

What is Annexation?

Annexation is the process that allows a neighborhood or community to become part of the City of Temple Terrace. Annexation typically occurs when residents elect to join the City, often seeking improved municipal services, better 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 urban development, strengthening municipal boundaries and providing an improved framework for residential and business expansion.

WELCOME

Welcome to Temple Terrace. We're excited that you are interested in becoming a part of our City. We're here to help you through the annexation process, answer your questions and provide any information you need to make a smooth transition into our community. Annexation into Temple Terrace offers many benefits, including enhanced property values, better fire and police protection and more accessible government. We're also careful to balance the interests of annexation, making sure we maintain the same high level of services for both current residents and our new neighbors. We're sure you're going to enjoy being part of "a City of Living." For more information about specific annexations, or the annexation process, please call the Community Development Department at (813) 506-6460 or visit our website at www.templeterrace.com.

*Sincerely,
Kim Leinbach, City Manager*



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

City Manager's Office	813-506-6400
Community Development	813-506-6460
Police Administration	813-506-6504
Fire Administration	813-506-6702
Finance	813-506-6412
Code Compliance	813-506-6680
Public Works	813-506-6572
Leisure Services (Recreation)	813-506-6600



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ANNEXATION BROCHURE

**Answers to questions about
annexing into Temple Terrace**



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BENEFITS OF ANNEXATION

There are many benefits to becoming a resident:

- First-class recreational amenities with reduced membership costs at recreational facilities at resident rates.
- Better, faster responses from police, fire protection and emergency services
- Property value protection through planning, zoning and code-enforcement
- Water & sewer fees will be reduced by 25% by becoming a City resident.
- Excellent sanitation and recycling services
- Easy access to City Hall and elected officials

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION AND ACCESS

Annexation brings you local government representation. The City of Temple Terrace mayor and Council members understand neighborhood issues and concerns because they represent a smaller geographic area. Elected by Temple Terrace voters, the Mayor and Council members have the responsibility to assess the needs of the citizenry, to set community priorities, and to represent Temple Terrace citizens regarding various regional issues.

POLICE PROTECTION

Upon annexation, your neighborhood will be served by the Temple Terrace Police Department. You can expect an enhanced level of police protection, with an average emergency response time of under 3 minutes. Our police department is community oriented, hosting a popular annual crime-prevention event and supporting one of the most active Neighborhood Crime Watch programs in Hillsborough County. The department's "Citizens Police Academy" and "National Night Out" campaigns offer residents a chance to meet officers and learn about the department's crime-fighting efforts.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Temple Terrace Fire Department is internationally accredited with the Center for Public Safety Excellence, one of only a few in Florida to earn this designation. The department offers enhanced emergency medical and fire protection services, with an average emergency response time of under 5 minutes. Each of our fire stations is fully equipped and staffed with highly trained personnel ready to provide state-of-the-art emergency medical services.

RECREATION

Temple Terrace offers an impressive array of recreational opportunities, with more than a dozen parks, playgrounds and athletic fields. The Family Recreation Complex is the focal point for the City's recreational activities. It is a modern, well-equipped facility with year-round aquatics; tennis and basketball; gymnastics and fitness; baseball and soccer; dance and arts classes; and much more! Our beautifully remodeled Lightfoot Recreation Center also offers comprehensive programs and activities for seniors in a fun, friendly environment.

PLANNING & BUILDING

Temple Terrace tends to be very conscientious about the types and styles of development allowed within its jurisdiction. The City has strict development regulations and design requirements that control the development of property. Residents of Temple Terrace have a strong voice in local decision-making for planning and zoning matters. Building and permitting functions are centrally located at City Hall, are customer-friendly and encourage owners to improve residential and commercial properties.

CODE COMPLIANCE

When a condition on a property becomes a neighborhood eyesore, nuisance or hazard, our Code Compliance officers respond to problems swiftly and effectively. They work with owners and neighborhoods to maintain high standards and preserve property values for everyone's benefit. Code Compliance representatives frequently attend homeowner association meetings, crime-watch groups and other civic gatherings in an effort to educate the public about municipal codes and regulations.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Annexation of your neighborhood or community will not change the school district in which you are currently located. Any change to this would be initiated by the School District and not the City.

ADDRESS CHANGES

In most cases, annexation will not affect your residential or business addresses. Building numbers and street names, typically remain the same following any annexation.

WATER, SEWER & SANITATION

The City of Temple Terrace controls and operates its own water treatment facility and delivers water to this facility via municipal wells located within the City. Our residential sanitation and recycling programs provide twice a week curbside collection and once per week recycling services. Additionally, The City offers special pick-up programs that provides for the disposal of large items as furniture, trees debris and appliances. Sanitation services are the finest available, providing homeowners with reliable, top-quality service.

A WORD ABOUT TAXES

Annexation will trigger a change in your property tax bill. Overall differences will vary depending on a property's location, improvements and the assessed value assigned by the Hillsborough County Property Appraiser's office. The main reason for the differences in tax and utility bills is that the City and County have different funding tools to provide services to their citizens. The great benefit of annexation is having the ability to keep taxes local. The more taxes that are generated in the local area, the more these taxes can remain in the local area for increased services, capital projects and improvements to the community.

Differences on property tax bills include:

- * City franchise and utility fees for electricity & water.
- * No County fees for stormwater management & lighting districts.

SAMPLE ANNEXATION COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

	Temple Terrace	Hillsborough	City of Tampa
Ad Valorem Assessment	\$20.567/ \$1000	\$20.2428/ \$1000	\$21.575/ \$1000
Non Ad-Valorem Assessments			
Lighting District	\$0.00	\$55.10 yr	\$0.00
Stormwater Management	\$0.00	\$12.00 yr	\$36.00 yr
Solid Waste	\$23.29 mth	\$18.53 mth	\$25.25 mth
Annual Potable Water (based on 8000 gallons usage)	\$19.98 mth	\$24.86 mth	\$18.56 mth
Sanitary Sewer (based on 8000 gallons usage)	\$61.32 mth	\$76.47 mth	\$41.84 mth
Utility/Franchise Fees			
Electric Franchise Fee	5.8%	0.0%	4.6%
Electric Utility Fee	10.0%	0.0%	10.0%
Gas Franchise Fee	5.4%	0.0%	5.0%
Telecommunications Utility Fee	5.4%	4.0%	5.2%
Water Utility Fee	10.0%	0.0%	10.0%