



FAQ's: Water Surcharge-Annexation Agreement

Q: Why a water surcharge?

A: In 1969, Olympia established a water surcharge for customers who receive water and are outside the City limits in Olympia Municipal Code (OMC 13.04.390). This surcharge was put in place to:

- Recover the higher costs associated with delivering water outside the City.
- Provide an incentive for annexation consistent with the Growth Management Act.

Q: Will my property automatically become part of the City limits if I sign the agreement?

A: No, your property will not become part of the City limits.

Q: What are the benefits to signing to the agreement?

A: Signing the agreement will remove the 50 percent surcharge on your water bill.

Q: Does the agreement expire if I sell my property?

A: No, the agreement runs with the land and binds any future owners to the same agreement.

Q: Should I consult a lawyer?

A: It is advised to consult your personal lawyer before signing any agreement.

Q: Does my signature on the agreement need to be notarized?

A: Yes, the agreement needs to be notarized. The City offers free notary service between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday (except City-recognized holidays). The Community Planning and Development (CP&D) counter is located on the second floor of City Hall, 601 Fourth Ave E, Olympia.

If you have questions about the process to complete the agreement, please contact CP&D at 360.753.8391

If you have questions about the water surcharge, please contact Andy Haub, Water Resources Director, at 360.753.8475