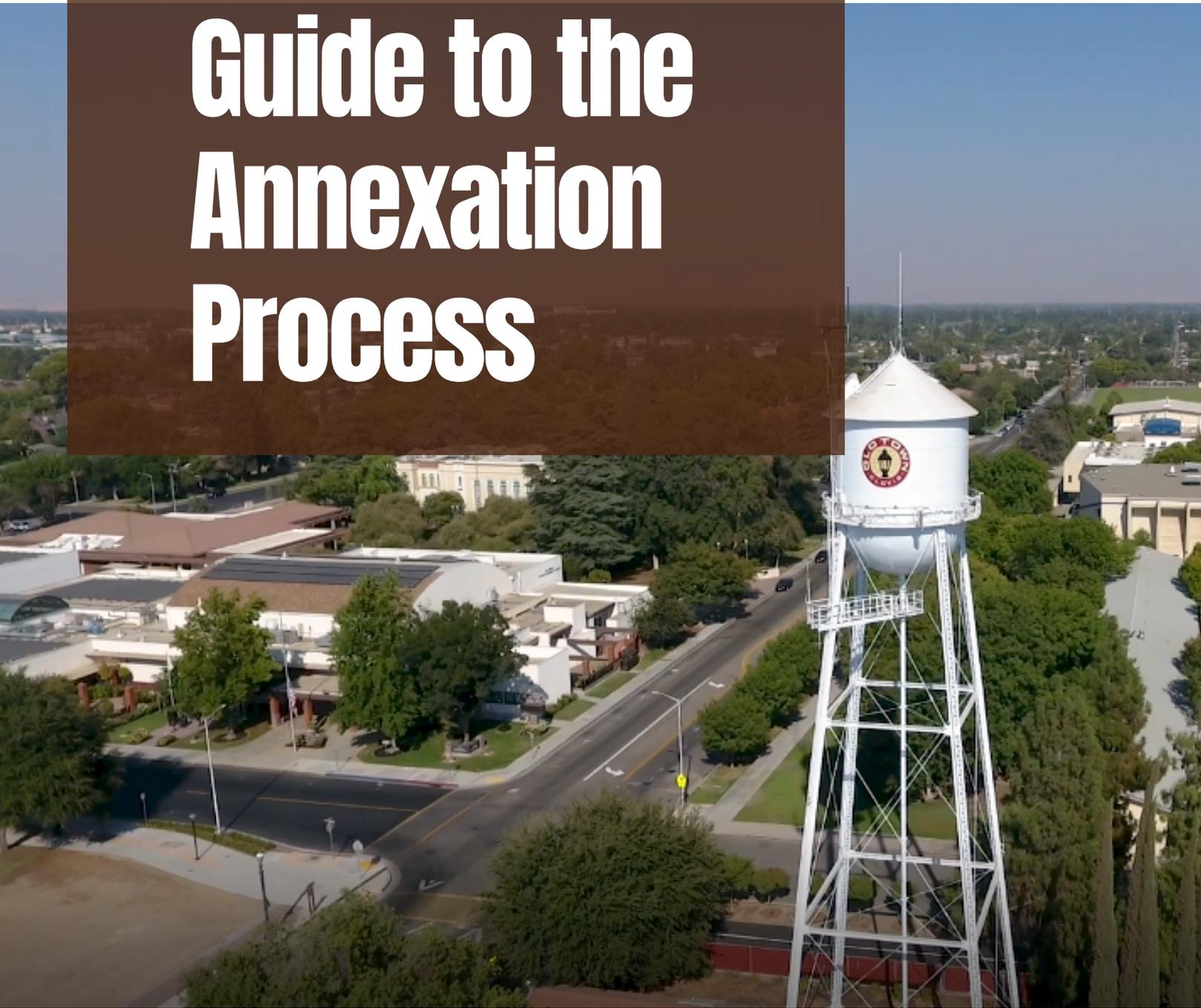


Guide to the Annexation Process



Becoming a resident of the Clovis community offers citizens a number of advantages. Annexation to the City of Clovis provides an opportunity to share existing, efficient public services as well as allowing for a more extensive involvement in City and community affairs.

