

Know the Facts *Before You Vote!*

You deserve
more than just
higher taxes,
regulations,
and *garbage
collection.*

Your guide to why voting
NO to Springdale
benefits you, your family,
and your neighborhood.



City of West Columbia
Bridging Past, Present and Future



Your future is important!

The Mayor and Council of West Columbia urge you to **consider all your options** before deciding about annexing into Springdale. The enclosed chart compares what benefits and costs you have now with what you would have after joining Springdale. The chart also shows what benefits are offered by West Columbia.

When you compare total costs with total savings, West Columbia is clearly the better choice. West Columbia residents and businesses have access to our first class fire and police protection, and our in-city water customers enjoy 50% lower water rates. **Your future is important.** To underscore that fact, **West Columbia is willing to immediately advance the benefit of lower water rates to our water customers in the proposed annexation area.**

We will offer this lower rate for up to two years in order for West Columbia to prepare a future vote on annexing into our city. **But extending lower rates is only possible if the majority votes NO to annexing to Springdale.** If the majority votes yes, the opportunity to annex into West Columbia and receive lower water rates, street light savings, and better fire protection will be lost forever.

Sincerely,

Mayor Joseph W. "Joe" Owens

You have a choice! VOTE NO on April 14th.



Know All the Facts

Costs	LEXINGTON COUNTY	SPRINGDALE	WEST COLUMBIA
Real Property Tax <small>(Based on home valued at \$100,000 using 2014 Tax Rates— Calculations based on Lexington Co. Tax Calculator)</small>	\$394.39	\$625.19	\$573.64
Personal Property Tax <small>(Based on a personal motor vehicle valued at \$20,000)</small>	\$313.81	\$383.05	\$376.58
Sanitation Collection Fees	\$191.40	\$0	\$0
Hydrant Fees <small>(Based on a \$5.00 per month for a single residence)</small>	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$0
Total Costs	\$959.60	\$1068.24	\$950.22

Water Rate Savings <small>(Based on 6,000 gallons bi-monthly)</small>	\$0	\$0	\$115.50
Sanitation Savings	\$0	\$191.40	\$191.40
Street Light Savings	\$0	\$0	\$84.00
Hydrant Fees Savings	\$0	\$0	\$60.00
Homeowners Insurance Premium Savings	\$0	\$0	Based on ISO 3 Rating
Total Savings	\$0	\$191.40	\$450.90

Because West Columbia has a **1st Class Fire Department**, the city has an **ISO 3 rating**, which is the lowest rating in Lexington County! Please check with your insurance writer to see how being a part of West Columbia can lower your property insurance premiums.

West Columbia provides the best services and most savings at the lowest cost. Save your future for something better. Vote NO to annexing into Springdale.



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