

## What is Annexation?

Annexation is a legal procedure by which a city adds land to its jurisdiction, or expands its legal boundaries, in order to extend its services, laws and voting privileges to better meet the needs of residents living in the annexed area. The South Carolina General Assembly has authorized cities and towns to annex property that is contiguous (adjacent) to existing boundaries. After an area is annexed, the city replaces the county as the primary provider of local government services such as police and fire protection and, depending on the local provider, water, sewer and sanitation services.

## How to Request Annexation

Any parcel contiguous to the City of North Augusta may request annexation at any time. A property owner should submit a written request to the Planning Department stating that they wish to annex. Please be sure to include the address and parcel number of the parcel to be annexed.

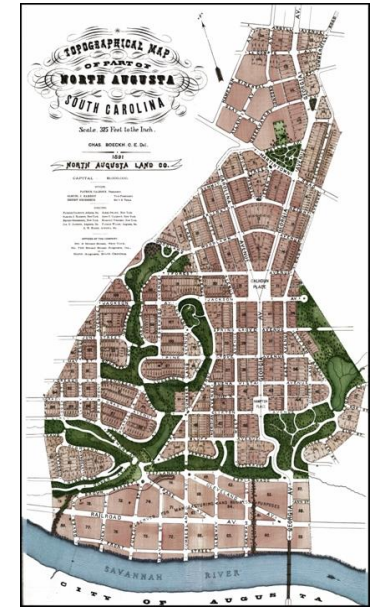
## Contact Us

Please contact the Planning and Development Department if you have any questions regarding annexation in the City of North Augusta.

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### Water & Sewer Connections

Tap and extension fees to connect to City water and sewer lines vary depending on the availability, accessibility, the distance from existing utility lines and the size of the water meter and sewer line required. Detailed cost estimates can be prepared by the North Augusta Department of Public Services (803) 441-4240 prior to annexation.

### Public Safety

Any property within the municipal limits will be covered by North Augusta Public Safety.

## Benefits of Annexation

### Lower Water, Sewer and Sanitation Costs for Residential Users

If you use less than 3,000 gallons of water a month, rates inside the city are \$12.38. Outside the City, the same 3,000 gallons cost \$24.76 a month, a difference of \$12.38 a month.

For 5,000 gallons of sewage treatment, City residents are charged \$26.47 a month. Outside the City, users are charged \$33.30 a month, a difference of \$6.83.

Sanitation and Recycling costs for residential users inside the City are \$19.50 a month. Outside the City, the rates are \$27.45 a month, a difference of \$7.95 a month.

Using these fees, a parcel inside the City limits could save **\$27.16** a month for these services.

### Recreation Program and Activity Center Membership Fees

City residents enjoy a 50% reduction in fees for recreation programs. Annual membership fees for the Activity Center are reduced from \$350 per year to \$175 per year.

### Taxes

As in most cities, annexation does add a City levy to the property owner's tax bill. For many, the savings from the reduction in water rates, sewer rates and sanitation services substantially offsets any increase in property taxes.

North Augusta currently levies a property tax of 73.5 mills. A residential property appraised by the County Assessor at \$150,000 would pay an additional \$441 in property taxes to the City. In a case where the savings in average utility fees are matched to City property tax totals, the annual increase would be about \$6.59 a month.

