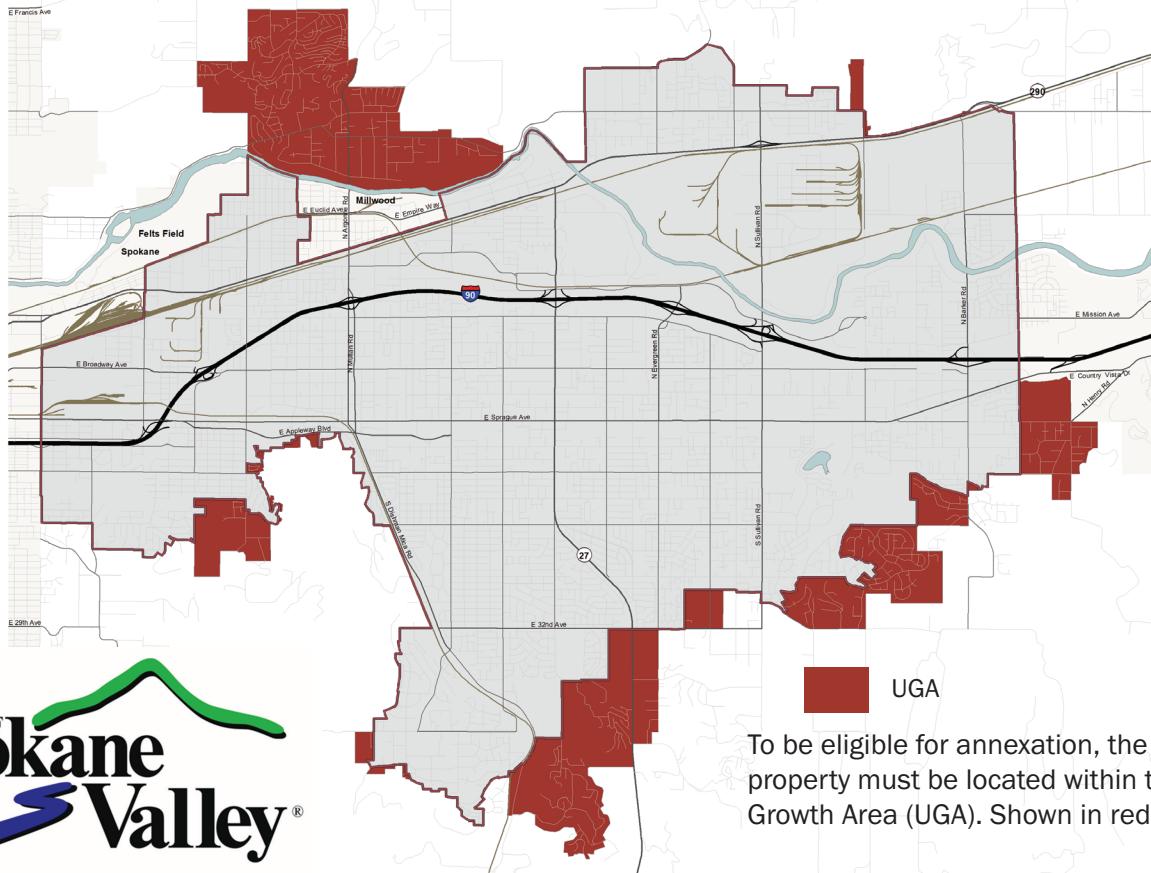


What is annexation?

Annexation is the procedure for bringing unincorporated areas of a county into an adjacent incorporated city. There are three primary forms of annexation: voter initiated election, City Council initiated election, and

direct petition. The annexed area becomes part of the city and the city becomes the primary provider of local government services.

Who is eligible for annexation?



What is the procedure for annexation?

State law governs the annexation procedures. The most frequently used method of annexation is the direct petition method outlined below.

1. Petitioners submit a Notice of Intent to Annex to the city that represents owners of not less than 10 percent of the assessed valuation.
2. City Council determines if it will accept, deny, or modify the annexation proposal to allow it to proceed to a petition. If accepted or modified, the Council shall, at this meeting, decide whether it will require:
 - The simultaneous adoption of a comprehensive plan designation and zoning; or
 - The assumption of all or any portion of existing city indebtedness by the area to be annexed.

3. If the annexation proposal is accepted or modified, proponents shall collect signatures using the city's petition form. The petition shall be signed by either:
 - Owners in the annexation area of at least 60 percent in value; or
 - Owners of a majority of the acreage and majority of registered voters.
4. The official petition form is submitted to the city, county auditor, and assessor for certification.
5. If petition is certified, the City Council holds a public hearing and makes a determination to approve or deny the annexation.