

STREET ADDRESS

11. What happens to my street address after annexation?

Street addresses stay the same and are included in areas which the Fresno Fire and Police Departments respond to for emergencies.

HOME BASED BUSINESS

12. I have a home based business. What happens to it after annexation?

Generally, businesses which are legal in the County of Fresno are legal in the City of Fresno. Fresno has a home occupation business license provision which allows people to have businesses at home. Home businesses cannot generate excessive traffic, noise, or be a bother to their neighbors. They are generally limited to one room in dwelling and to equipment commonly found at the residence. Only family members who live on the property can operate the business.

As a responsible business owner located within the City of Fresno, you are required to register your business with the City of Fresno. You can start the application process by calling Business Tax Customer Service at (559) 621-6880. Or you can visit our website and download an application at <http://www.fresno.gov/Lic Permits/>. You can also get additional information you may need on our website at www.fresno.gov. The application fee is \$10.00. New businesses may qualify for a one year exemption. The majority of the businesses pay taxes based on the gross revenues generated each quarter, with fees starting at \$8.50 a quarter. Licensed professionals are usually taxed on a flat rate, paid quarterly or annually. If you have any questions, contact Business Tax Customer Service at (559) 621-6880 or Businesstax@fresno.gov.

DOG LICENSE

13. I have dogs. What will I need to do to register them in the City?

Your dog(s) current tags will be honored through the expiration date. Thereafter, you will need to register your dogs with the City of Fresno. The City of Fresno now charges the same fee as the County of Fresno. The annual license fee is \$39.00, or \$4.00 for spayed or neutered dogs. You can visit our office in Fresno City Hall to fill out an application, or you can request an application be mailed to you by calling Fresno City Dog License Customer Service at (559) 621-6880. You will need a current rabies certificate for each dog. Our dog

license renewals are based on the expiration date of the rabies certificate. Fees are subject to change. Any questions may be directed to Fresno City Dog License Customer Service at (559) 621-6880.

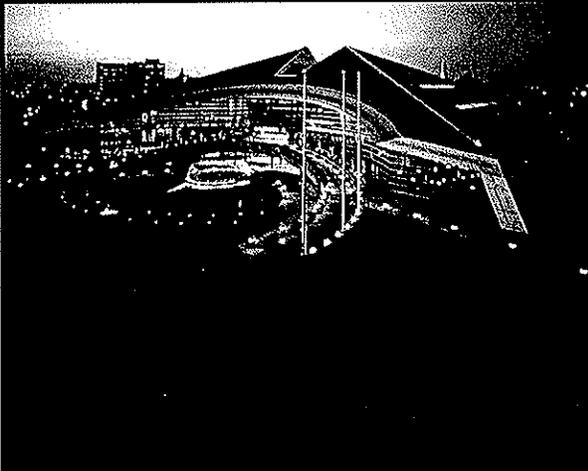
FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

14. I have access to Fresno Irrigation District (FID) water and my neighbors want to sell their property to subdivide, will I still be able to continue receiving FID water?

Unless you and all down stream users specifically give up your right to FID water, the City will require the developer to pipe water through the subdivision in a manner as to make the existing FID water available for downstream users for continued use.

Thank you for your interest in annexing to the City of Fresno. The City of Fresno strives to provide its citizens with the finest services consistent with its vision statement, which is as follows: *A culture of excellence where people get the best everyday.* For more information, please contact:

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ZONING

1. What happens if I consent to be annexed to the City of Fresno?

The City of Fresno will prezone your property to a zone district which is consistent with the City of Fresno's General Plan. Since each property is unique, please call (559) 621-8047 to determine what the zoning for your property will be if the annexation is completed.

2. I have large animals (horses and cattle). What happens to them after annexation?

The City will generally permit the number of large animals (except swine) such as cattle, sheep, horses, etc. as permitted on your property by the County.

