

Residents for New Valley Town

**What Is
Incorporation?**

Committee's Message

- “Residents for New Valley Town” believe that incorporation will bring an enhanced standard to the area through local structure and defined focus to meet the demands of today while paving the future for generations to come.
- “Residents for New Valley Town” believe that the decision to incorporate, should ultimately be made by the residents who live in the proposed area; therefore, would expect support to at least bring the option to vote through petition even if the resident is not sure if he/she would support or not.

Committee's Purpose

- Municipality Resolution

- Lobby area towns to gain authorization via Resolution to incorporate the proposed area located within a 6 mile radius from the town's closest annexed area.

- Petition Residents

- In order to bring the option to sanctioned ballot, we'll seek petition signatures from at least 10% of the registered voters within the proposed area approved through municipality resolution.

- Educate & Campaign

- Through a transparent approach with educating the residents of the proposed area, the Committee believes the residents will better understand what incorporation is and why it is important to incorporate the area now.

What are we now?

- Unincorporated Area in Pinal County
 - Limited Services
 - Large Urbanized Population without a ‘Local’ Government
 - County Standard Law Enforcement
 - County Standard Roads
 - No County Parks
 - No County Library
 - County Wide Decision Making
 - Limited County Funding
 - Limited Business Support

Note: While unincorporated, we still pay taxes but instead of the funding coming back to our area, the funds go to surrounding municipalities in the form called State Shared Revenue!

What can we become?

- Incorporated Municipality within Pinal County
 - Increased and Intensified Services
 - Self-determination in level of local services
 - Enhanced responsive measure to the citizens
 - State Shared Revenues
 - Localized focus on planning and zoning
 - Localized focus on building, plumbing, mechanical and electrical codes
 - Localized focus on the needs and desires of the citizens
 - Local individuality for representation to County, State and Federal governments

Incorporation FAQ's

- Bonds approved and implemented by Town Council?
 - No, Bonds are approved by the majority of election votes by the citizens.
- Primary property tax increase approved and implemented by Town Council?
 - No, Primary property tax increase is approved by majority election vote by the citizens.
- Local sales tax approved and implemented by Town Council?
 - Yes, Local sales tax increase at the time of incorporation and is a common change done by the town council early in the transition process.
- Will there be a new police service other than PCSO?
 - The future decision for law enforcement will be made by the Town Council with local focus. PCSO will likely continue to be a contracted service but through the town's terms.
- Will there be Fire Service?
 - The future decision for fire service will be made by the Town Council; however, is expected that Fire Service will not immediately be included as a town service.

Incorporation FAQ's cont.

- Are schools directly effected by incorporation?
 - No, school districts are a separate governmental subdivision.
- Planning and zoning change from County to Town?
 - Town Council will determine how to approach Planning and Zoning. Often, council will adopt the current plan as implemented by the county; though, may require a higher quality of subdivision development to include parks, open space, trails, etc.
- Will all roads within the proposed boundaries change from county to town?
 - Yes, after incorporation, the roads become the responsibility of the town.
- How does incorporation process work?
 - This is done by State Law guidelines. Basic steps are:
 - Petition the Supervisors to call for an election on incorporation, which requires the signature of one-tenth of the registered voters. Petitions are filed with the County Recorder or County Elections Department.

Other FAQ's

- Is there a political party associated with this effort?
- Will sales tax go up?
- Will there be a secondary property tax implemented?
- Who will be the initial mayor/council for the town?
- Why are we not including all of San Tan Valley?
- If we incorporate, does the name of the town change?
- Why isn't Banner Hospital included in the proposed area?
- I don't own property in the area, can I still help?
- Will we get a town Library, Parks, etc?
- Has the economy recovered enough to incorporate now?
- How many petition signatures do we need?
- When will the vote be?
- Do I have to be a Member to help or can I Volunteer at events?

Resources

- League of Arizona Cities and Towns
 - <http://www.azleague.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/129>

Questions?

- www.NewValleyTown.com