

# West Mobile Fire Protection Annexation Committee Report Out





# About this slide pack

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*Thank you from the West Mobile Annexation Committee - Del Sayer Chairman*



## Annexation Goals

- Ultimate goal of maintaining fire protection for current unincorporated areas as outlined and regaining City EMS coverage.
- To provide facts relative to false and misleading rumors for achieving ultimate goal.
- Need to accomplish before losing current protection or being forced into negative position.

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## Why Annex?

- Transfer of services is almost immediate.
- More value for tax dollars spent.
- Gain a voice in city government on decisions that impact us today.
- Believe it's best option for our area.



## Annexation Sub-Committees

- Taxation & Insurance
  - Dollar figures on estimated cost before and after annexation.
- City Services
  - What city services we could gain and possible cost.
- Annexation Requirements
  - The process and steps necessary to be annexed.

# Taxation & Insurance

- State General Fund 2.5M for Mobile County  
State Soldier Fund 1M for Mobile County  
State School Fund 3M for Mobile County  
County General Fund 6M for Mobile County  
County Road & Bridge Fund 3.5M for Mobile County  
County Special Rd. & Bridge Fund 6.5 for Mobile County  
School General Fund 7M for Mobile County  
School District Tax 3.5M for Mobile County  
Special School Tax 7M for Mobile County  
School Tax-Mobile/Prichard 12M for Mobile County  
School Tax-county/other 4M for Mobile County  
County Hospital Tax 3.5M for Mobile County  
Vector Control Control Tax 1M for Mobile County  
Total State County & School **56.5M\*** Mobile and Prichard 48.5M  
County/other
- Sales tax would increase from .08 to .10 cents
- Exempted from city property tax for 5 to 10 years
  - Code of Alabama Sections 11-42-57 & 58

# Taxation & Insurance

2018 Tax Year Millage Rates

Municipal Code No	Municipality	Municipal Millage Rate	Total Millage Rate
10	Mobile County	–	48.5
11	Prichard	5	61.5
12	Citronelle	6	54.5
13	Chickasaw	5	53.5
14	Mobile	7	63.5
15	Bayou La Batre	5	53.5
16	Saraland	11	59.5
17	Satsuma	12.5	61.0
18	Dauphin Island	5	53.5
19	Mt Vernon	4.5	53.0
20	Creola	5	53.5

# Taxation & Insurance

Tax Calculation example for Property and Sales and Use Tax rates for City of Mobile and Mobile County/PJ

House in the City					E=B*D	=sum(b*d)-sum(c*c)	E-F	Millage Rate Breakout		Millage Computation
Category	Value	Rate	Rate	Rate	Gross Tax	Less Exemptions	Net Tax			
County	150,000	15,006	13,006	20.5	307.54	26.00	283.54	State Gen. Fund 2.5M, State Soldier Fund 1M, State School Fund 3M		2.5+1+3=6.5
School	150,000	15,006	15,006	14.0	210.08	-	210.08	County Gen. Fund 6M, County R&B 3.5M Special R&B 6.5M, County Hospital Tax 3.5M Vector Control Cc		6+3.5+6.5+3.5+1=20.5
Dist. School	150,000	15,006	15,006	15.5	232.59	-	232.59	School General Fund 7M, Special School Tax 7M		7+7=14
City	150,000	15,006	15,006	7.0	105.04	-	105.04	School District Tax 3.5, School Tax-Mobile/Prichard 12M Municipal Millage Rate 7		3.5+12=15.5 7
Forest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
				63.5			<b>885.88</b>			

House in the County					E=B*D	=sum(b*d)-sum(c*c)	E-F	Millage Rate Breakout		Millage Computation
Category	Value	Rate	Rate	Rate	Gross Tax	Less Exemptions	Net Tax			
County	150,000	15,006	13,006	15.5	307.62	41.00	266.62	State Gen. Fund 2.5M, State Soldier Fund 1M, State School Fund 3M		2.5+1+3=6.5
School	150,000	15,006	15,006	14.0	210.08	-	210.08	County Gen. Fund 6M, County R&B 3.5M Special R&B 6.5M, County Hospital Tax 3.5M Vector Control Cc		6+3.5+6.5+3.5+1=20.5
Dist. School	150,000	15,006	15,006	7.5	112.55	-	112.55	School General Fund 7M, Special School Tax 7M		7+7=14
City	150,000	15,006	15,006	-	-	-	-	School District Tax 3.5M, School Tax-County/other 4M		3.5+4=7.5
Forest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
				48.5			<b>660.79</b>			

