



Superior Police Protection

The City of Forest Acres is roughly 4 square miles. The City employs a police force that is solely dedicated to that area. This 24/7 dedicated coverage ensures response times averaging 7 minutes or less. FAPD Officers not only provide traditional police coverage, they participate in community-oriented programs. Residents going on vacation or leaving town can sign up for a property check program. Under this program, registered properties are specifically checked throughout the day and night. The Contact Care program allows elderly residents an opportunity to sign up for a call-in program. If the FAPD does not hear from the resident by a certain time, an officer will go by to check on them.



Superior Sanitation Services

The Forest Acres Streets and Parks Department provides unparalleled services. Garbage, recycling, leaf and limb, white goods, and bulk items are collected without additional fees. Richland County residents pay an additional \$323.70 for these same services. Rear yard pickup is also provided at no additional charge for residents that qualify for the program.



Lower Taxes

Many people believe that annexing into Forest Acres will increase their taxes. For most people this simply is not true. Due to savings from Local Option Sales Tax Credit rebates and the fact that Forest Acres does not charge a garbage fee, the vast majority of people will actually save money through annexation. Data shows that any property with an assessed value at \$375,000 or less will see a decrease in their taxes once they become part of this amazing City!



City of Forest Acres

City Hall: 5209 North Trenholm Road
Forest Acres SC 29206
Main: (803) 782-9475

Police & Court: 5205 North Trenholm Road
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Annexation FAQ AND BENEFITS



FAQ



What is Annexation?

Annexation is the process of moving unincorporated property into the City of Forest Acres. Annexation affords the property owner rights to City services such as garbage, recycling, and yard debris collection and localized police protection.



Why is Forest Acres Looking to Annex?

The City of Forest Acres consists of large residential areas surrounding one robust commercial corridor. The City's core functions are largely designed to enhance the residential experience of those that call Forest Acres home.

Several of our residential areas currently have enclaves of unincorporated properties (sometimes called "donut holes"), some large and some small. City workers, including sanitation crews and police officers, drive by these properties and sometimes down entire streets to reach other parts of the City, which is inefficient and confusing for workers and residents alike. By closing these "donut holes" through annexation, the City wishes to increase efficiencies, enhance services, and further improve the lives of current and future residents.

An increase in population would also benefit the City and would make Forest Acres eligible for larger State and Federal grants.



Would my mailing address Change?

No. The City of Forest Acres does not have its own zip code due to the proximity of neighboring cities.



Would annexation affect where my children go to school?

No. School zone boundaries are not impacted by annexation.



Will there be a change in my Water/Sewer service?

No. The City of Forest Acres does not provide water or sewer. Your current connections will continue to function.

BENEFITS



A Strong Voice in Government

Forest Acres City Council is comprised of 4 Council Seats and a Mayor. All positions are elected at-large. This means that every citizen has an opportunity to vote for each position. As a current resident of Richland County, there is 1 Council person out of 11 total members that represents you. As a resident of Forest Acres, you will enjoy a closer level of representation that affords a more personalized experience. If you need assistance, have questions, or are concerned about an issue City Hall is no more than a few miles away. The Mayor and Council regularly speak and meet with citizens to help resolve any issues they may have.