**Join the City of Gainesville**

**How do I join?**

You can join through a process called annexation - it’s what happens when a property owner or neighborhood becomes a part of the city.

Being a part of the city means we provide you with services such as water and sewer, trash collection, bus services, fire service, parks, cultural facilities and police service. Most property owners annex into the city to access these superior services.

**Benefits**

- **Lower utility bills:** No utility surcharges
- **Increased voting rights:** Vote in both city and county elections
- **Urban services:** Unlimited yard trash pickup, mosquito control, street sweeping, free tree planting and more
- **Policing and community patrolling provided by Gainesville Police Department**
- **Emergency services provided by Gainesville Fire Rescue**
- **Lower cost or elimination of surcharges for access to city parks, pools and recreation sites**
- **Maintenance of traffic signs, street markings and street maintenance in neighborhoods**
- **Maintenance of retention ponds, decreasing flooding potential, and stormwater pipe network**
Am I eligible?

Land adjacent to the city limits can annex! If you are unsure, give us a call and we will help you determine eligibility.

What’s the process?

Call 352-334-5023. We want to personally answer your calls.

- **Week 1**: Application is submitted
- **Week 5**: Application review and City Commission Meetings scheduled
- **Week 7**: City Commission Meeting 1 of 3
- **Week 7 & 8**: Advert runs in the Gainesville Sun
- **Week 9**: City Commission Meeting 2 of 3
- **Week 11**: City Commission Meeting 3 of 3
- **Week 16**: Vote * only applicable for annexation by referendum

FACT

We received around 10 voluntary annexation petitions per year!

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