

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS *(Continued from reverse)*

IS THE CITY GOING TO RAISE MY WATER RATES?

The majority of South Yuba City residents are currently part of the Yuba City water system. Annexation to the City will not change your rates or how they are determined.

WILL I NEED A CITY BUSINESS LICENSE FOR MY HOME-BASED BUSINESS?

Yes, the City requires a license for businesses that perform activities in the City. Many businesses in the area already have City-issued business licenses.

DOES THE CITY HAVE AN ALARM PERMIT?

Yes. A three-year alarm permit will be issued to residents, at no cost, if they apply within the first year of annexation. The standard rate for a three-year alarm permit is \$43.50.

IS THE CITY GOING TO CHANGE MY ZONING, AND WILL I BE ALLOWED HORSES, CHICKENS, AND OTHER ANIMALS ON MY PROPERTY?

All existing legal land uses will be grandfathered and remain the same.

WILL THE CITY IMPROVE OUR STREETS AND ROADS?

Residents will receive routine street sweeping -- presently not provided by the County -- and the streets will be maintained at an urban level of service.

WILL ANNEXING INTO THE CITY CHANGE MY RECOLOGY PICK UP DAY?

No. Annexation will not change Recology's service schedule.

IS THE CITY GOING TO CONNECT HUNN ROAD WITH ST. ISIDORE'S PARKING LOT, ONCE THE AREA IS ANNEXED?

No, there are no plans to connect Hunn Road with the St. Isidore campus.

CAN I PARK MY MOTORHOME ON THE STREET?

The City and County ordinances are very similar. Recreational Vehicles (RVs) must be parked behind the front yard setback line.

IS STREET PARKING ALLOWED?

Yes. The City and County ordinances for street parking are the same: parking is limited to 120 hours (five days) before the vehicle must be moved.

DO I GET TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION?

The City is following the annexation process as regulated by state law. As a first step, the process requires notification of property owners of the proposed annexation and any proposed zoning changes. The City recently submitted a formal annexation application to the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO), which was unanimously approved by its Board. LAFCO will provide property owners an opportunity to submit protests and participate in a public hearing. After the public hearing, LAFCO could direct the City to conduct a vote of all registered voters within the area proposed for annexation.

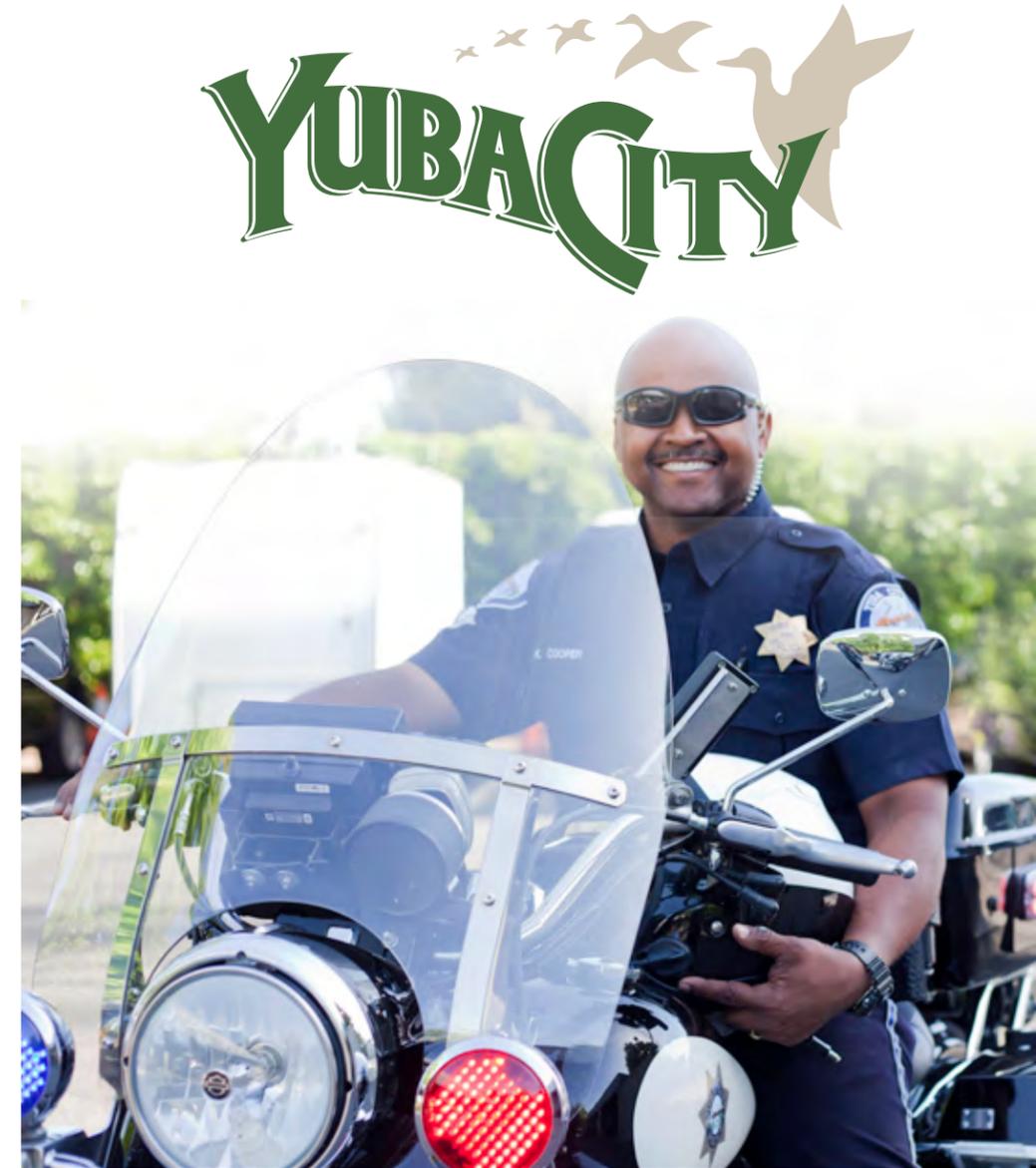
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1400 Phillips Road, Yuba City