SEWER

3. Do I have to connect to the City sewer line right away?

Whether you are in the City or the County, from the time that a sewer line is available (i.e. within 100 feet of your property) you are required to connect to the line within 3 years.

4. Can I replace my septic tank or do substantial work on the leach field once I am in the City of Fresno?

Yes, assuming a sewer line is not available (i.e. within 100 feet).

WATER

5. Can I keep my existing well and continue to use it after annexation to the City of Fresno.

Yes. Existing wells can be retained after annexation for domestic or agricultural purposes as long the well does not require further drilling, or well casing replacement, or well replacement.

6. When connecting to City water, will I get a meter and how much will I pay?

Meters will be read starting 2010 and your water bill will be billed according to use. A water meter is required on all new connections. The cost of the meter be included

in the costs for the installation of the water service.

7. If I decide to connect my house to the City water system, may I continue to use my exiting well to irrigate my property? What happens if my irrigation well goes out, can I re-drill it to provide water for landscaping and irrigation?

You can continue to use your well to irrigate your property. After you have obtained a permit from the City or the County you may redrill or replace your well if your lot is two acres or more. Otherwise, due to contamination, the City seeks to limit the drilling of new private wells. These private watering wells are generally shallow and are more susceptible to contamination, than the deep, high production wells the City of Fresno operates.

SOLID WASTE

8. I now have trash service from a private contractor, can I keep my existing service and for how long?

Yes. The law allows for property owners to continue service with their existing contractors for a period of 5 years after annexation before they are required to sign up for the City of Fresno trash service.

CITY UTILITIES

9. What is the cost of normal city utilities?

The **monthly** fee is comprised of the following costs:

Rates as of September 1, 2008	
Community Sanitation	\$6.23
Solid Waste Disposal	\$24.30
Wastewater and Sewer	\$21.01
Water	\$22.87
TOTAL MONTHLY COST	\$74.41

City services include the following:

- Water (all homes to be metered by 2013)
- Wastewater disposal (sewer)
- Weekly solid waste disposal (three 96 gallon containers for trash, recycling, and green waste)
- Operation Clean Up, once per year curbside pickup
- Residential street sweeping once per month/ Major streets once per week
- Litter Control throughout the city

- Tree Trimming street trees next to the park strip and median islands
- Median Island Landscape Maintenance throughout the City of Fresno

PROPERTY TAXES

10. Will my property taxes change after annexation?

There will be a slight increase in property taxes due to the police and fire pension override. Use the chart below to determine your approximate property tax increase.

Assessed Value*	Your Additional Annual Property Tax
\$100,000	\$32.44
\$200,000	\$64.88
\$300,000	\$97.32
\$400,000	\$129.76

***Tax increase is \$32.44 per \$100,000 of Assessed Value**

However, your Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating may improve upon annexation to the City. Therefore, this slight increase in costs may be offset by lower fire insurance premiums due to the City's classification rating of Class 4. A rating of Class 1 is considered the best and a Class 10 rating is virtually no fire service. County islands which are more than 5 road miles to their nearest fire station have a Class 8 rating. The City Fire Department expects to be rated Class 3 in early 2007. **IF YOUR PROPERTY IS ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF FRESNO, BE SURE TO CONTACT YOUR HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY AND ADVISE THEM YOUR PROPERTY IS NOW IN THE FRESNO CITY LIMITS FOR POSSIBLE FIRE INSURANCE SAVINGS.**

Regular service by the Fresno Fire Department will include the advantage of better fire service during the summer months when traditionally, county fire protection is reduced in urban areas when units patrol and respond to fires in the rural, wild land areas. Additionally, the City has the ability to place 17 professional firefighters on your property within eight minutes of dispatch. No other fire department in Fresno County can match the City's ISO rating or our ability to place as many professional firefighters on your property in eight minutes. City residents also benefit by having more timely responses by paramedics and by the Fresno Police Department, which is a fully accredited policing agency.