

Annexation Required for Water from City of Marinette

After hearing the four options for long-term water identified by engineering analysis, some of the 169 well owners in Tyco’s Potable Well Sampling Area (PWSA) have expressed an interest in annexation, which is required to get municipal water from the City of Marinette. Tyco has said it would pay to build a water line to annexed PWSA residents. Tyco recently announced that it would also pay the net present value of 20 years of estimated tax increases and water bills for PWSA property owners, if they are annexed.

The community will determine whether to pursue annexation through these two phases:

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First, resident organizers will see if there seems to be interest from a majority of residents in a specific area of the PWSA that is contiguous to the City of Marinette.

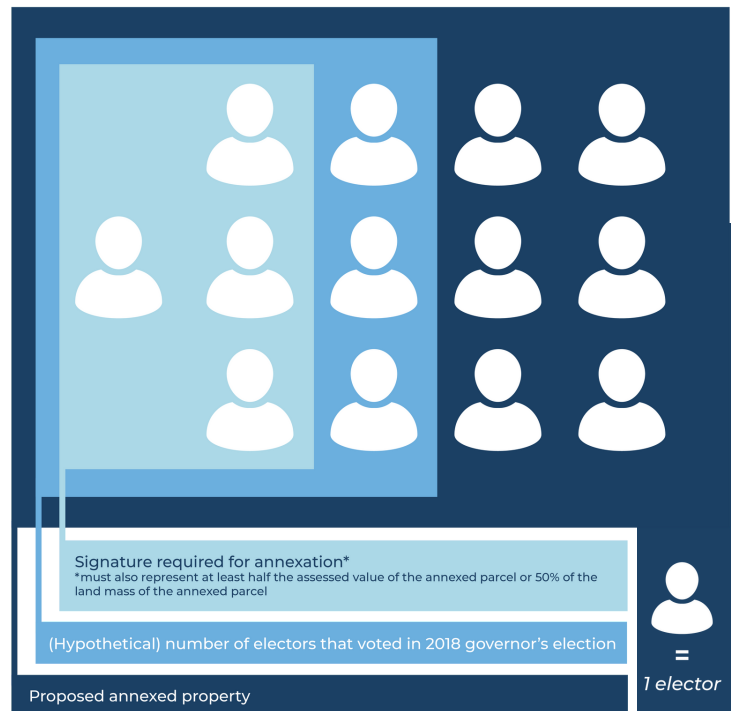
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If there appears to be sufficient interest, resident organizers will get a legal description of the area proposed for annexation and ask residents in that area to sign a petition that will be submitted to the City of Marinette, which will then vote on an annexation ordinance.

Annexation Process:

Direct Annexation by One-half Approval ² :

- The area to be annexed must be contiguous to the City of Marinette.
- A petition for annexation must be signed by a number of electors in the area that is equal to at least 51% of the number of residents in the area proposed to be annexed who voted in the 2018 governor's election, AND the signers must represent at least half of the assessed value OR half the land mass of the property being annexed.



If residents decide to pursue the Direct Annexation process:

1. Residents need to publicize their intent to circulate the petition for annexation via a public notice/ad.
2. After the ad is published, interested residents will circulate the petition.
3. Once the signatures are collected, the petition will be presented to Marinette's city clerk within 6 months of public notice.
4. The City decides whether to act on the petition and then the Common Council will vote whether to approve the annexation ordinance.

Benefits of Access to Marinette Municipal Water through Annexation

Permanent access to the City of Marinette's municipal water and water utility is a safe and sustainable option for a long-term clean drinking water source. Municipal water is regularly monitored by the City and is required to meet state standards, as regulated by the DNR.

Increased Costs of Annexation Covered by Tyco for 20 years

There are 2 primary categories of new costs for property owners related to annexation to get water from the City of Marinette:

1. An increase in property taxes 2. Municipal water bills.

To address these costs, Tyco will provide an upfront, one-time payment to property owners that would be calculated using the net present value (NPV) of 20 years of estimated increased property taxes and water bills, based on current home assessment values, tax rates, and average water bills, if their property is annexed. This is in addition to paying for the construction of the waterline. Based on the Tyco formula, the payment for a developed parcel would range from about \$12,000 to \$69k. **Contact Tyco to find out what your payment would be if you are annexed.**

Some residents are concerned about the various ordinances that apply to Marinette residents. If you have any questions on ordinances, **you can call the Mayor's Office at 715-732-5139.**

Additional Services from the City

Property owners annexed to the City of Marinette will receive these additional services (not provided in Town of Peshtigo):

- Garbage collection
- Street lighting
- City Fire Department and fire hydrants
- Police services dedicated to City
- Yard waste/brush pickup

And may receive:

- Likely reduction in homeowner's insurance costs related to proximity to firehouse - **check with your home insurance agent**
- Likely increase in property value due to additional services and water hookup - **check with a realtor**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- About efforts to pursue annexation, join the Facebook group [Town of Peshtigo Residents Impacted by PFAS](#)
- About annexation procedures, see Wisconsin Statutes §66.0217(3)(a).
- About upfront payment if annexed, call Tyco at 715-582-7100 or via Contact Us form on www.tycomarinette.com



1 PWSA is Tyco's Potable Well Sampling Area that includes 169 wells that may have been impacted by PFAS from historic operations at Tyco's FTC. These properties currently receive bottled water or a POET from Tyco if requested.

2 There are other ways to achieve annexation such as by referendum, but we feel Direct Annexation is likely the most timely route.