Welcome

Our vision for Clovis:

A City that is committed to the Clovis Community Family, their needs, their values, and a quality way of life for all; reflecting that commitment in how it develops and in the activities it undertakes.

Services

The City of Clovis strives to provide its citizens with superior service consistent with its vision statement. A major advantage of living in Clovis is the service and protection offered by the municipal police and fire departments.

The Clovis Police Department prides itself in providing the citizens of Clovis superior protection and service in a manner that builds public confidence and improves the quality of life in the community. The department is proud that the City is ranked the safest city in the Central Valley as well as listed as one of the top ten percent of cities in the national rankings.

The Clovis Fire Department provides quick responses to citizens in need of fire protection or emergency medical care. The department endeavors to provide a high-quality level of service not only in terms of emergency response but also in customer service.

New City residents can immediately receive other City services such as Round-Up public transportation (for seniors and disabled residents) and Stageline general public transportation with direct connection to Fresno Area Express (FAX). Solid waste collection, street sweeping, recycling, greenwaste pickup, and public improvements are available upon annexation.



The Annexation Process

The City of Clovis considers annexation to the City beneficial both to prospective residents of Clovis and to the City. Annexations are however, subject to legal procedures and policy guidelines established to ensure orderly City growth and the efficient provision of service to new City residents and to remaining County residents.

Proposals for reorganization are subject to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, and to review by the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo). A LAFCo has been established in each county of California to serve as an impartial body responsible for overseeing the formation and boundary changes of cities and special districts. LAFCo is required by state law to review and make determination of approval or denial of all annexations or other changes of organization to cities and special districts.

The act of reorganization transfers political jurisdiction for an area from one local government agency to another. Reorganizations are characterized as either uninhabited (less than 12 registered voters) or inhabited (12 or more registered voters). An annexation to a city that includes detachment from special districts located in the county is called reorganization. Annexations to the City of Clovis involve detachment of the area to be annexed from Fresno County Fire Protection District and the Kings River Conservation District and are therefore, entitled “reorganizations.”

How Property is Annexed

Property owners interested in having their property annexed into the City of Clovis should direct any questions to Planning Division at (559)324-2340. City staff will discuss the details of the annexation process and the proposal. During this initial discussion, City staff will assist the applicant in determining the prospects for City and LAFCo approval of the annexation and review the annexation application processing fees. Each annexation proposal can be unique, and there are a number of factors that can effect the prospects for gaining approval. Generally, the annexation proposal will be reviewed for compliance with the following:

- The property must be located within the City's Sphere of Influence and be contiguous to the existing City limits.
- A majority of the property owners in the proposal area must consent, in writing, to the annexation.
- Urban services must be adjacent to the property or there must be a commitment, as demonstrated in the service plan for the property, to make such urban services available to the property within three years.
- The proposal encourages orderly urban expansion, is needed to meet growth needs of the community, and does not create isolated City service areas or county islands.

Once a property owner has expressed interest in annexation, City staff may survey adjacent property owners in the general area to determine if there is broad interest in annexing a larger area. The City initiates contact through a letter explaining the benefits derived from annexation to Clovis. If necessary, a meeting may be scheduled between the property owners and City staff to allow for questions and answers about the proposal and the annexation process in general.

Public hearings to make decisions about annexations are held by the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission. Notices for these public hearings are the responsibility of LAFCo. LAFCo may be contacted at 2607 Fresno St, Fresno, CA 93721 or by phone at (559) 600-0604.

Thank You

Because, we're here to help

Please feel free to contact the Long Range Planning section of the City of Clovis Planning Division if you have further questions about the annexation process.



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