Overview of Utility Connection Process, Water and Sanitary Sewer Capital Recovery Charges, and Historical Road, Sidewalk and/or Storm Sewer Improvement Charges

Utility Connection Process and Water and Sanitary Sewer Capital Recovery Charges
If existing utility service is currently available to your property, but your parcel is not yet connected to City utilities, you will be required to connect within 90 days of annexation. If existing service is not available to your property at the time of annexation, the parcel will remain on well and septic until service becomes available. Once City utility service becomes available, you will receive notice that you are required to connect to City utilities at your expense within 90 days of the service availability.

The process of connecting to the city utilities system includes the setting of the water meter inside the home or business, and the utility service line being placed into service.

Water and Sanitary Sewer Capital Recovery Charges are based on the fee schedule at that time of connection. Capital Recovery Charges do not include the cost for a property to actually connect to the utility main. Capital Recovery Charges and tap charges, as well as meter set fees must be paid to the city when a property physically connects to the city utility lines. Copies of the city’s current fee schedules are available at a2gov.org/utilityconnection. In addition, the property owner must hire a licensed plumbing contractor that is registered with the City’s Planning and Development Services Unit to install the service leads to complete the physical connection from the home to the City utility lines, and must obtain approval of permits and connections.

For more information about the process and costs associated with utility connection visit a2gov.org/utilityconnection. If City utilities are not currently available to serve your property, please visit a2gov.org/cip for information about which City utilities have been programmed in the City’s Capital Improvements Plan.

Historical Road, Sidewalk and/or Storm Sewer Improvement Charges
At the time your property is annexed to the city, any other outstanding improvement charges will also become due. These other improvement charges are based on historical improvement costs brought forward to current year dollars. For example, an improvement charge for a sidewalk constructed in 1965 would be adjusted such that the charge would be in equivalent 2018 costs (if annexation were completed in 2018).

Outstanding charges due as a result of a previously installed improvement adjacent to your property will be due at the time of annexation.

Improvement Charge and Capital Recovery Charge Payment
Improvement charges and Capital Recovery Charges can be paid to the City in yearly payments over an established period of time. The maximum number of years possible to spread the yearly payments over is based on the total amount due. More information about payment options is available at a2gov.org/utilityconnection.