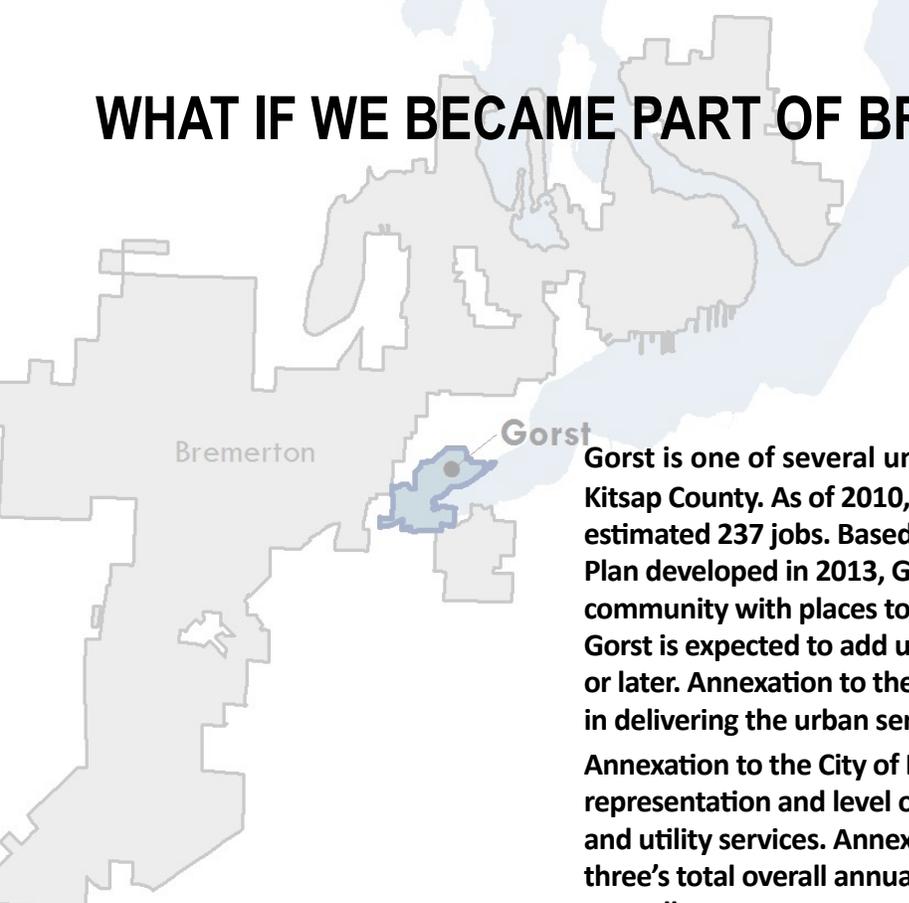


# WHAT IF WE BECAME PART OF BREMERTON...

# Gorst

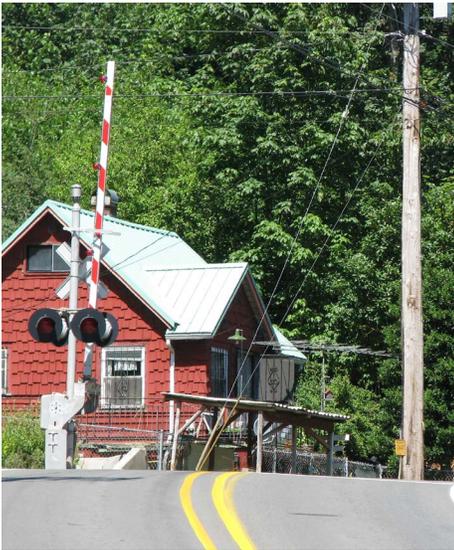


Gorst is one of several unincorporated urban growth areas (UGAs) in Kitsap County. As of 2010, Gorst had a population of 222 residents and an estimated 237 jobs. Based on the vision generated by the Gorst Subarea Plan developed in 2013, Gorst is planned to evolve into a complete community with places to live, play, shop, and work. Under this vision, Gorst is expected to add up to 1,060 residents and up to 298 jobs by 2036 or later. Annexation to the City of Bremerton would likely support the UGA in delivering the urban services residents desire.

Annexation to the City of Bremerton would improve residents' representation and level of service for public safety, parks and recreation, and utility services. Annexation would also decrease a typical family of three's total overall annual taxes, utility service costs, and fees by \$382 annually.

