

This worksheet is being provided by Pinellas County to help you compare your taxes and expenses in unincorporated Ridgecrest with what they would be in the City of Largo. This worksheet includes the taxes, fees and charges for unincorporated Ridgecrest and the City of Largo for comparative purposes only. Actual taxes and fees will vary depending upon taxable values and utility billings.

To Calculate Unincorporated County Tax And Expenses:

Property Taxable Value: \$ _____ divided by 1,000 = \$ _____
Subtotal A

\$ _____ multiplied by 6.185 (County Tax Rate) = \$ _____ = County Property Tax
Subtotal A Subtotal B

\$ _____ multiplied by 17.2164 (Other Tax Rates*) = \$ _____ = Other Property Taxes
Subtotal A Subtotal C

Other Taxes And Fees:

1. Your average monthly telecommunications bill** amount \$ _____ x .0582 x 12 = \$ _____
2. Annual cost for garbage collection (varies) = \$ _____

Total of expenses annualized (line 1 + line 2)	= \$ _____
Plus Subtotal B (County Property Tax)	+ \$ _____
Plus Subtotal C (Other Property Taxes)	+ \$ _____
Total Unincorporated County Tax and Expenses	= \$ _____

County Service that Reduces Expenses for Unincorporated Residents:

Pinellas County refunds the difference between what unincorporated residents pay and what a city resident pays to join a city recreational program.

To Calculate City Tax and Expenses:

Property Taxable Value: \$ _____ divided by 1,000 = \$ _____
Subtotal A Subtotal A

\$ _____ multiplied by 4.7500 (City Tax Rate) = \$ _____ = City Property Tax
Subtotal A Subtotal D

\$ _____ multiplied by 17.2164 (Other Tax Rates*) = \$ _____ = City Property Tax
Subtotal A Subtotal E

Other Taxes and Fees:

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| 1. Your average monthly electric bill amount | \$ _____ x .16 x 12 = \$ _____ |
| 2. Your average monthly water bill amount | \$ _____ x .10 x 12 = \$ _____ |
| 3. Your average monthly gas bill amount | \$ _____ x .16 x 12 = \$ _____ |
| 4. Your average monthly telecommunications bill** amount | \$ _____ x .0622 x 12 = \$ _____ |
| 5. Your average amount of fuel oil used per month: | _____ (gallons) x \$.04 x 12 = \$ _____ |

Total of expenses annualized (add lines 1 through 5)	= \$ _____
Plus Annual Garbage Collection Cost	+ \$ 184.20
Plus Annual Stormwater Cost	+ \$ 42.84
Plus Subtotal D (City Property Tax)	+ \$ _____
Plus Subtotal E (Other Property Tax)	+ \$ _____
Total City Tax and Expenses	= \$ _____

Notes: *Other tax rates include the tax rates from various taxing authorities that are paid by all residents of Pinellas County regardless of whether residing in the unincorporated or incorporated area. These rates include taxes for Countywide, School Board, Pinellas Planning Council, Juvenile Welfare Board, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Southwest Florida Water Management District and Anclote River Basin.

**Average telecommunications bill will include cable, pagers, local and long distance service, and cell phones.

We hope that this worksheet is helpful. If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this form, please contact Jane Gillespie, the Southwest County Connection Center manager, by e-mail at jgillesp@pinellascounty.org or by phone at (727) 549-6442.

You may also contact Sarah Williams, your neighborhood planner, at (727) 464-8251, or by e-mail at swilliams@pinellascounty.org.

Choosing Your Government is an Important Decision

Understandably, you want all of the facts available to help you make the decision that is best for you. This listing is an attempt to give you some information you need to know when deciding your future.



County Services Provided

Whether You Live in the City
or Unincorporated Area

- ✦ Award-winning County Parks and Trails System Including the Pinellas Trail
- ✦ Environmental Lands Preservation and Cultural/Environmental Education Centers
- ✦ Extension Service and Florida Botanical Gardens
- ✦ Library Services Countywide Through Pinellas Public Library Cooperative
- ✦ Emergency Medical Services Through Fire Department First Responders and Countywide Sunstar Ambulance
- ✦ 9-1-1 Emergency Communications
- ✦ Emergency Management, Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Oversight
- ✦ Construction and Maintenance of Major County Highways
- ✦ Courts and Criminal Justice Facilities and Services
- ✦ Animal Control and Rabies Prevention
- ✦ Mosquito Control
- ✦ Energy-Producing Solid Waste Plant
- ✦ Air Quality Monitoring and Control
- ✦ Consumer Protection and Complaint Investigation Services
- ✦ Human Services for Veterans, Medically Needy and Homeless
- ✦ Homebuyers Assistance Programs

Currently, your local government is the county government and you are served directly by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

In addition to the countywide services, Pinellas County government currently provides these services in your unincorporated area:

- ✦ Personal Attention to Citizens' Needs Through County Connection Centers
- ✦ Progressive Recreation Enhancements, Partnerships and Reimbursement Grants to Citizens
- ✦ Neighborhood Improvement Through Enhancement Grants and Services
- ✦ Code Enforcement
- ✦ Public Works Projects, Such as Road Improvements, Traffic Control, Sidewalks and Stormwater Drainage
- ✦ Fire Protection Services Contracted Through Largo Fire Department
- ✦ Law Enforcement Services Provided Through the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
- ✦ Water and Sewer Services Provided Through Pinellas County Utilities

If annexation occurs, your local government would become the City of Largo and some of your services would change.

These are the services that would change:

- ✦ You Would be Served by Largo's Public Works for Projects, Such as Drainage, Road Maintenance and Traffic Control
- ✦ Largo Police Department Would Provide Law Enforcement Services
- ✦ The City of Largo Would Provide Development Review, Zoning and Code Enforcement
- ✦ Housing Assistance Programs Would be Provided by Largo, Including Federal Community Development Block Grants and the State Housing Incentive Partnership Program

Pinellas County's goal

is to continue to deliver our very best to citizens, no matter where they call home. Your quality of life and satisfaction with county services is important to us.



If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Southwest County Connection Center at (727) 549-6442 or Sarah Williams, your neighborhood planner, at (727) 464-8251.

***We want you to know
we're glad you're a part of
Pinellas County.***