

This worksheet is being provided by Pinellas County to help you compare your taxes and expenses in unincorporated Feather Sound with what they would be in the City of St. Petersburg. This worksheet includes those taxes, fees and charges that differ between unincorporated Feather Sound and the City of St. Petersburg. It does not include taxes, fees and charges that remain the same regardless of jurisdiction (e.g., school taxes, EMS, etc.).

To Calculate Unincorporated County Tax and Expenses:

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

\$ _____ multiplied by **7.53** (County tax rate*) = \$ _____ = County Property Tax
Subtotal A **Subtotal B**

Other Taxes and Fees:

- 1.Your average monthly telecommunications bill** amount \$ _____ x .0510 x 12 = \$ _____
- 2.Annual cost for garbage collection (varies) = \$ _____

Total of expenses annualized (lines 1 through 2) = \$ _____
Plus Subtotal B (County property tax) + \$ _____
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

\$ _____ multiplied by **7.09** (City tax rate) = \$ _____ = City Property Tax
Subtotal A **Subtotal C**

Other Taxes and Fees:

- 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 .055 x 12 = \$ _____
- 5.Average amount of fuel oil used per month: _____ (gallons) x \$.04 x 12 = \$ _____

Total of expenses annualized (lines 1 through 5) = \$ _____
Plus Annual Garbage Collection Cost + \$ 196.20
Plus Annual Stormwater Cost + \$ 60.00

Plus Subtotal C (City Property Tax) + \$ _____

Total City Tax and Expenses = \$ _____

Notes:

* County Property Tax rate = Municipal Services Tax Unincorporated (MSTU) + Fire+ Library + Feather Sound Community Services District

** 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 Frank Bowman, the Southeast County Connection Center Manager, by e-mail at fbowman@pinellascounty.org or by phone at (727) 453-7394.

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
- Environmental Lands Preservation and Cultural/Environmental Education Centers
- Florida Botanical Gardens and Extension Services
- 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 such as Bryan Dairy Rd., 113th St., Park Blvd., and Starkey Rd.
- 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 are available 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 Pinellas Park Fire Rescue
- Law Enforcement Services through the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
- Water and Reclaimed Water Service through Pinellas County Utilities
- Sewer Services through the City of Largo

If annexation occurs, your local government would become the City of St. Petersburg; yet many of your services would actually remain much the same.

- St. Petersburg would be responsible for providing certain services
- You will be served by St. Petersburg's Public Works for projects such as drainage, road maintenance and traffic control
- St. Petersburg would provide Development Review, Zoning and Code Enforcement
- Recreation Programs

What Would NOT Change If You Were Annexed

- Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services through the Countywide Sunstar Paramedic Ambulance Service and through Pinellas Park Fire Department
- Water Service through Pinellas County Utilities
- Fire Protection Services through Pinellas Park Fire Department (as the closest available fire suppression agency)
- Library Services, through the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative

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 Southeast County Connection Center at (727) 453-7394 or the Board of County Commissioners Office at 464-3377. We want you to know we're glad you're a part of Pinellas County.

