

# Proposed Oquirrh Highlands Annexation Q&A

## **How will annexation into West Jordan affect my ability to vote in municipal elections?**

The current Salt Lake County election process will stay the same. An annexation will allow residents to participate in the West Jordan City municipal elections. (Mayor, At-Large, and District 3)

## **Will police coverage change with annexation into West Jordan?**

Police services are dispatched across the valley in the following ways:

On high priority calls, the closest unit is dispatched regardless of jurisdiction. So in this sense, police coverage does not change.

On all other calls that are not the highest priority, the police coverage will change from sending out a Unified Police Officer to sending out a West Jordan Police Officer.

## **Will fire coverage change with annexation into West Jordan?**

Fire services are dispatched similar to law enforcement. The closest available unit responds to all emergency fire and medical calls, regardless of jurisdiction. However, non-emergency fire services, such as fire inspections, fire prevention services, CPR, CERT, and Emergency Preparedness classes, will be offered through West Jordan City after annexation.

## **Will garbage collection change with annexation into West Jordan?**

Garbage collection does not change with annexation.

If homes are part of an HOA and the HOA handles garbage collection, an annexation into West Jordan will not impact that service.

If homes are not in an HOA, or, if homes are in an HOA but garbage collection is not handled through the HOA, the homes are then likely receiving garbage collection from the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD). An annexation into West Jordan does not automatically remove a property from the WFWRD district.

## **Will other services, like recycling and dumpsters, be provided by West Jordan.**

No. If the homes are part of an HOA and the HOA handles garbage, recycling and dumpster services, an annexation into West Jordan will not impact that service.

If homes are not part of an HOA, but are in the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD), recycling, dumpster, and other waste services will continue to be provided by WFWRD.

## **Will annexation change my water or sewer bill?**

No. Water and sewer services are provided by the Kearns Improvement District. Annexation into West Jordan will not change the service delivery or billing for water and sewer services.

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## **Will snow removal change?**

Snow removal on public streets will change with an annexation into West Jordan. Snow removal would be done by West Jordan Public Works rather than Salt Lake County Public Works.

Any snow removal done by an HOA on private roads and lanes will remain the obligation of the HOA and will not be impacted by an annexation into West Jordan.

## **Will the city pay for road maintenance and street lighting?**

The maintenance of publicly owned roads and streetlights would change from SLCo maintenance to West Jordan Public Works maintenance after annexation.

If the roads are private and the streetlights are on private roads maintained by the HOA, that will remain unchanged.

## **How will annexation affect my taxes?**

### **Property Taxes:**

On property taxes, residents in Unincorporated Salt Lake County currently pay:

SL County Municipal Svce tax (rate is .00049)

Unified Fire Svce Area (rate is .001403)

Unified Fire Svce Judgment (rate is .0000)

SL Vly Law Enforcement (rate is .002038)

The sum of these rates for municipal services property taxes in unincorporated Salt Lake County is a rate of .003931, or \$393.10 for every \$100,000 of taxable value.

These four property tax line items would be replaced by the West Jordan property tax (.001378 + .000050) or \$142.80 for every \$100,000 of taxable value.

If the County Assessor has a market value of a home at \$400,000, then the taxable value of that home is \$220,000 (after the 45% residential discount). For this home, in Unincorporated Salt Lake County, they would pay \$864.82 in property taxes for municipal services. For that same market value in West Jordan, the home would pay \$314.16 in property taxes for municipal services (a difference of \$550.66).

Property taxes paid to the School District, Library, Salt Lake County General Fund, Mosquito Abatement, and so on, are not impacted by annexation.

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## **Franchise Taxes:**

Although residents who annex into West Jordan would have a sizeable property tax decrease, they should also remember that West Jordan charges franchise taxes on gas, electricity, and cable TV which would eat into some of that property tax savings. The net outcome would vary by home based on whether they subscribe to Cable TV, how much gas and electricity they use, etc. However, the overall annual tax bill for municipal services would go down.

## **All Other Taxes:**

Sales tax, income tax, and all other taxes are not affected by an Annexation into West Jordan.

Any HOA fees and services to the residents would not be impacted directly. However, any property taxes or franchise taxes that the HOA pays may change after annexation.