

Olde Stockdale - City of Bakersfield Annexation

The Neighborhood of Olde Stockdale has become a county island surrounded by the City of Bakersfield as growth continuously expands westward. It is inefficient for the County of Kern to service the neighborhood. There are also increased demands on our aging infrastructure (water, roads, drainage and septic systems); below is a list of issues why the residents of Olde Stockdale should seriously consider annexation into the City of Bakersfield. The recent **passage** of Measure N, a sales tax increase for the City of Bakersfield and the **failure** of a similar measure for the balance of Kern County, the City of Bakersfield will be in a much better position to provide improved safety and services to the residents of Olde Stockdale. More detailed information can be found at: https://bakersfieldcity.us/gov/depts/community_development/planning/planning_services/annexation.htm

- **Emergency and Safety Services**
 - Bakersfield Police Department (BPD) is already responding to calls within adjacent neighborhoods, whereas sheriff deputies respond from miles away, therefore response times will improve significantly; the City plans to add 100 more police officers and public safety resources within 3 years
 - BPD resources will be more readily available deter crime and speeding in our neighborhood
 - Fire and Ambulance response times will remain unchanged
- **Property Taxes/Assessments**
 - Property values are **not** reassessed when annexation occurs
 - Property Taxes would **not** increase with annexation into the City of Bakersfield
- **Water Connection**
 - Upon annexation, City is willing to evaluate options for subsuming mutual water systems into the nearby City system – City staff has indicated further analysis of existing systems in Olde Stockdale neighborhood will be required before the plan is finalized
 - If connected to City water systems, the City will require water meter to be installed and the existing infrastructure to meet City standards
 - There may be costs associated with the transition yet to be determined
 - Existing Olde Stockdale water infrastructure is old and in need of costly overhaul in the future
- **Sewer Connection**
 - Olde Stockdale properties would be eligible to connect to City sewer system (fees and connection costs would apply)
 - Sewer connection will not be mandatory for Olde Stockdale residents, and residents can determine when or if they choose to hook into the sewer assuming your septic system remains in good working order
- **Curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and Streetlights**
 - As long as there are no substantial redevelopments of the property, the City does not require curbs, gutters, sidewalks or streetlights to be installed, however each can be assessed based on community interest
 - Public streets within the neighborhood will be swept monthly by City street sweeping crews
- **School Districts**
 - Public school boundaries will remain the same and unchanged
- **Garbage, Green Waste and Recycling**
 - Basic residential refuse service within the City includes three cans: tan, green and blue
 - Tan and green cans are serviced weekly, blue cans are every other week
 - Annual City refuse costs are currently \$207 compared to \$257 for County services
- **Building Permits**
 - Building permits granted by the County of Kern will be honored by the City
 - Upon annexation, all permits will be received by the City

Information Meeting May 15, 2019, 6:00pm - Stockdale Country Club