

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GLENDALE ANNEXATION

## WHAT IS ANNEXATION

Annexation is defined as the process by which cities increase their geographical area. There are both benefits and costs associated with annexation. When considering annexation it is imperative that not only the short-term costs be identified but also the long-term benefits.

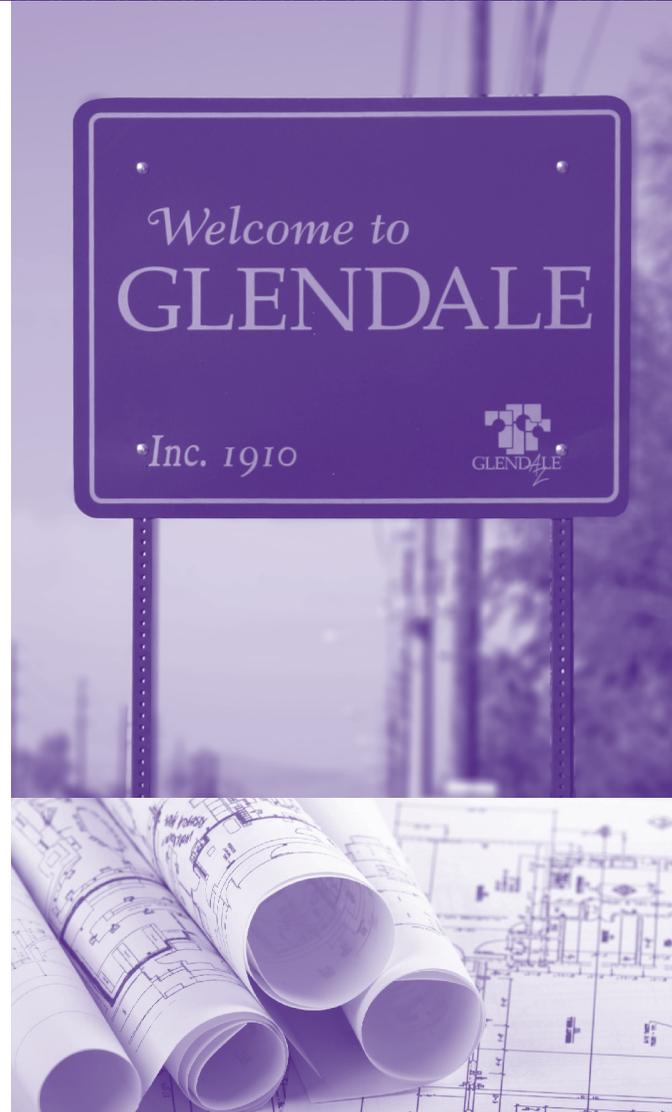
***Annexation is a tool that can be used by a city to direct and manage growth.***

Growth management is one of the key areas of emphasis in the State of Arizona's 1998 and 2000 Growing Smarter Legislation. Glendale 2025, the city's General Plan, addresses this concept in Goal 3 of the Growth Areas Element, "Manage growth to achieve reasonable, responsible urban development".

## WHERE DO I BEGIN?

The annexation process begins with a pre-application meeting with the annexation coordinator for the city.

At the pre-application meeting, the process that an annexation request goes through as well as the feasibility of the request will be discussed.



More information can be obtained by calling **(623) 930-2800** between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Note:** The information in the pamphlet summarizes portions of the Glendale 2025 General Plan. Copies of the General Plan are available for purchase at the Development Services Center or can be accessed at the city's web site at **[www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com)**.

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## WHY DOES A CITY OR TOWN WANT TO ANNEX PROPERTY?

There are a number of reasons that a city may want to incorporate new areas into its boundaries - long-term benefits such as:

- Effectively managing urban development
- Allowing for the efficient planning and provision of services
- Creation of a stronger community and neighborhood
- Social and economic benefit to the city
- Increasing the city's economic base and providing additional sources of revenue
- Management and implementation of the city's transportation plan
- Ensuring high quality development in accordance with city standards

## WHAT ARE IMPACTS TO THE CITY?

Annexation has costs associated with it as well. These "short-term" impacts can include:

- Upgrading service levels in the newly annexed area(s) to the same level and quality that current residents of the city already receive.
- Establishing or extending services and infrastructure, such as police and fire protection, streets, water and sewer service to the newly annexed area(s).

## IMMEDIATE BENEFITS OF ANNEXATION

There are three services that must be provided by a city or town to a newly annexed property – police coverage, fire and emergency service response and sanitation services (trash collection). Generally, a home or business owner sees a significant decrease in the cost of hazard insurance as a result of the ISO (Insurance Service Organization) rating that the Glendale Fire Department carries.

It is recommended that a property owner contact their respective insurance carrier to see how the hazard insurance premium may differ for their particular circumstance.

Consideration will be given to annexation requests submitted from any location within the Glendale Municipal Planning Area.

## GLENDALE'S ADOPTED ANNEXATION POLICY

Glendale adopted its current annexation policy on July 12, 2005. The Annexation Policy outlines the review and analysis processes for both undeveloped and developed properties. The Policy further states the goals and intentions of the city. The Annexation Policy is available at the Development Services Counter located on the second floor of the Municipal Complex or on the Glendale website at [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com).

## IS A PROPERTY IN GLENDALE OR PART OF MARICOPA COUNTY?

To determine whether or not a specific property is located in Glendale contact the Planning Department at (623) 930-2800.

