



CITY OF
Greenwood
SOUTH CAROLINA

Join us!

EXPLORE ANNEXATION BENEFITS



Uptown Splash Pad



The Mill House, Steven Galloway



Montague's Restaurant



Greenwood Annexation

The City of Greenwood, SC, is the vibrant economic, cultural and recreational hub of the seven-county Lakelands region, with an exceptional quality of life, modern and diverse economic base, and low cost of living.

Annexation is an important tool in managing Greenwood's growth—one that has tremendous advantages for residents and business owners. Annexation helps the city better manage the demands on infrastructure and services so that everyone can enjoy a more prosperous community.

CITY ADVANTAGES



Financial savings for residents



Close proximity to medical services



Faster emergency response time



Enhanced sanitation & trash services



Convenience to shopping & dining



Upgraded internet/broadband services

BENEFITS OF ANNEXATION

Annexation offers a number of benefits to both the community as a whole and the individual property owner or developer.

Benefits to the Community

Annexation is vital to the City of Greenwood as it anticipates future growth. Annexation helps the city plan for:



Expansion & upgrades of utilities, including internet and broadband



The need for increased services such as fire and police protection



Additional locations for retail and small business development



A VOICE IN GOVERNMENT

Annexation gives residents a means to influence policy and decisions that affect the entire community. By voting in city elections and serving on boards and committees, city residents can help shape the future of our community.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Greenwood Commissioners of Public Works (CPW) and other departments provide reduced water costs, competitive electric and natural gas rates, street lighting, solid waste and residential trash services, street maintenance and other services.

Benefits to Residents and Property Owners

Annexation provides a wide variety of benefits to people who live, work and own property in the city limits.

FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION

The City of Greenwood Fire Department has an ISO rating of 1, the highest possible designation, ranking it in the top 1% in the nation. The Greenwood Police Department provides 24-hour service throughout the city and has achieved international accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Since 1996, Greenwood has seen a 51.72% decrease in violent crime within the city and a 22.54% drop in property crimes.

AVERAGE HOMEOWNER SAVINGS

City residents enjoy savings on insurance and utility rates, fire and police services and trash pickup.

| Annual Costs | City | County |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Real Estate Taxes | \$1,798.48 | \$1,000.96 |
| Personal Property Taxes (Vehicle) | \$1,066.00 | \$791.00 |
| Electricity | \$2,161.50 | \$2,930.13 |
| Water | \$252.24 | \$453.72 |
| Garbage | \$0 | \$251.40 |
| Fire Service Fee | \$0 | \$67.62 |

\$5,278.22 **\$5,494.83**

* Based on a \$160,000 home and 2 mid-price cars.

What Is Annexation?

Under South Carolina law, cities and municipalities are able to expand their boundaries through the legal process of annexation. In this process, the land becomes part of the city (as opposed to the county), and its residents and property owners are entitled to all of the benefits and amenities provided by the city.

Does the City Have the Authority to Annex Property?

The South Carolina General Assembly grants cities and municipalities the right to annex contiguous parcels of land (property that touches any boundary of the existing city limits). The legislature also sets limits on annexation and lays out the responsibilities of the city to the owners of annexed property.

How Does Annexation Work?

There are several ways that annexation can occur, from individual petitions for annexation to the annexation of large parcels of land. Please contact the city if you have questions about your property, subdivision or commercial development.

Incentives & Contacts

Large Scale Annexation Incentives

A joint program of the City of Greenwood and CPW offers incentives and reimbursements for property improvement to developers of large subdivisions and commercial properties inside the city limits. Incentive and reimbursements programs are available for road and storm sewer construction and are based on the pace of development.

For information, contact:

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Uptown



Capri's Italian



Grace Street Park



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