



## **WOODINVILLE WATER DISTRICT**

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## **Kirkland Annexation Frequently Asked Questions and Their Answers**

The following questions have been asked by many of our customers. We are providing the answers, but encourage all to check out Kirkland's Annexation website listed below or call Kirkland City Hall. They will be able to answer all of your questions.

### **Why do we need a Franchise?**

State law allows a city, if it chooses, to authorize Franchise Agreements. Kirkland chose to authorize one. For the District it spells out some required coordination, provides for some sharing of costs for certain relocations, and has a clause to prevent Kirkland from assuming the District facilities allowing it to operate that part of the system; all of which can save us money.

### **What is a Franchise Fee?**

A Franchise Fee is a fee charged by the City to allow the District to provide service within the City limits.

### **I voted 'no' on the Annexation. How can they do this?**

This decision was made by the Kirkland City Council. For information regarding the annexation you can contact the City at 425-587-3001 or email them at [annexation@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:annexation@kirklandwa.gov). You can also check out their annexation website at [www.kirklandwa.gov/annexation](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/annexation).

### **Why do I have to pay, I voted against the Annexation?**

The Franchise Fee is part of the Franchise Agreement that affects all those in the Annexation area.

### **What about low income folks?**

The Franchise Fee will still be applied to the bill for our low income customers.

### **How much will each customer have to pay?**

The amount will be specified on each bill for customers living in the newly annexed area. The amount will be roughly 10 % of their total water bill.

### **Will the City take over the water or sewer services?**

The current agreement will not allow that possibility until at least 2024. You will still receive the excellent service from WWD that you have come to expect.

### **How can I obtain answers to additional annexation questions I have?**

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