

Welcome to the City of Saskatoon! As of August 1, 2010, the City's boundaries are being altered, and our records show your property will be included in City limits.

1. What is boundary alteration?

Boundary alteration, also referred to as 'annexation' is the process of altering municipal boundaries to add territory from one municipality to another. This does not change who owns the land.

2. What is the reason for this boundary alteration?

In 2000, City Council adopted a Future Growth of Saskatoon Study that identified areas west, northeast, and east of the City for future urban growth. This boundary alteration is consistent with that growth plan. It will allow the City to do the detailed land use and servicing plans that are needed before urban development can occur. Boundary alteration does not mean that urban development will happen right away.

3. What will happen to my taxes?

Please continue to pay your taxes to the RM of Corman Park in 2010. City taxes will not take effect until 2011. The Assessment Branch will be contacting you directly to make arrangements to assess land and buildings for tax purposes.

Boundary alteration can change both the assessment of property and the property taxes. Factors that affect assessment and taxation include how large the property is, how it is classified, and what has been built on it. For information on how boundary alteration may affect your property assessment and taxes, please contact the Assessment Branch at 975-3227.

4. Who will I call in an emergency?

After August 1, 2010, for police, fire or medical emergencies, please call the emergency 911 number. For calls that are

not life and death emergencies, please call the following numbers:

- **Police Services:** General Information – 975-8300 or TTY Hearing Impaired – 975-8364
- **Fire and Protective Services:** Property Maintenance – 975-2520
- **Ambulance:** 975-8800

5. Will I get City water and sewer?

The City will not provide water or sewer services until urban development reaches your land. This process could take several years. When urban development occurs in your area, it will be preceded by a public consultation that will show how the area will be developed and what the time line will be.

When you do have City services and have questions on water and sewer issues, please call 975-2400 for water/sewer information or 975-2476 if you are experiencing water/sewer trouble.

6. Who will maintain the roads?

After August 1, 2010, the City will be responsible for maintaining all public roadways within City limits. Each year, the City schedules a variety of preservation programs to maintain our existing street infrastructure. Any roads that have not been scheduled for a major repair in the current year will receive routine maintenance consisting primarily of pothole patching and maintenance identified through customer inquiries or field staff. Residents are encouraged to help the City locate potholes and settled roadway cuts by reporting them to Public Works at 975-2491.

7. How will I get snow cleared from my road?

The City maintains 1125 kilometers of roadways, and uses a priority system to maximize use of existing resources. High traffic streets and emergency routes are cleared first, followed by thoroughfares and bus routes. During winter storms, the goal is to maintain the passability of high traffic streets and emergency routes. If you have questions about snow removal, please call the snow and ice hotline at 975-2491.

The City does not remove snow from private driveways. Please do not shovel snow from your private property onto public streets - it will stay there until spring thaw.

8. Will the City maintain the ditches next to the roads?

After August 1, 2010, the City will be responsible for maintaining ditches adjacent to roadways and they will be cut a minimum of two times per year. For high traffic roadways, this may be increased. If you have questions about the maintenance of ditches, please call 975-3300.

9. Will the City pick up my garbage?

After boundary alteration, the City will extend garbage collection to the new areas. Until that time, please maintain your current garbage collection practice. If you have questions on garbage collection and recycling, please call 975-2486.

10. Will I get City bus service or Access Transit service?

City bus service will not be extended to the new areas until urban development occurs. This process could take several years. When urban development occurs, it will be preceded by a public consultation that will show how the area will be developed and what the time line will be. For information on

current City bus service fares and routes, please call 975-3108.

Access Transit service will be available to the new areas. Access Transit provides transit service for people who are unable to use the regular transit system. Service is provided using lift-equipped buses and cabs on a shared-ride "accessible door to accessible door" basis. Anyone wanting to use the service must register before they can book trips. Registrations are taken over the telephone at 975-3555.

11. Will land uses (zoning) of my property change?

After boundary alteration, the property's current zoning under the Corman Park-Saskatoon Planning District Zoning Bylaw will remain in effect until land is rezoned under the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw. The City will consider what the most appropriate zoning would be and landowners will be contacted directly for comments on any proposal to change the zoning of their land. Zoning changes require the approval of City Council, after landowner notification, public advertising and a public hearing. If you have questions about this process, please call 975-2288.

12. Will City bylaws apply?

After August 1, 2010, City bylaws will apply. For a listing of bylaws, please visit www.saskatoon.ca and search under 'B' for Bylaws, or contact the Office of the City Clerk at 975-3240 for further assistance.

