

THE PROVISION OF SERVICES

The Provision of Services under Section 13 (1) (b)

Services in the Next Five Years

It is anticipated that services to the Area will be improved within the next five years as a result of the annexation of the Area. It is not reasonably anticipated that existing services will be reduced within the next five years as a result of the annexation of the Area. The following discussion outlines proposed services provision.

Taxes in the Next Five Years

It is not reasonable to anticipate that ad valorem taxes will need to be adjusted in the next five years, to provide services to the Area. This includes services required by the Comprehensive Plan. Any level of service issue that is outlined in the City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan, 1991-2001 or the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, which ever applies at the time of development, must be addressed.

Police Services

Upon the effective date of annexation, police services will be provided to the Area by the Gainesville Police Department, utilizing similar planning strategies as provided within the existing City limits. The level of services will be dependent upon identified crime patterns and service demand within a prescribed area. In accordance with current policing policies, this current level of service will be extended to the Area, depending upon the level of demand for law enforcement services in other areas.

Police services to be provided include preventive patrol and criminal apprehension, criminal investigations, special operations, crime prevention, neighborhood police services, crime scene processing, Police Service Technicians, air support, traffic management, combined communications, and other support services including planning and research, fiscal management, records management, crime analysis, automated information services, property and evidence management, personnel and recruitment, and training.

In order to insure an efficient transition of law enforcement services, the City intends to enter into a supplemental law enforcement contract with the Alachua County Sheriff. This contract would provide payments to the Sheriff in exchange for law enforcement services within the annexed area during the first three years following the date of annexation.