What does annexation to Fire District 3 mean to City of Battle Ground residents?

Public safety services are essential to the health and well-being of our community. With annexation, additional funding will be available to maintain and improve Police and other City services while providing for sustained Fire/EMS services.



What's at Risk: Currently, 98.5% of city property tax you pay is used for the Fire/EMS contract with Fire District 3. That leaves only 1.5% for all other city services including police, streets, parks, and planning. The cost of the fire contract will exceed the city's property tax collection by 2021, putting public safety and all other city services at further risk.

Cost: Annexation means that Fire District 3's jurisdiction will expand to include incorporated Battle Ground. Property owners within the city will pay a new property tax directly to the fire district. To help offset this additional cost, the city will reduce its utility (water, sewer, stormwater drainage) tax from the current rate of 22% to 12% - a 46% decrease in the utility tax you pay.

For the average homeowner (property assessed at $310,000) with average use of utilities (8 units of water; 6 units sewer) the estimated annual net increase is $275 a year or $22.92 a month. The calculator below will estimate the net annual tax increase for your specific circumstances.

More information about annexation is available at www.cityofbg.org/470/Fire-Emergency-Medical-Services

If the Annexation Calculator does not work with your browser, simply download it and open with Adobe Reader

Annexation Calculator

**The 2021 levy rates used in this calculator are based on our best projections. Property tax rates are based on assessed valuation by the Clark County Assessor's Office. 2021 assessments are not yet available and may differ from our projections. Please use this calculator as an estimate only, actual cost may be slightly lower or higher.*

Enter the current assessed value of your home (if you are a renter, enter 0) →

(To find or confirm the assessed value of your home, go to https://gis.clark.wa.gov/gishome/property/index.cfm)

Enter the amount of Utility Tax listed on your monthly City utility bill →

(This may vary from month to month depending on usage - entering an average of several months will better determine your savings)

	Current (2019)	→	***Estimated 2021** (Under Annexation)
Annual City Property Tax	$0.00	→	$0.00
Annual Fire Property Tax	$0.00	→	$0.00
Total Annual Property Tax	**$0.00**	→	**$0.00**
Annual Utility Tax *(Water, Sewer, Drainage)*	$0.00	→	$0.00
Combined Property & Utility Tax	**$0.00**	→	**$0.00**
Estimated Net Annual Increase:	**$0.00**		

Property Tax Mill Rates used in Calculations:

Current City Rate: $1.37 *Projected 2021 City Rate: $1.27* *Projected 2021 Fire District 3 Rate: $1.30*