

Guidelines By Which To Review and Measure Proposed Annexation.

- The boundaries of the annexation area should be drawn in accordance with the ability (both from a geographic and economic standpoint) of the Town to provide services. The need for services should be taken into account.
- The population and assessed valuation of the area should be sufficient to allow the area to pay its fair share of the cost of providing services.
- The area should contribute to the logical growth pattern of the Town and should encourage orderly growth. Where possible, irregular boundaries should be avoided.
- It should be no larger than what the Town is able to service adequately with capital improvements and services within a reasonable time.
- The area should be adaptable to anticipated expansion requirements of the Town for residential or commercial/industrial purposes.
- The boundaries of an area should be drawn to include residents who are generally favorable toward annexation or where annexation can be demonstrated to be advantageous to the residents of both the fringe area and the Town.
- In drawing boundaries of an annexation area, due regard should be given to special districts in the area.

Public Relations –

1. What benefits will the annexation provide?
 - Voting power to citizens on Town issues
 - Citizens eligible to hold Town Council positions
 - Larger portion of property tax goes to Town instead of Snohomish County
 - Larger portion of Washington State Sales Tax goes to Town instead of Snohomish County
 - Larger portion of Washington State Road Tax goes to Town instead of Snohomish County
 - Larger portion of Washington State Utility Tax goes to Town instead of Snohomish County
 - Larger portion of Washington State Shared Tax revenues (gasoline tax, liquor board profits and liquor excise tax) (based on population)
 - Local Business and Occupation Tax under Town of Darrington jurisdiction
 - Expanded water and garbage service availability
 - Building permits, fees and inspections under Town of Darrington jurisdiction instead of Snohomish County
 - Animal licenses under Town of Darrington jurisdiction instead of Snohomish County

- Street maintenance under Town of Darrington jurisdiction instead of Snohomish County
- Waste Management Garbage Services under Town of Darrington jurisdiction
- No change to Fire District and EMS services
- No change to Sno-Isle Library system
- No change to Darrington School District
- No change to Public Safety that is provided by Snohomish County Sheriff
- No change to Electric services provided
- No change to Telephone services provided
- No change to Hospital District Boundaries

2. What will it cost the Town?