If in a Fire District the fee can vary, for example Seven Hills Fire District is \$70 per house. Figure not included in calculation above.  
 Only Exemption included is Homestead (\$4,000 deduction for state, \$2,000 deduction for county)  
 Website  
[https://www.mobilecopropertytax.com/faq/#faq\\_2](https://www.mobilecopropertytax.com/faq/#faq_2)

City of Mobile Sales Tax Rate	
	%
Alabama State Sales Tax	4
Mobile County Sales Tax	1
City of Mobile Sales Tax	5
Combined Sales Tax	10

Mobile PJ Tax Rate	
	%
Alabama State Sales Tax	4
Mobile County Sales Tax	1.5
Special Tax	2.5
Combined Sales Tax	8

36619 & 36695 zip codes affected

**\$225.09**

Current avg paid garbage service is between \$200 - \$300





# Taxation & Insurance

- Insurance is based on a combination of factors, response time, distance to nearest fire house and others.
- ISO - Insurance Service Office - This is a, for profit, organization that provides statistical information on risk. For many years the "ISO Rating" had a large impact on most fire departments. The ISO (PPC) rating is from 10 - 1. With "1" being the best. At one time, almost, all insurance companies calculated rates based upon the ISO rating. ISO would come to your city and assess a Public Protection Classification. They would then sell this data to the insurance companies. Just about every aspect of a city and a fire department was evaluated in determining the ISO rating. They would give points for everything from the training aids a fire department owned to the distance between fire hydrants. ISO wanted fire departments to conduct 20 hours of training per man, each month, in order to maximize points for every training aid. Historically, very few cities ever received a "Class 1" rating. There have been times where only one city, out of the nation, would receive a "1". Presently there may be as many as 40+ cities with a "1" rating in the U.S. This is still a small percentage when one considers the thousands of communities nationwide. There is little incentive for a community to strive for a "1" rating since the step from a "Class 2" to a "Class 1" results in little or no difference in homeowner rates. When a city does get a "Class 1" rating they will often proudly display it on their patches, apparatus or website.
- Captain Mica L. Calfee (retired), Fire Service Info, June 28, 2016 , <<http://www.fireserviceinfo.com/iso.html>> , (date visited: 2/15/2019)



# City Services Drawbacks

- Increased cost due to sales and property tax increases and increased fees.
- Ordinances enacted against personal desires, control of animals i.e. chickens, livestock, no outdoor burning, etc.
- No longer part of “Mobile County”
  - Remain a part of Mobile County and continue to pay a 1% sales tax
- Fear of Government intervention.
  - City less intrusive than some subdivision covenants.
- Fear of unknown and change.
  - Human nature
- **Rumors not based on facts!**
  - Zoghby act only details the form of Mobile City Gov. nothing about annexation.



# City Services Benefits

- Fire and Police Protection Maintained
  - Ultimate Goal achieved
  - City EMS services regained
  - Trained Professionals doing the job 24/7
- Additional Services Gained
  - Garbage & **TRASH** Pickup
    - Savings of \$200 - \$300 annually from paid services (estimated)
  - Zoning Ordinances Enforced
  - Streets & drainage maintained by city
  - Possible Expanded Bus Service to Area

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# City Services Benefits Continued

- Additional Services Gained Continued

- Parks and Recreation
- City Animal Control
- Possible Reduced HOA fees
- Protected from future state legislation
  - Chris Elliot Proposed legislation to roll back to corporate limits SB-23
- Represented on city council
- Represented by a mayor
- No Lagging due to having to hire, train and equip firefighters, trucks and firehouse.

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# Annexation Requirements

- Three ways to be annexed
  - **Legislatively:** Requires local legislative support take to the state legislation and annex property directly into the city without a vote of the citizens involved.
  - **Abutment to city:** Requires being next to corporate limits, can petition the city to take the land in question into the city. The city council would then adopt an ordinance approving such annexation. If this is a subdivision, 100% of the lot owners must want this.

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# Annexation Requirements

- Annex by Vote:

- This is started by the city council. They create a map of the area. The mayor certifies a copy of the map, and it is filed with the probate judge. Within 10-15 days of filing the probate judge will enter an order for an election not more than 40 days later.
- The vote is a simple majority of individuals that live in the district in question. If a property owner does not live in the district, they cannot vote.
- Commercial property owners do not get a vote.
- Designated industrial park cannot be annexed into the city.

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## Annexation by Vote Next Steps?

- Contact Subdivisions HOA Boards & Presidents
- Partner with city council members & mayor
- Engage political consultant
- Understand cost associated with annexation effort and augment as needed.

*The End*