



December 12th, 2023

Dear Resident;

As you may be aware, the City of Stacy and Lent Township have been in the process of an orderly annexation. The order approving the annexation was issued by the Minnesota Boundary Adjustment Unit on August 30th, 2023. The effective date of the order is December 29th, 2023. Please visit our website at www.stacymn.org and click the Stacy-Lent Annexation tab to view documents related to the annexation as well as get information on current happenings. If you have questions about the orderly annexation, please feel free to contact us.

With this annexation, the City of Stacy will be holding a special election on April 9, 2024. This is particularly important given that the citizens of the Township will no longer be represented by the Township officials they elected and a special election will offer Township residents a voice in selecting their representatives. The Amended Joint Resolution provides that current city council members will remain in office until the time that the election is held, ensuring that the City of Stacy remains a functioning governmental entity until a new city council is seated.

The agreement calls for an election of all five city council positions. Two council members shall be elected from the ward made up of the prior Township territory and two of them shall be elected from the boundaries of the City of Stacy before the annexation. Additionally, the council shall have an at-large Mayor, elected by all residents of the newly combined City. Due to the timing of the special election, two of the council seats (with the 2nd most votes from each ward) and the Mayor's term will go up for re-election during the next general election on November 5, 2024, resulting in an initial eight-month term for those seats. The two council seats that received the most votes (one from each ward) will stay seated until the 2026 general election.

Residents wishing to run for a seat on the City Council for the combined City of Stacy are able to file for candidacy from Tuesday, January 30, 2024 through Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Please file for candidacy in person at the Stacy City Hall located at 30955 Forest Blvd., Stacy, MN 55079. The polling place for the combined city will be the Lent Town Hall located at 33155 Hemingway Ave., Stacy, MN 55079.

As of December 29, 2023, the Township will cease to exist as a separate entity and shall be fully incorporated within the City of Stacy. There will be a transitional period between the effective date of the annexation and the special election, where the Township and City staff will merge to the newly combined City of Stacy and temporary offices/hours will be set until the special election is held and the new council is seated in May of 2024. Current Township and City staff will be employed under the newly combined City, so you will still see the same friendly faces! Shortly after the new Council is seated, they will begin work on a detailed plan for the utilization of all buildings, facilities, vehicles, and equipment owned by the newly combined city.



The current Stacy City Hall and Lent Town Hall will be staffed by the clerks and finance departments after the annexation per the following schedule:

Stacy City Hall

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday	Closed

Lent Town Hall

Monday	Closed (Please visit City Hall or call for an appointment)
Tuesday	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Closed (Please visit City Hall or call for an appointment)
Thursday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday	Closed

The Maintenance/Public Works department hours will be Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Public Works can be contacted by calling 651-253-7399.

If you have questions going forward about developing your land, zoning, building permits, and elections, please contact the clerks and finance department at 651-462-4486.

All building permits will be processed and inspected by Chisago County except residential fences under 6', signs, driveways, and utility water connections. These permits will be processed by the City's clerks' department. Chisago County Environmental Services can be reached at 651-213-8370.

Here are some other noteworthy matters for your information:

- If you reside in the current Township, your 2024 property tax statement will still list Lent as your local unit of government as it is too late to change the name of your city this year. The property taxes you pay in 2024 will be based on the tax rate determined by the Lent Town Board in 2023. In 2025, the City of Stacy will be listed as your local government unit, and the tax rate will be determined by the newly elected council for the combined City of Stacy.
- In terms of zoning, the plans and controls in place at the time prior to annexation will remain in effect for the respective areas (City/Township). The annexation agreement provides that all parcels of land annexed shall retain the rights and privileges currently enjoyed by those parcels, regardless of new ordinances, for the longer of 180 months or until the primary use of the parcel shall change. This includes, but isn't limited to, outdoor burning; hunting, shooting, trapping; use of ATV's, snowmobiles, and other offroad vehicles; keeping of pets and livestock; and all other reasonable uses currently permitted under local and county ordinances, as well as state and federal laws.



- Starting in December 2023, meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission, Stacy Economic Development Authority, and other committees will be at the Lent Town Hall to allow for full resident participation in the larger space. Agendas, meeting packets, minutes, fee schedule, budget information, maps, city code, and other information are available on the city's website: www.stacymn.org. Residents are encouraged to attend public meetings, listen in on meetings via Webex, and join commissions and committees for the newly combined city.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns throughout this process. We are here to serve the residents of the newly combined city, and look forward to working with you!