional police and firefighters (five each). For more information call the Parks Department at 774-2400, the Police Department at 774-2200 and the Fire Department at 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 then 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 internet. The Public Works Department will work with property owners regarding specific circumstances, please call them at 774-2100.

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 and all properties contribute through a monthly fee to the overall maintenance of the city storm system. A single family home is charged \$4.40 per month. For more information contact the Public Works Department at 774-2100.

BUILDING PERMITS

I have a building permit issued by the county; now that I have annexed into 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 774-2350.

PROPERTY TAXES

Will my property taxes increase?

You may see an increase that helps pay for city services 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 for 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 valuation home and are for illustration purposes only.

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

\$5.2953/\$1,000 in assessed valuation City Tax Rate	\$1,059.06
\$0.0760/\$1,000 in assessed valuation City Bond Rate	\$ 15.20
-\$2.468/\$1,000 in assessed valuation Fire District #2	\$ 493.60
\$2.9033 increase in assessed valuation/\$1,000	\$ 580.66 Approximate Increase

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

\$5.2953/\$1,000 in assessed valuation City Tax Rate	\$1,059.06
\$0.0860/\$1,000 in assessed valuation City Bond Rate	\$ 15.20
-\$3.1194/\$1,000 in assessed valuation Fire District #3	\$ 623.88
\$2.2519 increase in assessed valuation/\$1,000	\$ 450.38 Approximate Increase

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