13. What ward will I be in? Who will be my Councillor?

After boundary alteration, the ward boundaries will be extended to incorporate the new areas. To see the current ward boundaries and their representatives, please visit www.saskatoon.ca and search under 'C' for City Council – Ward

Councillors. If you have questions about municipal representation and ward boundaries, please call the Office of the City Clerk at 975-3240.

14. Will my address change? How will I get my mail?

Boundary alteration will not change your street address or the method of obtaining your mail. Street addressing and mail delivery will change when urban development reaches your land; this process could take several years. When urban development does occur, it will be preceded by a public consultation that will show how the area will be developed and what the time line will be. If you have questions about street addressing, please call 975-2837. If you have questions about mail delivery, please call Canada Post at 1-866-607-6301.

15. Will my child be required to attend a city school after boundary alteration? If so, will school buses be available?

Families living on land within the City of Saskatoon have the opportunity to enrol their children in either Saskatoon's public schools or Catholic schools. People of all faiths and backgrounds are welcome at Saskatoon Public Schools. Transportation to public schools in Saskatoon is provided once sufficient urban development occurs in the new area. Saskatoon Public Schools would be happy to review and assess the need for bus service to any new area should there be significant student interest. For further information, please see 'Frequently Asked Questions' on the Saskatoon Public Schools' website at:

<http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca>

If you wish to have your child attend schools in the Catholic system, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools encompasses all areas included in the boundary alteration; as such

there will be no changes to the location of your child's schooling. Transportation is provided for students in rural areas that are part of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, which, as noted, includes the entire area that is included in the boundary alteration. For further information please contact Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools at 659-7020.

16. What will happen to farming operations?

As noted above, after boundary alteration, the City will consider what the most appropriate zoning of land would be under the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw. Any proposed zoning changes require direct notification to landowners, public advertising, a public hearing, and City Council approval. For information on how City zoning may affect your farming operation, please call 975-2659.

17. I have a business on my property; will I need a City of Saskatoon business license?

After August 1, 2010, all commercial and industrial operations will require a City of Saskatoon Commercial Business License. Agricultural operations do not require a City of Saskatoon Business License unless the product produced is sold directly to the consumer from the site. Please contact the Business License Program for additional information regarding business license requirements and available resources. Please visit our website at www.saskatoon.ca and search under 'B' for Business License or call our office at 975-2658 or 975-7710.

18. I operate a business out of my home; will I need a City of Saskatoon business license?

Yes, after August 1, 2010, businesses that are based at or operate from the home will require a City of Saskatoon Home Based Business License. Please contact the Business License Program for additional information regarding business license requirements and available resources. Please visit our website at www.saskatoon.ca and search under 'B' for Business License or call our office at 975-2658 or 975-7710.

19. Will I still be able to have a fire pit?

Yes, fire pits are allowed in the City, but the following regulations will apply after August 1, 2010:

1. Fire must be contained within a non-combustible appliance constructed of material such as cement, brick, or metal of at least 18 gauge, and covered with a heavy metal screen with opening no larger than 13 millimetres.
2. The size of the fire box of any outdoor burning facility shall not exceed 0.61 cubic metres.
3. Only cut, seasoned wood or charcoal shall be used to fuel outdoor fires.

In addition, all outdoor fires must have responsible supervision at all times, and no

person shall light an outdoor fire when weather conditions are conducive to creating a running fire or allowing the smoke from the fire to be a nuisance to another person. If you have any questions, please call Saskatoon Fire & Protective Services at 975-2520 or visit www.saskatoon.ca and search under 'B' for Bylaws (see Bylaw 7990 - The Fire and Protective Services Bylaw, Section 18).

20. Will I need to license my dog or cat, or keep it on a leash?

After August 1, 2010, Bylaw No. 7860 – The Animal Control Bylaw will apply. This bylaw provides for the licensing and control of cats and dogs, as well as regulations for pigeons, and exotic and wild animals. All cats and dogs over four months old must be licensed, and all cats and dogs must wear a collar with a valid license tag whenever they are off the premises of the owner. In addition, dogs are only permitted to be off-leash in designated off-leash areas. For more details on The Animal Control Bylaw and the locations of off-leash areas, please visit www.saskatoon.ca and search 'A' for Animal Services or call 975-3240.

If we have not addressed a topic that you would like to know more about, please visit the City of Saskatoon website at www.saskatoon.ca and look under 'W' for "Whose Job Is It?" in the alphabetical listing.

If you have further questions, please contact:

City of Saskatoon Community Services Department, Planning and Development Branch
Phone (306) 975-2288 or email city.planning@saskatoon.ca
Look under 'P' for Planning & Development on www.saskatoon.ca