

WHY SHOULD YOU ANNEX YOUR PROPERTY?

There are many direct, tangible, and financial benefits available to the residents of the unincorporated area proposed to be annexed. These benefits include:

Fire Protection.

The Elberton Fire Department supplies fire protection to homes and/or business located within the corporate limits of Elberton. The Elberton Fire Department has an ISO rating of 4 (1 is the highest and 10 is the lowest / Elbert County is 5). This rating may reduce your fire insurance premium.

Police Protection.

The Elberton Police Department strives to reduce the crime rate by regularly patrolling residential and commercial areas. The department established a Neighborhood Watch Program as an avenue to minimize crime in the community.

Public Works

Regular, scheduled pick-up services for both garbage and recyclables is provided. This Division is the sole provider of solid waste collection to all citizens within the City of Elberton. Residential customers are served through once-weekly curbside pickups utilizing a roll out Poly-Kart system. The current rate is \$10.50 per month for collection plus a \$3.00 per month tipping fee.

WATER	Inside City	Outside City
First 20,000 cubic feet	\$1.85	\$2.75
Over 20,000 cubic feet	\$1.45	\$2.15

SEWER	Inside City	Outside City
First 20,000 cubic feet	\$2.55	\$3.19
Over 20,000 cubic feet	\$2.20	\$2.57

Note: All Rates are per 100 cubic feet (a cubic foot equals 7.5 gallons)

Natural Gas

Natural gas is cost-effective, reliable, and safe. Natural gas costs less than fuel oil and other energy sources. Regardless of the weather, you can depend on your natural gas system to deliver. And the 1.3 million mile underground pipeline system that brings natural gas from the well to your home has an outstanding safety record!

Electric

The Electric Division maintains over 156 miles of distribution lines.

Telecommunications.

ElbertonNET is a full service internet provider committed to being your single, reliable, and trusted source of internet access. ElbertonNET takes pride in our excellent customer service and technical support, and we have trained staff ready to answer your questions about any ElbertonNET service. Call us at 706-213-FAST.

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ANNEXATION PROCEDURES

Annexation is a two step process.

STEP 1: Request annexation into the City by completing a "petition" form provided by the City.



STEP 2: City staff will complete a preliminary analysis and recommendation to be given to the Elberton City Council in the form of an Ordinance. The Ordinance will require two readings before Council.

**Annexations are effective at the end of each quarter and upon approval from the U. S. Dept. of Justice.

ANNEXATION BENEFITS

Annexation can bring citizens the following benefits:

- Becoming part of a City that is a unit of Government designated and equipped to provide urban services in a cost-effective manner.
- A voice in the affairs of the City. By being a citizen you are eligible to run for City offices and serve on citizen boards and commissions. Vote in City elections.
- The City provides protection of the environment, your life style, your home and your property values, through planning, zoning and building ordinances.
- All dedicated and improved streets are maintained by the City and all fully improved streets are cleaned regularly.
- There are currently NO city ad valorem taxes.
- City services at lower in-city rates.

ANNEXATION BENEFITS

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- Wide range of City services:
 - Utilities ~ Water, Sewer, Natural Gas, Electric and Telecommunications (Cable TV, Internet, Phone)
 - Police Protection
 - Fire Protection
 - Planning, Zoning Control and Code Enforcement
 - Public Works such as traffic control, street lighting and maintenance, solid waste pickup, public parks and cemeteries, recycling collection and animal control.

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