

## VOLUNTARY ANNEXATIONS Garner, North Carolina

- A voluntary annexation is a citizen-initiated petition to receive Town services. The most common example is when a property owner wants to connect to Town water or sewer for a development project. Homeowners outside the Town limits with well & septic tank problems may also seek to connect to public water and sewer.
- There are two types of voluntary annexations applications: contiguous annexation and satellite annexation.

A “**Contiguous Annexation Petition**” is required when requesting annexation of property that abuts directly up against the primary corporate limits; the application must be signed by all of the property owners.

A “**Satellite Annexation Petition**” is required when requesting annexation of a property that does not abut directly up against the primary corporate limits; the application must be signed by all of the property owners. The area to be annexed must meet certain criteria: 1) it cannot be more than 3 miles from the primary corporate limits of the annexing municipality; 2) it cannot be closer to another municipality’s primary corporate limits; and 3) the annexing municipality must be able to provide the same services to the satellite portion as it does the primary corporate limits.

- There are applications for each type of petition available in the Planning Department. The filing fee is \$150. Applications are accepted at the first of each month and run about a 2-month cycle or process, starting at the submittal deadline and ending with the public hearing. If the Council decides to annex your property, they will adopt an annexation ordinance; the effective date of annexation is usually at the end of the month in which the public hearing is held.
- At the effective date, the property owner will be entitled to all available town services. Some services like public water and/or sewer may not be immediately available if there are no utility lines in the ground nearby. When these become available due to construction at a later date, you will be allowed to tie-in to the public system. Residential annexations will receive garbage pick-up, in-Town Parks & Recreation fees, and Garner Police service (instead of the Wake County Sherriff’s Office).
- The property will be subject to Town of Garner as well as Wake County property taxes.