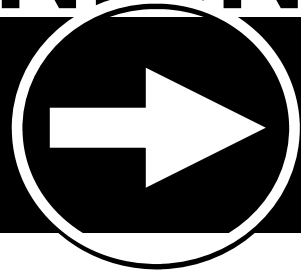


# UNITING WEST ASHLEY

## WEST OF THE ASHLEY



# As ONE CITY

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Most of West Ashley joined the City limits in 1960s leaving several “donut holes” of unincorporated homes. Since 2007, 100s of properties & 1700+ acres have annexed. “Donut hole” property owners apply to incorporate into the city limits to receive financial benefits & superb municipal services. You can too!



### Why does the City want me?

Efficiency & Safety...Two governments providing similar services in the same neighborhood is a waste of your—the taxpayer’s—money. Sending 2 garbage trucks, having 2 tax districts, and 9-1-1 directing 2 emergency teams on the same block is confusing & inefficient.

### Save your money.

Save your government’s money.

Unite West Ashley as one district.

The City.



## How much do you pay annually?

An average household\* pays... **CHARLESTON CITY** **ST ANDREWS PSD**

|                           |                |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| CWS Water & Sewer         | \$758          | \$1,124        |
| Property Taxes            | \$1,142        | \$1,300        |
| Stormwater Fee            | \$72           | \$36           |
| <b>TOTAL SERVICE COST</b> | <b>\$1,972</b> | <b>\$2,460</b> |

**Savings by Joining the City... \$488 / year**

\*Estimates based on CWS rates for an average household using 8Ccf of water/sewer in a \$225,000 owner-occupied home. Contact Ana for a calculation based on your home’s current appraisal & water bill (See back for contact info).

## HOW DO I TRANSFER INTO THE CITY?

- Call 724-3789. Sign & Submit annexation application.
- City Council reads application at 2 meetings for approval.
- Welcome to the City!  
-CWS Bill Reduction  
-City Police & Fire  
-City Garbage Can

**Q: Who is eligible to join the City?**

**A:** Any property that is contiguous or “touching” a city limit within West Ashley is eligible. Unsure? Contact us.

**Q: Why are taxes less in the City?**

**A:** City residents get a large tax credit that is not given to PSD residents.

**Q: Does it cost anything to join?**

**A:** No. The application is free. You can save money by joining.

**Q: Why are CWS bills less in the City?**

**A:** City residents get a reduced rate from CWS that is not given to PSD residents (typically about 33% less).

**Q: How can I help unite West Ashley?**

**A:** Most of your neighborhood is already in the City. Unite by annexing your home into the City. Help improve efficiency & safety.

**Q: Will my zoning stay the same?**

**A:** We will match your zoning to the comparable City zoning, unless a different zoning is discussed.

