

The City's boundaries were altered, as of August 1, 2010. We have compiled information about the City of Saskatoon that you may find useful.

**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.

- **Police Services:** General Information – 975-8300 or TTY Hearing Impaired – 975-8364
- **Fire and Protective Services:** Property Maintenance – 975-2828
- **Ambulance:** 975-8800

**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 allows 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. The boundary alteration became official as of August 1, 2010.

**5. Will I get City water and sewer?**

The City will not provide water or sewer services to the new areas until urban development occurs there. This process could take many 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. The cost to provide water and sewer service is the responsibility of the property owner. Existing water service provided by Sask Water will continue to be provided by Sask Water until such time as redevelopment occurs.

**3. What will happen to my assessment and taxation?**

Boundary alteration can change both the assessment of property and the property taxes. Factors that affect assessment and taxation include and are not limited to, how large the property is, how it is classified, and what has been built on it.

For information on property assessment, please contact the Assessment Branch at 975-3227.

For information on taxation, please contact the Revenue Branch at 975-2400.

When you do have City services and have questions on water and sewer issues, please call 975-2454 for water/sewer information or 975-2460 if you are experiencing water/sewer trouble.

**4. Who will I call in an emergency?**

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:

**6. Who will maintain the roads?**

The City is 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?**

The City is responsible for maintaining ditches adjacent to roadways and they will be cut a minimum of two times per year. If you have questions about the maintenance of ditches, please call 975-3300.

**9. Will the City pick up my garbage?**

The City will not extend garbage collection services to the new areas until urban development occurs there. This process could take many 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 timeline will be. Until that time, please maintain your current garbage collection practice. If you have questions about the Saskatoon Waste Management Facility (Spadina Landfill) or recycling options, please call 975-2486.

Access to the South Corman Park and Northern landfills is available for a fee.

**What should I do if I find garbage dumped on a road or in the ditches?**

Items that are discarded on the road or in the ditches will be picked up by the City, as time permits. To report dumped garbage, please call Central Dispatch at 975-2476.

**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 there. This process could take many 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 timeline will be. For information on current City bus service fares and routes, please call 975-3100.

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?**

Your 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 is currently considering the most appropriate zoning for each parcel, and landowners will be notified regarding 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 975-2658.

**12. Will City bylaws apply?**

City bylaws apply. For a listing of bylaws, please visit [www.saskatoon.ca](http://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?**

Ward boundaries and their representatives' information will be updated to reflect the new areas prior to the 2012 civic election. The updated information will be available on the website, please visit [www.saskatoon.ca](http://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 does 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 and as a result, Canada Post deems it necessary to do so; 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 timeline will be. If you have questions about street addressing, please call 975-2657. If you have questions about mail delivery, please call Dale White at Canada Post at 306-668-6700 ext 2045.

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

Families living within the City of Saskatoon can 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 is happy to review and assess the need for bus service to any new area if there is significant interest. For further information, please visit the on Saskatoon Public Schools' website at: [www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca)

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools welcomes people who choose to have their child(ren) receive a Catholic faith-based education. The school division encompasses all areas included in the boundary alteration; as such there will be no changes to the location of your child's schooling if he or she is already attending a Catholic school. Transportation is provided for students in rural areas that are part of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, which, as noted, includes the entire area in the boundary alteration. For further information please contact Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools at 659-7020.

**16. What will happen to farming operations?**

In most cases, existing farming operations may continue as established, until such time as urban development occurs. For information on how City zoning may affect your farming operation, please call the Planning and Development Branch at 975-2645.

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

All commercial and industrial operations 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](http://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?**

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](http://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 apply

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 975-2828 or visit [www.saskatoon.ca](http://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?**

The Animal Control Bylaw applies and 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. Note that if the pet has a micro chip this does not negate the need to renew annual the pet license. 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](http://www.saskatoon.ca) and search 'A' for Animal Services or call 385-7387.

**If you have further questions, please contact:**

City of Saskatoon Community Services Department, Planning and Development Branch

Phone (306) 975-1432 or email [city.planning@saskatoon.ca](mailto:city.planning@saskatoon.ca)

Visit the City of Saskatoon website at [www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca)

(look under 'P' for Planning & Development in the alphabetical listing)