



Frequently Asked Questions

C-4 Annexation

Why is the city considering annexation of approximately 7,133 acres?

Starbase is following a formal, transparent process to establish a cohesive city border that would allow for more efficient coordination with federal and state partners including the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services and others. The goal is to both ensure the safety and security of our community, while improving operational efficiencies with all area stakeholders.

Why is this happening now?

As a newly incorporated city, this is the appropriate time to establish clear, orderly boundaries and a framework for growth rather than reacting later without planning tools in place.

Does this annexation immediately change taxes or regulations for residents?

No. On February 18, 2026, the Starbase City Commission passed a resolution of intent only. Per state law, the annexation is following required notices, public hearings, and opportunities for property owners to participate before anything becomes final.

How are property owners being notified and involved?

State law requires notices, public hearings, and opportunities for input. The city is committed to making information accessible and encouraging participation throughout the process.

When will property owners be notified of public hearings?

Property owners will be notified by mail. The dates and times of public hearings are also available on the city website: starbase.texas.gov.

Will property owners who cannot attend the public hearings be able to view the public hearings either via a live broadcast or video of the meeting?

The City of Starbase does not currently provide a live broadcast of the City Commission meetings. City Commission meeting minutes are available and posted on the city website generally 30 days after each meeting. In addition, State law requires that, prior to this annexation, that the City Commission must conduct three public hearings. So, if a property owner cannot attend one of the public hearings, there are two other opportunities to attend a hearing and offer comments.

If a property owner cannot attend any of the public hearings, can they provide written comments?

Property owners can provide written comments to the City Clerk (gretchen.norton@starbase.texas.gov) and these comments will be provided to the City Commission.

Will property owners be allowed to vote on the annexation?

Property owners will be provided a petition to sign indicating whether or not they want to be annexed into the area. However, the actual vote on the annexation will be conducted by the City Commission in September 2026.

What environmental or coastal impacts are being considered as the city expands?

Environmental stewardship and long-term land management are core considerations in planning decisions and will continue to be part of future discussions.

Does this set a precedent for more annexations?

Each potential annexation is evaluated individually.

How is Starbase coordinating with Cameron County and neighboring jurisdictions?

Coordination with county and local partners is ongoing to ensure planning efforts are aligned and services are delivered efficiently.

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