



Dear Lakeport Community,

The Lakeport City Council and Lake County Board of Supervisors have unanimously voted to advance the City of Lakeport's Annexation of the area adjacent to South Main Street and Soda Bay Road. This Agreement is the result of a good faith process, during which the County and City collaborated to develop solutions that would well serve residents and businesses of the South Lakeport area and benefit everyone connected to Lake County.

Why Annex, and how will the Annexation affect me as a Lakeport resident or business/property owner?

Annexation will expand the boundaries of the City of Lakeport. This change will provide important health and safety benefits to residents and business owners in the Annexation area. Some of these benefits include: improved access to clean and dependable municipal water; improved fire safety, through development of a fire hydrant system; access to municipal police services; and (*for Annexation area residents*) the opportunity to vote in City Elections.

Devastating wildfires of recent years have highlighted a desperate need for enhanced water systems and fire safety throughout California. Once the Annexation process is complete, City water lines will be extended. This endeavor will allow for installation of fire hydrants and access to municipal water supply sufficient to provide building fire flow. Fire suppression capacity in the Annexed area will be greatly enhanced, and better fire protection in South Lakeport means better fire protection for all of Lakeport.

The expanded water line will also provide an option for Annexation area residents and businesses to connect to City water services. There will be no requirement to connect to the City's water system.

Continued improvements to the South Lakeport area will bring greater potential for economic development and new retail and service options for residents; a significant amount of commercially zoned land will be added to the City.

Will Annexation Increase My Taxes?

Annexation will not alter Property Tax rates or trigger Property Tax reassessments. However, Lakeport's voter-approved general sales tax measures I and Z *will* begin to apply to point of destination retail sales in the newly Annexed area. Sales tax is the primary source of general fund revenue for the City of Lakeport. These revenues fund many services including parks, road maintenance and improvements and public safety. Expansion of these services benefit residents, businesses *and* visitors.

What Happens Next?

The current Agreement between the City of Lakeport and County of Lake is tentatively set to go before the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) **March 16, 2022**. Next steps will be discussed during this hearing. A few days ahead of time, the meeting Agenda and Zoom link will be posted at lakelafco.org.

The City and County will also soon jointly announce a date and time for a Community Forum to highlight the process and logistics surrounding Annexation and respond to any questions regarding the City-County Agreement.

Residents and business/property owners are encouraged to attend and participate in these public meetings.

When the formal Annexation process is complete, South Lakeport will become a part of the City of Lakeport.

We Look Forward to Hearing from You!

Annexation can be a confusing process, and we want to ensure all of your questions are answered. To learn more, visit lakeportannexation.org. If you still have questions, please reach out, we are here to help. Write to kingram@cityoflakeport.com, or call (707) 263-5615.

We believe Annexation is an important step in building the best possible future, and look forward to the opportunity to meeting with you soon.

Respectively Submitted,

On behalf of both the City of Lakeport and County of Lake