

High Pines / Ponce-Davis Annexation Facts

The City of Coral Gables has been approached by many High Pines / Ponce-Davis residents interested in annexation. To determine community support, the City will conduct a survey by mail in the near future to assess whether a strong mandate exists in the neighborhood. In the meantime, we would like to provide some important information regarding the costs and services associated with annexation, and about the City itself.

WHY ANNEX HIGH PINES / PONCE-DAVIS? High Pines/Ponce-Davis is surrounded on 3 sides by the City of Coral Gables, thus the annexation will “square-off” the City’s boundaries and enable the provision of improved services that are more efficient and available to residents. Yes, the annexation will generate additional revenue for the City, however the City Commission plans to reinvest significantly in the neighborhood. But more important than these practical reasons, is that Coral Gables understands and appreciates the history of the High Pines / Ponce-Davis neighborhood, and fully intends to preserve and enhance that rich heritage. Beyond location and dollars, the people and history of High Pines / Ponce-Davis are important factors in the decision to pursue annexation.

WHY WOULD I WANT TO BE PART OF CORAL GABLES? There are 40 U.S. cities accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International with an ISO Class 1 Rating. Of those 40, only 18 are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Of those 18, the Commission on Accreditation for Park and Recreation Agencies has accredited only 12. Of those 12, only 4 of them have a global long-term rating of AAA by Moody’s Investors Service, Standard and Poor’s, and Fitch. And of those 4, only Coral Gables has a population of less than 125,000. Join the conversation and consider becoming an integral part of Coral Gables, *a world-class city with a hometown feel!*

WHAT’S IT GOING TO COST ME?

- Property values vary widely in High Pines / Ponce-Davis so the estimated additional cost is presented below for a range of taxable home values, and includes property taxes, solid waste fee and fire fee.

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| * \$500,000 home: | + \$1,042/year or \$20/week |
| * \$1,250,000 home: | + \$1,950/year or \$38/week |
| * \$2,000,000 home: | + \$2,860/year or \$55/week |
| * \$2,750,000 home: | + \$3,760/year or \$72/week |

- Ponce-Davis Roving Patrol:** If the residents in this Special Taxing District for security, generally located south of Davis Road (SW 80th Street) and east of SW 52nd Avenue, choose to eliminate the District due to the provision of Public Safety services by City Police in the event of annexation, their annual property tax bills would be **reduced by \$1,691.**



WHAT SERVICES CAN I EXPECT?

✔ Police Response

* City emergency police response is 5:00 minutes on average; the County response averages 10:04 minutes.

* For non-emergency calls, City Police response averages 8:00 minutes; County response is 34:45 minutes on average.

✔ Fire & Emergency Medical Response

* City emergency Fire/EMS response averages 5:20 minutes; County response is estimated to be 6:50 minutes on average.

* Neighborhoods would be served by Coral Gables Fire Station 2 at 525 South Dixie Highway and Fire Station 3 at 11911 Old Cutler Road.

✔ Frequent and Convenient Residential Waste Service

* City garbage pick-up at side of house by vetted City employees – 2/week; recycling – 1/week

* County garbage pick-up curbside 2/week; recycling – once every 2 weeks

* City bulk waste pick-up 1/week; County is 2 times per year

✔ New and Upgraded Parks

* Renovate and upgrade median trail on NW 76th Street

* Purchase and construction of new neighborhood park (1/2 acre)

* Access to City parks and other recreational venues at discounted residential rate (i.e. Biltmore and Granada golf courses, UM sporting events, Kerdyk Biltmore Tennis Center)

✔ Substantial Infrastructure and Landscape Improvements

* Road resurfacing and improved drainage

* New and repaired sidewalks

* Extensive tree plantings and trimming along roads and in parks

✔ “Helping Community” Government Attitude Nearby

* Coral Gables City Hall is 4 miles from High Pines and Ponce-Davis

* Miami-Dade County Administrative Center is 10+ miles north into the center of Miami

* City “ombudsman” is available to help residents and businesses with governmental needs

* Coral Gables is very proud of its AAA bond rating from Standard and Poor’s (S&P), Fitch and Moody’s.

WILL I NEED TO BRING MY PROPERTY UP TO CORAL GABLES CODE?

No, if annexation occurs the City will work with residents and other property owners to adopt a zoning code specific for the High Pines / Ponce-Davis neighborhood containing the basic zoning requirements from the County Code. Zoning and uses that were permitted by the County Code will be legal in Coral Gables. Both the County and City are governed by the same Florida Building Code.