

PITTSTON TOWNSHIP-PITTSTON CITY STAUFFER POINTE ANNEXATION PROPOSAL

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q) I am a current Pittston Township resident living in the Stauffer Pointe development. Am I affected by the transfer of land to the city?

A) **No.** The proposed annexed territory to Pittston City would only affect any undeveloped property (land) in Stauffer Pointe. Pittston Township is **NOT** merging with Pittston City. Any properties currently built or under construction in Pittston Township **WILL** remain in Pittston Township. Therefore, you still would pay real estate taxes to Pittston Township and you will still maintain the same Pittston Township services, such as garbage collection, property rebate, etc.

Q) How will the proposed annexation BENEFIT Pittston Township?

A) Pittston Township will benefit greatly financially with the proposed annexation. Under the currently proposed agreement with Pittston City, Pittston Township will collect 35% from Pittston City using the Pittston City rates. For example, under the proposed agreement, Pittston Township will receive approximately 2.8 mills of Pittston City's 8.1 real estate tax millage of the assessed value of the properties that will be developed in Stauffer Pointe. That would be higher than the current millage in Pittston Township of 1.9. Additionally, Pittston Township will receive from Pittston City 0.9% of the City's Earned Income Tax collected from the properties. That would be higher than the current collected Earned Income Tax percentage in Pittston Township of 0.5%. Finally, Pittston Township will receive approximately 1.225% of Pittston City's realty transfer tax collected. This would be greater than the 0.5% rate that Pittston Township charges in realty transfer tax.

Q) What kind of properties are expected to be built in the undeveloped portion of Stauffer Pointe?

A) The properties expected to be built are townhomes and single family houses that are expected to be sold for over \$350,000. There will be no Section 8 or federally designated housing that will be built in that area.