CITY OF SEQUIM

FACT SHEET

Sequim City Limits

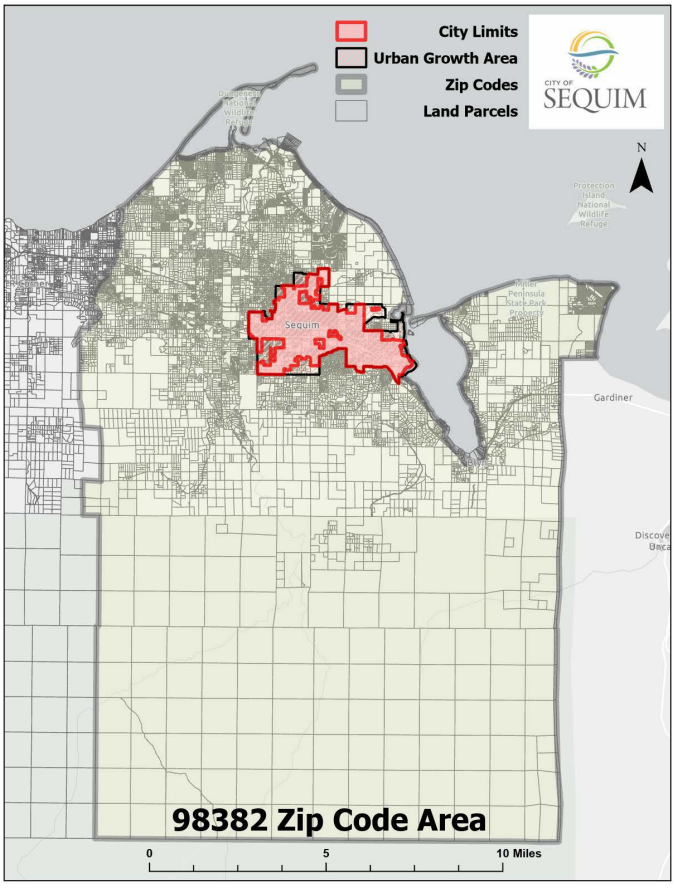
SUMMARY

The City of Sequim was incorporated in 1913. The City government is responsible for providing municipal services to residents and businesses within the city limits. The City of Sequim is located in the Sequim-Dungeness Valley in Clallam County. The area surrounding the City of Sequim relies on Clallam County for municipal services.

BACKGROUND

The City of Sequim and portions of unincorporated eastern Clallam County share the 98382 ZIP code with a Sequim, Washington address. The 98382 ZIP code is comprised of approximately 171 square miles, while the City of Sequim is only 6.37 square miles. There are approximately 32,000 people living in the 98382 ZIP code area. City and County residents rely on the amenities in the City of Sequim for shopping, services, and recreation, meaning that the City serves a much larger population than the 8,600 residents who live within the city limits.

The City borders are jagged, and there are islands of unincorporated lands within the city limits. This can confuse residents as to whether they are City or County residents and who they should rely on for services, such as public safety, snow removal, street maintenance, land use, and water and sewer utilities.



CURRENT STATUS

The City of Sequim provides water and sewer utilities, land use and planning services, public safety services through the Police Department, and street maintenance and improvements, including snow removal on public streets, for City residents. The City also provides parks and other facilities that both City and County residents use.

Policy decisions for the City of Sequim are the responsibility of the seven-member City Council, who are elected by the City of Sequim residents. Policy decisions for Clallam County are the responsibility of the three-member Board of County Commissioners, who are elected by County residents.

When problems arise, or services are needed, residents living in the County often contact the City of Sequim for assistance, which the City cannot usually provide. Residents will receive quicker and more efficient service if they understand whether their need or concern is a City or a County issue.

CITY OR COUNTY RESIDENT?

The best way to confirm whether a property is within the city limits or in unincorporated Clallam County is to search for the property on the Clallam County Multipurpose Map. The gray areas represent properties that are in the City of Sequim limits. The white areas are in unincorporated Clallam County.

HOW CAN I ANNEX INTO THE CITY?

If your property is located in an "Urban Growth Area" on the County's Multipurpose Map and you are interested in joining the City of Sequim, please contact the Sequim Department of Community Development at 360-683-4908 with questions regarding annexation into the City of Sequim.

There is an annexation process per Washington State Law and codified in Sequim Municipal Code SMC 18.84 that provides a pathway for properties within the City's Urban Growth Area to annex into the City.