6 PM, THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 27

COMMUNITY MEETING
ON PROPOSED ANNEXATION

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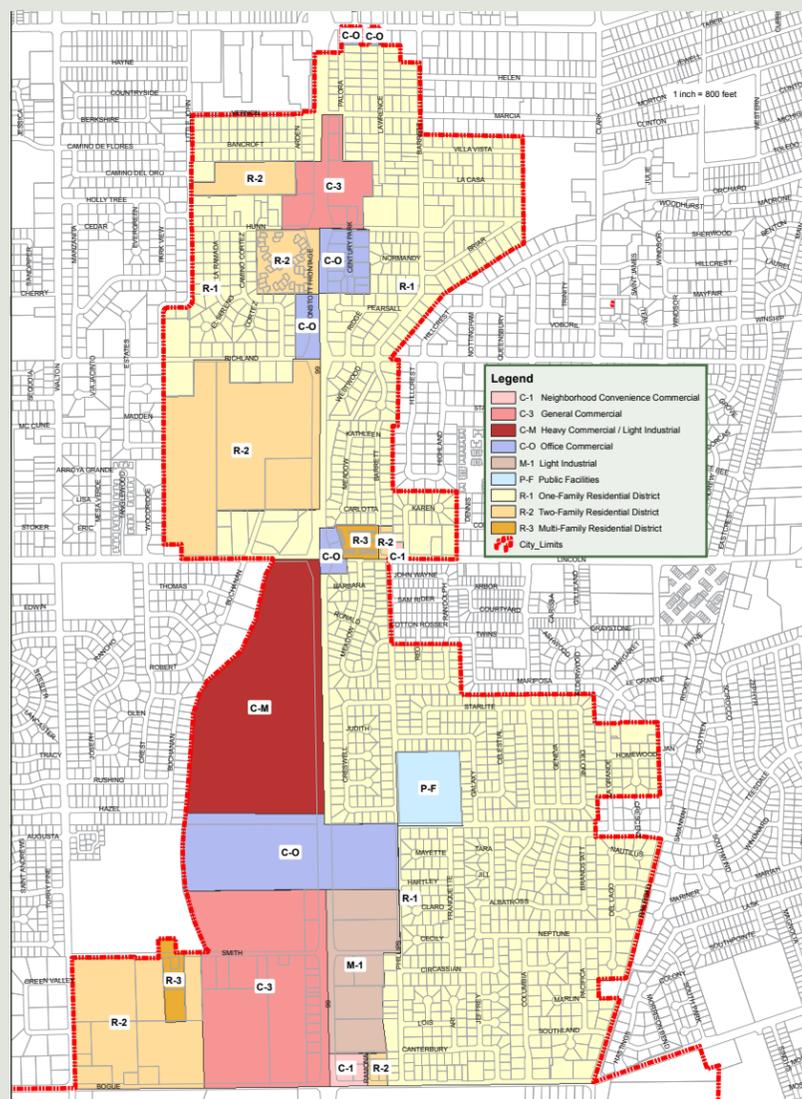
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about a plan to enhance levels of public services for your neighborhood at no additional cost to property owners.

