

# WHAT IF WE BECAME PART OF BREMERTON...

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Rocky Point is one of several unincorporated urban growth areas (UGAs) in Kitsap County, and is primarily residential, with a population of 1,560 in 2014. 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 increase a typical family of three's total overall annual taxes, utility service costs, and fees by \$38 annually.

## LEVEL OF SERVICE

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



**Representation.** Rocky Point 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.** Rocky Point 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.** Rocky Point residents are currently served by the Bremerton Fire Department (through an agreement with South Kitsap Fire and Rescue) while paying taxes to support South Kitsap Fire and Rescue. If annexed, Rocky Point residents would pay and be served directly by Bremerton Fire Department.



**Parks and Recreation.** Rocky Point 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 Haddon Park in close proximity to Rocky Point. The City also provides recreation programming at reduced rates for City residents.



**Utilities.** Rocky Point Water District would likely be assumed by the City of Bremerton water utility, and residents served by it would continue to receive water service, now from the City of Bremerton, without interruption. Currently, residents of Rocky Point do not have sewer services. Residents may be transitioned to sewer at some point in the future, regardless of whether they are annexed. Residents should not expect to receive sewer services as part of annexation.

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## MUNICIPAL TAXES AND FEES

If Rocky Point was annexed to the City of Bremerton, the typical single family household with three people and two cars would see an increase of approximately \$38 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. While residents would pay a bit more, they 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	\$508	\$508
Regional Library Property Tax	\$85	\$85
Local School Property Tax	\$1,328	\$1,328
Port Property Tax	\$84	\$84
PUD Property Tax	\$18	\$18
Noxious Weed Property Tax	\$2	\$2
County General Property Tax	\$250	\$250
County Roads Levy	\$358	\$0
City of Bremerton Property Tax	\$0	\$632
Fire Capital Bonds	\$34	\$110*
Fire Levy	\$325	\$0
EMS Levy	\$111	\$108
<b>Total Cost for a Typical Single Family Household</b>	<b>\$3,103</b>	<b>\$3,125</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
Stormwater	\$91	\$165
Garbage	\$166	\$182
Streetlighting	\$30	\$0
Telephone Tax	\$0	\$18
Natural Gas Tax	\$0	\$18
Electricity Tax	\$0	\$36
<b>Total Cost for a Typical Single Family Household</b>	<b>\$846</b>	<b>\$822</b>
<b>Total Cost Difference of Incorporation</b>		<b>-\$24</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>\$3,949</b>	<b>\$3,987</b>
<b>Total Difference in Cost for a Typical Single Family (of three) Homeowner with Two Cars</b>		<b>\$38</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	\$240,000
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.

\*\* Currently, residents of Rocky Point do not have sewer services. These residents may be transitioned to sewer at some point in the future, regardless of whether they are annexed. This analysis presents a snapshot of costs if annexation were to happen under current conditions (based on 2016 levy rates, services costs, and fees). As such, sewer capital costs and service fees were not included as a cost to annexed residents.