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# 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.

## Why join?

# 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



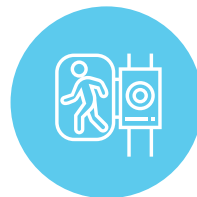
Policing and community  
patrolling provided by  
Gainesville Police  
Department



Emergency services  
provided by Gainesville  
Fire Rescue



Lower cost or elimination  
of surcharges for access  
to city parks, pools and  
recreation sites



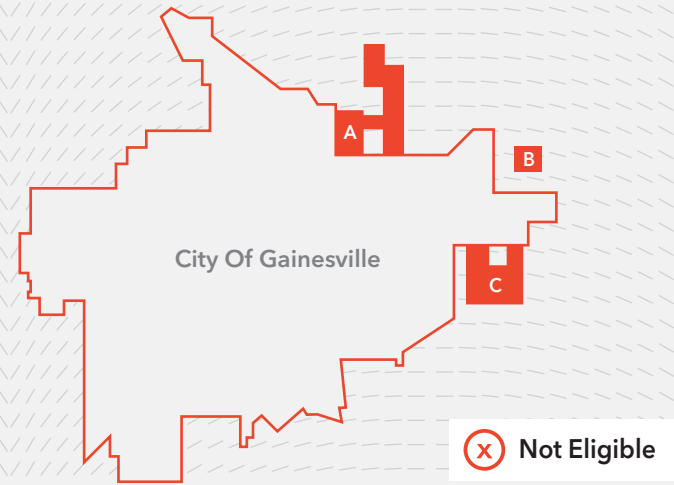
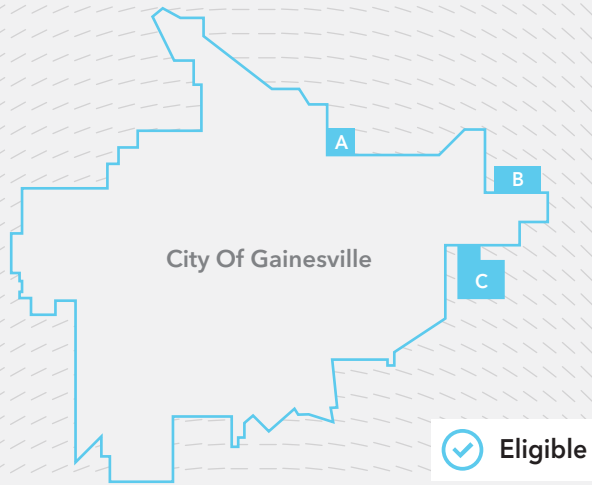
Maintenance of traffic  
signs, street markings and  
street maintenance in  
neighborhoods



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.



## A COMPACT

Properties are close together

## B CONTIGUOUS

Touch the boundary of the City

## C ENCLAVE

Doesn't create an Enclave:  
*Bounded on all sides*

## 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*

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**FACT**

We received around 10 voluntary annexation petitions per year!



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