ANNEXATION PROPOSED TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES

The City of Yuba City is proposing to make its urban area whole by annexing approximately 1,400 properties in South Yuba City (see map) from the County into the City. Properties in South Yuba City are within the City's Urban Sphere of Influence and are more urban than rural, but they do not fully benefit from urban levels of service. The goal of annexation is to enhance levels of public services – especially law enforcement – for these properties. The proposed annexation is included in both the City's and County's General Plans, and the annexation application was unanimously approved by the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCo) Board.

Collectively, properties in South Yuba City form an unincorporated island surrounded by urban areas. These properties are within the City's Urban Growth Boundary.



ENHANCED LEVELS OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Sheriff's Department is set up to provide three to four officers to patrol 600 square miles, including South Yuba City. With the annexation of this area, the City will have six police beats with six officers and one sergeant patrolling a 15-square mile area. New services would include traffic patrols, which are currently performed when possible by the California Highway Patrol. It would also enhance levels of police protection for neighborhood schools and parks.

PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS

The properties in South Yuba City are already serviced by City water and the Yuba City Fire Department. But, as residents of the unincorporated area, property owners may not vote for the elected officials who set rates and policies. Following annexation, property owners can vote in City elections and will have a stronger say in decisions about water service, fire service and other issues that affect the urban area.

NO INCREASE TO PROPERTY TAXES

The property taxes between the City and County are identical. State law – Proposition 13 – limits property tax increases to the inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index, or 2 percent, whichever is less.

NO REQUIREMENT FOR SEWER HOOKUP

The Sutter County Environmental Health Department regulates septic systems, and annexation will not change existing regulations. Yuba City will not require property owners to connect to City Sewer.

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WILL THE CITY MAKE US INSTALL SIDEWALKS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

The City will not install curb, gutters, and sidewalks in a neighborhood unless the residents request and agree to pay for the improvements. If requested, City Staff can outline costs and financing options for residents.

DOES THE CITY HAVE A MARIJUANA ORDINANCE?

The County and City marijuana ordinances are very similar. The County ordinance restricts growing marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school, school evacuation site, church, park, county-licensed child care center, or a youth-oriented facility, while the City's current ordinance restricts growing within 500 feet of these locations.

IF I AM ANNEXED INTO THE CITY, WILL I BE ABLE TO BURN IN MY BACKYARD?

The City and County ordinances for this area will be the same, so there will be no change.

WHAT CHANGES CAN WE EXPECT IN PUBLIC SAFETY?

More officers patrolling a smaller area. The Police Department provides an urban level of Community Oriented Police service, including a dedicated Traffic Enforcement Unit. The newly-annexed area will be added to the Walton area to form a new South Yuba City patrol (beat). The City will hire five new Sworn Officers, one Community Service Officer, and one Dispatcher to service South Yuba City. The Yuba City Police Department currently patrols fourteen square miles. The corresponding County Sheriff's beat for this area encompasses 600 square miles with three to four Sheriff's deputies per shift.

IS THE CITY GOING TO RAISE MY TAXES?

No, your taxes will remain the same. Neither the County nor the City can increase a tax without a vote of its residents. Upon annexation, funds that have been allocated to the County will be transferred to the City to pay for services. The City will receive a small portion (16%) of the taxes you already pay to cover enhanced urban level services. For example, the City will receive approximately \$320 annually from the County for a house with an assessed value of \$200,000.

WILL THE CITY ENFORCE CODE VIOLATIONS?

Yes, the City has a full-time code enforcement officer and a number of Community Service Officers who work directly with residents to ensure your community is clean and safe. The City provides residents a mobile app, YC311, to connect directly with code enforcement.

HOW TO LEARN MORE

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