## LEVEL OF SERVICE

Annexation by the City of Bremerton would greatly enhance Gorst residents' level of service for city services and over time bring urban amenities like sidewalks, neighborhood parks, and beautification programs to the Gorst area. Some examples of anticipated increases in level of service for Gorst residents include:



**Representation.** Gorst residents would have more representation in their municipal government. Rather than being represented by three County Commissioners serving 250,000 people, residents would be served by one Mayor and seven City Council Members serving about 40,000 people.



**Police Services.** Gorst residents would be served by the Bremerton Police Department instead of the Kitsap County Sheriff. Bremerton Police Department's response times are at least five minutes faster for the three highest priority call types.



**Fire and EMS Services.** Gorst residents would continue to be provided high quality fire and EMS services through South Kitsap Fire and Rescue. Over the long term the City may consider providing Fire and EMS services.



**Parks and Recreation.** Gorst residents would be served by the City of Bremerton instead of Kitsap County. The City of Bremerton provides 331 acres of parks property, as well as a 180-acre golf course, with geographic service standards (1/2 mile distance for neighborhood parks and 2-5 mile distance for community parks). The City operates Otto Jarstad Park along Gorst Creek and the Gold Mountain Golf Course, also in close proximity to Gorst. The City also provides recreation programming at reduced rates for City residents.

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## MUNICIPAL TAXES AND FEES

If Gorst was annexed to the City of Bremerton, the typical single family household with three people and two cars would see a decrease of approximately \$382 in overall annual taxes, utility service costs, and fees. The table below provides this point-in-time (based on 2017 levy rates, services costs, and fees) estimate by individual cost. In addition to paying less for municipal services, residents would also benefit from increased representation and level of service for public safety, parks and recreation, and utility services.

	Stay in County	Annex to Bremerton
<b>Annual Property Taxes Paid by Typical Single Family Household</b>		
State General Property Tax	\$423	\$423
Regional Library Property Tax	\$71	\$71
Local School Property Tax	\$649	\$649
Port Property Tax	\$70	\$70
PUD Property Tax	\$15	\$15
Noxious Weed Property Tax	\$2	\$2
County General Property Tax	\$209	\$209
County Roads Levy	\$298	\$0
City of Bremerton Property Tax	\$0	\$527
Fire Capital Bonds	\$29	\$96*
Fire Levy	\$271	\$0
EMS Levy	\$93	\$90
<b>Total Cost for a Typical Single Family Household</b>	<b>\$2,129</b>	<b>\$2,151</b>
<b>Total Cost Difference of Incorporation</b>		<b>\$22</b>
<b>Utilities Service Costs, Fees, and Taxes Paid by a Typical Single Family Household</b>		
Cable TV Franchise Fees	\$48	\$63
Water	\$511	\$341
Wastewater	\$1,154	\$769
Grinder Pump Charge**	\$199	\$132
Stormwater	\$91	\$165
Garbage	\$166	\$182
Telephone Tax	\$0	\$18
Natural Gas Tax	\$0	\$18
Electricity Tax	\$0	\$36
<b>Total Cost for a Typical Single Family Household</b>	<b>\$2,168</b>	<b>\$1,723</b>
<b>Total Cost Difference of Incorporation</b>		<b>- \$445</b>
<b>Annual Fees Paid by Typical Single Family Household</b>		
Transportation Benefit District	\$0	\$40
<b>Total Costs for a Typical Single Family Household</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Total Cost Difference of Incorporation</b>		<b>\$40</b>
<b>Total Municipal Service Costs, Taxes, and Fees</b>	<b>\$4,297</b>	<b>\$3,915</b>
<b>Total Difference in Cost for a Typical Single Family (of three) Homeowner with Two Cars</b>		<b>- \$382</b>

**Assumptions:** The costs to the left represent a point-in-time snapshot of the average annual cost differences if annexation were to happen today for an average family of three that owns their own home and has two vehicles. The assumptions used to approximate this include:

Assessed Value	\$200,000
Number of Vehicles	2
Monthly Water Usage	7.0 HCF
Monthly Wastewater	6.5 HCF
Monthly Electricity Bill	\$50
Monthly Natural Gas Bill	\$25
Monthly Telephone Bill	\$25
Monthly Cable Bill	\$75
Monthly Garbage Level of Service	1 35-gallon can weekly

\* The City is authorized to levy property taxes on annexed properties to support existing capital bonds. Whether or not to levy this tax on annexed property is a decision that will be made at the date of annexation. For the purposes of this analysis, we have included them (based on a decreased levy rate estimated using the increased assessed value from annexation) as a potential cost to urban growth area residents if they were to be annexed.

\*\* Some residents have residential grinder pumps and pay an additional service charge on top of their monthly wastewater service rate. This fee has been included in the analysis to the left.