



# FAQ

**Why is the City of Punta considering the annexation of a portion of unincorporated Charlotte County?**

Under Florida law, the property owners of the area must initiate annexation. Some residents of unincorporated Charlotte County have approached the City with an interest in Annexing. The City of Punta Gorda respects the rights of self-determination and would support residents' choice for their future.

**Has the City annexed unincorporated areas of Charlotte County before?**

Yes. Since 2004 the City of Punta Gorda has annexed over 1,400 acres (2.2+ square miles) into the Incorporated City limits at the voluntary request of property owners.



**Would my mailing address Change?**

No. Addresses are unaffected by annexation.

**Would annexation affect where my children go to school?**

No. School zone boundaries are not affected by annexation.

**Will there be any disruption in my utility and other service delivery?**

No. Residences and business will see no disruption in their utility or other services.

# Annexation & the City of Punta Gorda

*Welcome to City of Punta Gorda. We're excited that you are interested in becoming a part of our City. Annexation into the City of Punta Gorda offers many benefits, including higher levels of service and more accessible government. We're also careful to balance the interests of annexation, making sure we maintain the same high standards for both current residents and our new neighbors. We're sure you're going to enjoy being part of "City Living." For more information about specific annexations, or the annexation process, please call or email the City's Urban Design Division at 941.575.3372 or [urbandesign@pgorda.us](mailto:urbandesign@pgorda.us).*

*Sincerely,*

*Rachel Kudwig*

## What is Annexation?

Annexation is the process that allows a neighborhood, community, or individual property to become part of the City of Punta Gorda. Annexation typically occurs when residents elect to join the City, often seeking improved municipal services, superior police and fire protection and more responsive government. Florida law provides for the annexation of areas contiguous to incorporated municipalities in order to provide a more rational and efficient delivery of services to residents. Annexation also contributes to sound growth development, strengthening municipal boundaries and providing an improved framework for residential and business expansion.

## Benefits of Annexation

Reduce your tax burden and save money! Based on a general comparison of tax rates and taxing entities, residents of unincorporated Charlotte County would see moderate savings in annual property taxes by annexing into the City Limits. Plus, your property and state tax dollars would stay in your community – going directly to the improvements in this area. The city is committed to making the most of your tax dollars.



# 2015 Tax Comparisons' based on a \$100,000.00 Valuation

## Unincorporated Charlotte County Taxes

CHARLOTTE COUNTY	6.3007
GREATER CHARLOTTE LIGHTING	0.3250
LAW ENFORCEMENT	2.5855
WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION	0.0394
ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS	0.2000
CHARLOTTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD	7.2110
SOUTHWEST FL WATER MANAGEMENT	0.3488
<b>Total Ad Valorem Millage</b>	<b>17.0104</b>
<b>Appraised Value Millage</b>	<b>\$1,701.04</b>

### Non Ad Valorem Assessments

CHARLOTTE CNTY SANITATION UNIT	\$148.04
CHARLOTTE CO FIRE RESCUE DEPT	\$155.99
GREATER PT CHARLOTTE ST&DR-MNT	\$149.00
MID-CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTIL	\$38.22
<b>Total Non Ad Valorem Assessment</b>	<b>\$491.25</b>

**Total Taxes for Unincorporated County  
Property Tax \$2,192.29**

## City of Punta Gorda Taxes

CHARLOTTE COUNTY	6.3007
GREATER CHARLOTTE LIGHTING	N/A
LAW ENFORCEMENT	N/A
WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION	0.0394
CITY OF PUNTA GORDA	3.1969
ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS	0.2000
CHARLOTTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD	7.2110
SOUTHWEST FL WATER MANAGEMENT	0.3488
<b>Total Ad Valorem Millage</b>	<b>17.2968</b>
<b>Appraised Value Millage</b>	<b>\$1,729.68</b>

### Non Ad Valorem Assessments

CITY SANITATION (Monthly \$19.20)	\$230.40
CHARLOTTE CO FIRE RESCUE DEPT	N/A
GREATER PT CHARLOTTE ST&DR-MNT	N/A
MID-CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTIL	N/A
<b>Total Non Ad Valorem Assessment</b>	<b>\$230.40</b>

**Total Taxes for the City of Punta Gorda  
Property Tax \$1,960.08**

Taxes in 2015 are **\$232.21 less** to live in the City of Punta Gorda than in Unincorporated Charlotte County!

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact the listed department for specific information:

Billing & Collections.....	639-2528
Building / Permitting.....	575-3324
City Clerk.....	575-3369
City Manager.....	575-3302
Finance.....	575-3318
Fire Dept. (non-emergency).....	575-5529
Urban Design / Planning.....	575-3372
Human Resources.....	575-3308
Park Rentals.....	575-3352
Design Studio.....	575-3372
Police Dept. (non-emergency) ..	639-4111
Public Works.....	575-5050
Utilities.....	575-3339
Zoning & Code Compliance.....	575-3352



# Annexation Benefits

- ⇒ A City is a unit of Government designed and equipped to provide urban services in a cost-effective manner
- ⇒ A voice in the affairs of the City, by being a citizen you are eligible to run for City offices and serve on citizen boards and commissions & vote in City elections
- ⇒ The City provides protection of the environment, your life style, your home and your property values, through planning, zoning and building ordinances
- ⇒ All dedicated and improved streets are maintained by the City and all fully improved streets are cleaned regularly
- ⇒ Enhanced Sanitation services including bi-weekly solid waste collections; weekly yard waste and recycling collections; and white goods collections as needed
- ⇒ City Residents realize an approximate net savings of 15% on water rates
- ⇒ Superior Police & Fire Protection
- ⇒ Pro-active Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement

