

City of Farmington



Voluntary Annexation

CITY OF FARMINGTON SUMMARY OF VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION PROCEDURES

The following is a summary of the process for requesting voluntary annexation into the City of Farmington. This process takes approximately 60 days to complete.

1. APPLICATION

Submit an application to the Planning and Zoning Office. A complete application includes the following.

- Planning and Zoning Application form
- Petition for Annexation
- At least two copies of a land survey of the property to be annexed
- Copy of the deed to the property as recorded in the land records of St. Francois County
- List of names and addresses of the owners of all contiguous properties

The desired zoning classification should be indicated on the application. If no desired zoning is specified, the property is zoned R-1, Single Family Residential unless the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council specify a zoning classification or a rezoning is requested later in a separate application.

2. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

The matter is heard by the city's Planning and Zoning Commission, which makes a recommendation regarding the annexation and zoning of the property.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is held on the matter by the City Council.

4. CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council votes whether to approve the annexation and zoning. If the ordinance is passed by the City Council and signed by the Mayor, the property is annexed into the city.

MAJOR CITY SERVICES

Police Department

The Police Department is staffed with 26 full time commissioned police officers, one reserve officer, six communications officers, three civilian personnel (the systems administrator, the chief's secretary, and the records clerk), and one volunteer chaplain. The chief, lieutenant, detectives, civilian staff, and animal control officer generally work normal business hours, but are subject to call out 24 hours a day.

There are 21 patrol vehicles, (one per officer, one extra), three detective vehicles, an administrative vehicle, a four-wheel drive pick-up truck, and an animal control vehicle. The police department provides many services in addition to regular patrols and responding to calls for service.

The department has a full time investigative division, which consists of a supervisor and two detectives. The investigative division handles most of the criminal investigations, including known offenses as well as suspected criminal activity. The investigators are all trained C.V.S.A. operators, (a truth verification instrument) and are available to provide law enforcement presentations to schools, businesses, and other organizations when requested. The animal control officer enforces city ordinances pertaining to animals, along with other duties such as maintaining the city's animal pound on Vargo Road, providing adoption services, and euthanizing captured animals when needed. Two S.R.O.s (School Resource Officers) work with the Farmington R-7 School District. They conduct the D.A.R.E. program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), offer several other types of educational programs relating to the law enforcement field, and respond to calls for service from within the school district.

Other department staff includes a trained fire investigator, two accident reconstructionists, and a Special Response Team (S.R.T.), for tactical operations. The Police Department also participates in the Mineral Area Drug Task Force, and St. Francois County Investigations and Criminal Enforcement (I.C.E.) Team.

The Communications Division consists of one supervisor and five communications officers. These officers dispatch police calls for service, process criminal intelligence, and are responsible for activating the emergency warning system. A state-of-the-art communications center is located within the Police Station. Through a contract with Central Dispatch, the communications division will back up St. Francois County's system should the need arise.

The Police Station, located at 310 Ste. Genevieve Avenue, was constructed in 1992. An Emergency Operations Center (E.O.C.) was constructed in the basement of the Police Department in 2000. The Animal Pound was constructed in 1998.

Fire Department

The Fire Department is staffed with 10 full-time paid firefighting personnel and 20 part-time paid firefighting personnel. There are at least three firefighters on shift 24 hours a day, one of which is a working supervisor. The Chief is scheduled to work during regular business hours. The full-time personnel respond to all city calls for service. Part-time and off duty personnel are dispatched to assist the duty shift when needed or for mutual aid calls. All personnel are dispatched to city structure fires, along with automatic mutual aid from the surrounding area. Fire apparatus includes a 105-foot aerial ladder truck, one primary pumper, two reserve pumpers, one rescue/utility truck, one 2,000-gallon tanker truck, and a four-wheel drive administrative/command vehicle. The personnel are trained and equipped to respond to fires, emergency medical, hazardous materials, various types of search and rescue, and other types of incidents. The city owns and maintains a fire training tower, has several certified instructors, and actively participates in professional training through the Mineral Area College Fire Academy. Other services provided by the Fire Department include conducting fire safety inspections, hydrant inspections, preplanning for responses to commercial buildings, and educational fire safety programs for children. The city received an Insurance Services Office (I.S.O.) community response rating of 4 in 2000. The current fire station, constructed in 1976, is located downtown at the intersection of Jefferson and Harrison Streets.

Water Supply

The city's Water Department is operated by a superintendent and five full-time employees. The municipal water system consists of 13 deep wells, which have a total pumping capacity of 2,680 gallons per minute (gpm) and six storage facilities totaling 3,900,000. There are two facilities with a 1,000,000 gallon storage capacity, a concrete reservoir located on Industrial Drive, and a steel reservoir located on Maple Hills Drive.

The other facilities are elevated structures which include a 400,000 gallon tank located on Progress Dr., a 1,000,000 gallon tank on San Jewell Drive, a 300,000 gallon tank on Tower Dr., a 250,000 gallon tank on Boyce Avenue.

The average demand for water is currently about 1.8 million gallons per day (gpd). During the hottest days of the summer, water demand has reached as high as 2.5 million gpd. At present, the city's deep wells produce approximately 3.8 million gallons per day. Water is currently fluorinated at all city well sites. The city is currently studying the feasibility of additional storage facilities.

Current minimum charges for the first 200 cubic feet of water are \$4.00 (3/4"), \$11.25 (1"), \$18.75 (1.5"), \$47.00 (2"), \$94.00 (3"), and \$159.00 (4"), \$375.00 (6"). A charge of \$1.10 applies to all users for each additional 100 cubic feet up to 6,980 cubic feet. Heavy commercial users pay \$1.69 per 100 cubic feet over 6,980 cubic feet.

Sanitary Sewer

Two sewage treatment plants handle the waste generated by the city's Sewer System. One 1,300,000 gallon per day capacity plant is the East Plant located along Ste. Genevieve Avenue (Highway 32) which handles mostly residential waste and some commercial waste. The West Plant located at New Perrine and Vargo Road handles residential waste along with much of the city's commercial, industrial and institutional waste.

The East Treatment Plant was renovated in 1990. It has an operating capacity of 1.3 million gallons per day (gpd). The city has recently completed upgrades to increase the capacity of the West Treatment Plant to 2.4 million gpd. Combined, the two plants have a design capacity over short periods of 8.9 gpd, which is also the peak flow. This would occur primarily during wet weather, which results in extensive infiltration of the storm sewers. The average flow at the East Treatment Plant is 1.45 million gpd, while the west plant is about 1.85 gpd.

Current minimum charges for sewer service are \$1.55 per 100 cubic feet for residential users, and \$1.75 per 100 cubic feet for commercial or industrial users.

Electricity

The city owns and operates the electric utility within the city. The Electric Department purchases electricity wholesale, then sells and redistributes the power throughout the city. The electrical distribution system includes six power substations, 56.3 miles of overhead distribution lines, and 27.2 miles of underground distribution lines. The electric department is overseen by the Electric Superintendent and currently has a staff of three office personnel, nine line personnel, and two personnel that handle utility turn-on and shut-offs. Generation equipment was installed in 2002 which will allow the city to generate electricity when needed. There are four-2MW (Mega Watt) generators located at the Elm St. Substation, four-2MW generators located at the Overall Rd. Substation, three-2MW generators located behind the Jefferson St. substation, and three-2MW generators located at the Walton St. substation. Currently, the city has 4,635 residential, 727 small commercial, 104 large commercial/industrial, 61 school and church, and 79 city government service connections. Large state facilities such as the Farmington Correctional Center and Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center are served by Ameren UE. State law provides that within a newly annexed area, existing electric utilities may keep customers or negotiate a sale to the city.

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Department is staffed with a Director, part-time summer programmer, and five full-time maintenance staff. Part-time summer recreation staff number from about 30 to 40. Facilities maintained by the department include the following.

Wilson-Rozier Park

Wilson Rozier Park is an 11.3-acre community facility located in the southwest area of the city on Perrine Rd. The park includes horseshoe pits, a volleyball court, playgrounds, restrooms, a ballpark, grandstands, tennis courts, picnic tables, barbecue pits, two picnic pavilions, and a basketball court.

Wilson Rozier Ball Park

This 1930's era ballpark was built by the W.P.A. and it is rich in history. The ballpark was used by minor league barnstormers in its early days. It features a major-league-baseball-sized playing field, and grandstands seating 900 people. The perimeter of the park is enclosed with a tall wooden fence in keeping with tradition. Today, high school and other local teams share the facility March through September. Modern amenities include automated turf irrigation, lighting, new dugouts, handicapped accessible restrooms, batting cage, and 175 parking spaces.

Sports Complex

The Sports Complex is located on Ste. Genevieve Avenue on the city's east side. There are four baseball fields, concessions, a large parking area, and a playground.

Long Park

This park is located east of the Police Station between Ste. Genevieve Ave, East Harrison Street, and Long Ave. Facilities include a pavilion used for small summer concerts, weddings, and similar outdoor events; and the historic Long House, which was erected in 1836.

Skate Park

The Farmington Skate Park is located in Long Park behind the Police Station at East Harrison and South Main. The park features a street course with several different obstacles, ramps and rails on which rollerbladers and skateboarders can enjoy their sports and practice their talent. Other features include a teen center with a concession stand/skate shop, arcade, and restrooms.

Harlan Park

Harlan Park is located along Middle Street two Blocks south of Karsch Boulevard. The facilities include picnic tables, barbecue grills, and play equipment.

Hager Lake

Hager Lake is a 9-acre fishing lake on 22 acres located in the West Industrial Park featuring a fishing jetty, a small pavilion, parking, rest rooms, and multipurpose athletic fields.

Trimfoot Park

Trimfoot Park is at the intersections of Morris Street with, Trimfoot Terrace and Pine Street. There are barbecue grills, picnic tables, play equipment, and restrooms.

Elks Field

This baseball field is located behind the Elks Lodge along Morris Street. Public use of the field is donated by the Elks Lodge.

Jaycee Ball field

The Jaycee Ball field is located behind KTJJ/KREI radio station along Morris Street. Facilities include a baseball field with dugouts, bleachers, concessions, and restrooms.

Jaycee City Park

Located east of the intersection of Perrine and Doubet Roads, the Jaycee city Park features a large pavilion, restrooms, picnic areas, and volleyball courts.

Dean Danieley Park

Dean Danieley Park features a picnic pavilion, picnic tables, play equipment, and restroom facilities.

Engler Park

Engler Park, which opened in 2001, is over 65 acres . The park is located along the St. Francois River, at the intersection of Airpark Drive and Vargo Road. The park features two high capacity pavilions with restrooms, and concession area; three nature trails, two lakes, two playgrounds six soccer fields a nature sanctuary and access to the St. Francois River.

Dr. F.R. Crouch Nature Sanctuary

This nature sanctuary spans 15 additional acres along the northwest side of Engler Park, with 11 different stations along the nature trail.

Bicentennial Park

The Bicentennial Park located on West Columbia Street at East First, along the main West corridor into downtown Farmington commemorates the 200th anniversary of the city in 1998.

Farmington Bikeway Trail System

The trail way system is nearly 9.5 miles long. It starts at the Civic Center, and winds through various parts of the city including Engler Park, eventually connecting with the trail system of St. Joe State Park at the Farmington Oak Ridge Trail Head, which features parking, and information.

Civic Center

The Civic Center Complex is staffed with a Director, 7 full time employees, and 2 or 3 regular part-time employees and about 55-60 temporary or seasonal employees. The Farmington Community Civic Center is a 60,000 square foot recreational facility located at 2 Black Knight Drive. Farmington Water Park was added in 2000. The 32,000 square foot Centene Center was added for performing arts events in 2002. These facilities were financed through a, ½ cent sales tax which was approved by city voters twice over the past decade.

Farmington Community Civic Center

Farmington Community Civic Center provides a wide variety of indoor recreational activities and facilities. Activities include basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, swimming lessons and other instructional programs. Facilities include a weight room, walking/running track, lockers, and showers. Concerts and other public assemblies are held in the gymnasium. There are two conference rooms for business and social events, and a concession area.

Farmington Water Park

The Farmington Water Park provides a variety of outdoor water recreation including water slides, a water play land with a shallow pool, a tower and bucket, a pool, a lazy river for floating, and a concession area.

Centene Center

The facility has a performance auditorium (Neidorf Hall) to host business seminars, small concerts, plays, church gatherings, and other types of fine arts entertainment. It also has a banquet center for meetings, receptions, conferences, and other social events.

Farmington Public Library. The Farmington Public Library is located at 108 West Harrison Street. The library contains over 38,000 volumes, including books, magazines, large print books, videos, books on tape, comic books, cassettes with read-along books, decorating stencils, and computer programs. Services include participation in an interlibrary loan program, Internet access, homebound book service, an ongoing book fair in the library, low vision resource center for the vision impaired, and word processors for public use.

ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION

State law requires that the City of Farmington to use the assessed valuation figures that are provided by the County of St. Francois. Therefore assessment of property is not at the discretion of the city.

The general property tax rate of the City of Farmington has remained at \$.42 per \$100 of assessed valuation since 1989. The debt service part of the tax rate is \$.06 per \$100 of assessed valuation. All property owners within the corporate limits as of January 1 of any given year are taxed at the same rate. Property owners in the annexed area will pay the same tax rate as current residents and receive the same benefits.