

It's **YOUR MONEY, YOUR COMMUNITY** and **YOUR voice**. Hurry, the clock is ticking...

# A CITY BY CHOICE

A Community With a Voice is a Community With a Choice.

Take the survey online at [www.acitybychoice.org](http://www.acitybychoice.org) and help us understand what you truly want so we can design the feasibility study to reflect your needs and aspirations.

Local control and representation empower you to:

- Manage Growth Wisely
- Build Great Neighborhoods
- Promote Economic Vitality
- Provide Efficient Public Services
- Create Safe, Livable Streets



Attend any and all 3 Community Forums designed to share what we've heard.

All programs will be from 6pm to 8pm.

- September 15th - Cedar Mill Library in Lewis Room
- October 19th - Oak Hills Church in Fireside Room
- November 8th - Rock Creek Community Church in Auditorium

## Join A City By Choice!

- Become a member and declare your right to determine the destiny of your neighborhood, town center and community!!
- Donate online via PayPal at [www.acitybychoice.org](http://www.acitybychoice.org) or send your check to PO Box 91204, Portland, OR 97291.



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## Our Community - Our Future - Who Decides?

A City By Choice believes, we, the people, who live, work and play here, should be the voice to determine how we change.

Living in unincorporated Washington County north of Highway 26 is great. Our basic needs, water, police, roads, etc, are provided via service districts.

However, we don't have a voice or choice to determine our own destiny.

How much more time and money will we spend reacting vs. creating a vision and strategy of our own?



### Our Vision:

We envision a city with a vision to the future, which provides high value services for a low cost, focused on sustainable practices. We believe we can have a Mayor and Council to represent our neighborhoods at local, regional and state levels and a proactive planning staff focused on our needs at a lower cost than annexing to Beaverton

### If we do nothing:

Metro, County and Beaverton policies have been set and agreements signed. Each entity is making daily civic planning decisions that directly and indirectly impact us. The wheels are in motion, the only problem: **you're not driving\***.

\* See our website for details on what we don't control.

**Gain Control of Your Future!** Take the Survey today!!

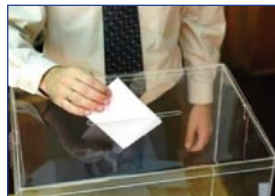
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# This is your world. Shape it or someone else will. – Gary Lew

## We want to conduct a feasibility study based on these objectives:

- Target a tax rate that is less than Beaverton's current \$4.19 total tax rate
- Have a district-based electorate system to ensure neighborhoods have representation with elected councilmen vs. Beaverton's 'at-large' electorate system
- Contract with our current service districts to keep current service levels
- Create a planning department to focus on our needs and can proactively vs. reactively plan for our future
- Have a Mayor to directly represent us in local and regional and statewide planning and policy decisions
- Obtain revenue sources which only Cities can obtain, i.e. state gas tax and franchise fees (Beaverton's state shared revenues and franchise fees are currently over 11% of their city budget for 2009/10)
- Control our own city in our own area. Obtain local control or identity is critical

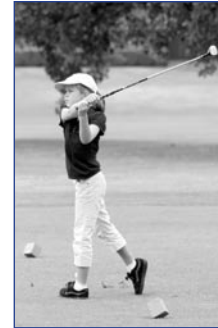
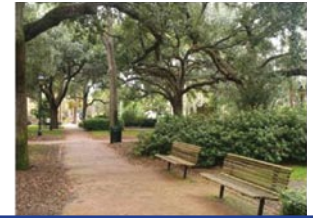


**Infill is a reality. How do we accommodate a possible ~30,500 NEW NEIGHBORS?**



**It's important that you weigh in and take the survey today!**

What will your neighborhood look like in 5 to 10 or 20 years?



## Plan of Action

Hearing from so many of you, and seeing Beaverton take an active position in annexing 299 acres North of Highway 26 by December 2010, has strengthened our resolve to **learn whether it's feasible to create our own city and what we'll get if we do nothing and wait to be annexed by Beaverton, eventually.**

### Collaborate

We're working to discover what you see as your ideal community to live, work and play in.

### Investigate

Then we'll investigate via a feasibility study\*\* to see what it would cost to enable your vision to become a reality.

Study results will compare costs and services of adjacent cities and the County. We believe you should first define what you need and your priorities, and then decide if we can collectively pay for it.

### Incorporate

The final step is to incorporate into a smart, sustainable city that is designed and structured to fit your lifestyle and the essence of our community.

**Q: How much will your house be worth after it is next to a 5-lane, tree-less street?**



**\*\* see our website for details on a feasibility study**

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