

# Tacoma Annexation of Browns Point & Dash Point Key Questions

1. **Sewers Mandated?** Will residents who do not have sewer service be mandated to connect to public sewers and what would be the cost and timeline? (Tacoma regulations require sewer hookups by all residents.)
2. **Sewer Rates?** Will we be required to pay Tacoma sewer rates (which are roughly 2x the water rates?) By how much will sewer rates be increased, on average?
3. **Increased Taxes?** What will be the difference in property taxes? Business taxes? Sales taxes? What other fees, levies, taxes, and the like will apply?
4. **Zoning Changes? Non-conforming uses?** What are the key differences in the zoning, building, and shoreline regulations? What are the specific differences in such matters as setbacks, shoreline buffer areas, permitting fees, ADUs, duplexes, and neighborhood centers? If buildings become non-conforming, what are the expansion limitations? Will we be allowed to have our own community plan as we do now, and how will it be established?
5. **Fire Service and Stations?** Will the Browns Point/Dash point fire stations remain in operation? Will the volunteer fire department and training programs be allowed to continue? What will happen to our stations and equipment? What will response times be?
6. **Road Maintenance?** Will Browns Point and Dash Point roads continue to be well maintained, or will Tacoma convert maintenance to only patching and spot repairs as is common throughout the City?
7. **Representation?** What will be our neighborhood representation? Will we have our own neighborhood council or will we be forced into participating in the NE Tacoma neighborhood council, and if so, what would be our representation on that?
8. **Debt Obligations?** What is the portion of current Tacoma accumulated debt obligations which the Browns Point/Dash Point community will become obligated to?

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