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SERVICES

FACT:

Sanitation service would be improved and would cost less if Sandy Springs joined Atlanta. In addition to two garbage collections each week, residents would receive other services now available only within the city limits: rubbish pickup, street cleaning, gutter cleaning, and sanitary inspection.

Sandy Springs now has two rates for residential garbage collection, \$28 or \$35 a year, depending on location. Inside the city the <u>maximum</u> residential charge is \$22 a year.

FACT:

Water bills inside the city are one-half those outside the city. Most homes and businesses in Sandy Springs already get their water from the city under an arrangement between the city and the county. However, users outside the city are billed at a double rate. The minimum monthly rate inside Atlanta is \$1.57; outside it is \$3.14. Therefore, the annual savings on water bills in the city is at least \$18.84. And since most homes use more than the minimum water supply, savings for most people would be even greater.

FACT:

If your home is already on a sewer line, you would continue receiving regular service with no changes or special charges. There is strong likelihood of a sewer service charge in the city to help finance its part of the metropolitan sewer system. Since Fulton County is part of the system, it would have to raise its portion of the financing by a sewer service charge or other means.

If your home is now served by a working septic tank, you would be affected only if a new sewer line were extended to your street. This is always by petition of residents. If, after neighborhood petition, you received sewer service for the first time, your property would be assessed at the regular \$3.50 per front foot rate plus \$80

to \$120 for connecting your home to the sewer line. You would be given up to six years to pay the assessment.

This assessment system already exists in the county as well as in the city. In other words, whether Atlanta or the county improves the sewer system, assessments will be charged.

FACT:

While most streets in Sandy Springs are in good or average condition, there are some below average streets. The city has pledged to assign a high priority to re-surfacing these streets within the next year. The cost of re-surfacing and maintainence of already paved streets is borne by the city. Initial paving of streets and sidewalks in the city is done only after neighborhood petition. Assessments for sidewalks is about \$2.60 per front foot, and property owners may take up to 4 years to pay. Charges for street paving and curbing range from \$6.50 to \$7.50 per front foot and owners are allowed up to 10 years to pay for street paving and 5 years for curbing.

Sidewalks in front of schools are installed at city expense with no petition required. At present two schools in Sandy Springs are without sidewalks.

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SANITATION, SEWERAGE, WATER SERVICE, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS . . . THESE ARE BASIC BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL NEEDS. GIVE SANDY SPRINGS THE ADVANTAGES OF IMPROVED AND EXPANDED CITY SERVICES.

VOTE "YES" MAY 11

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