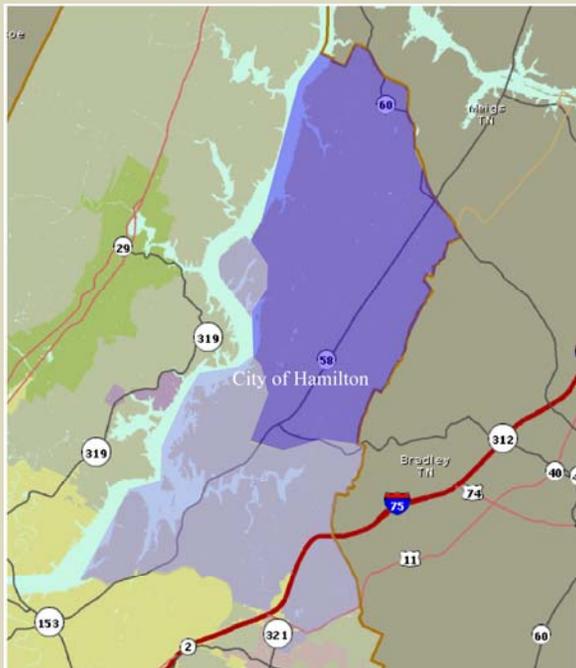




NOW IS THE TIME!

The Friends of Hamilton is an effort to incorporate the north end of Hamilton County and provide the residents a choice instead of FORCED annexation from the City of Chattanooga. Annexation by Chattanooga will force property owners to pay upwards of 90% more in property taxes and face new fees and restrictions while not providing you with a voice.

Don't sit by and lose your choice!



ABOUT US

The Friends of Hamilton is focused on incorporating the new city of Hamilton, Tennessee. The organization is comprised of residents, businesses and community groups from all walks of life in the area of Ooltewah, Harrison, Georgetown, Birchwood and surrounding areas. We recognize the dysfunction of metro government and the lack of responsiveness from the city of Chattanooga government over 20+ miles away. Our goal is to keep planning and management local in the hands of the citizens of Hamilton, while maintaining a small government and keeping tax dollars under local control.

Friends of Hamilton is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization of concerned citizens working to incorporate a new city – Hamilton, Tennessee.

Friends Of Hamilton



Community Effort to Incorporate
City of Hamilton, Tennessee

AT A GLANCE

Chattanooga	Hamilton
Tax rate \$2.309 per \$100	Tax rate \$1.25 per 100
Vehicle Fee	none
Pet Registration Fee	none
Month Franchise Fee	none
City Sales Tax	none
Water Quality Fee	none
*Businesses pay a lot more	
Services	
Chattanooga Fire	Hamilton County Fire
Chattanooga Police Dept	Hamilton County Sheriff
Chattanooga Waste Mgmt	None - private business
Sewer & Stormwater	HCSWD

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THE TIME IS NOW!

GET INVOLVED! Friends of Hamilton is a Community Effort to Incorporate the City of Hamilton

Background

For years, the current Chattanooga mayor has made no secret of his desire to annex more of Ooltewah, Harrison and nearby areas. Cleveland is making similar moves into western portions of Bradley County towards Georgetown and Birchwood. State law makes it easy for cities to annex adjacent territory within stated urban growth boundaries. That's why Chattanooga's mayor wants to extend urban growth boundaries from those agreed upon in 2001.

Northern Hamilton County is poised for growth, with VW and Wacker plants stimulating employment and plans being developed for a bridge across the Tennessee River linking Soddy-Daisy to Highway 58. Visions of dollar signs are dancing in Chattanooga and Cleveland mayors' heads. *And that's not likely to change* when the current officeholders' terms expire. *The same temptations will appeal to different leaders.*

Proper use of funds in a down economy?



Do you really want to contribute to more \$32,000 blue rhinos and other public art projects in Downtown Chattanooga – in the midst of a bad recession while noting that services promised to businesses and residents in the last annexation have yet to be delivered?

At the same time Chattanooga's police and fire departments continue to be notably undermanned and underfunded while Chattanooga's outdated public employee union pension plans drain valuable tax dollars away from our community.

You DO have a choice.

Our goal for the new city is to maintain a flat infrastructure with limited property taxes mandated by the state, similar to Walden and Lakesite. The planning and revenue collection will stay in our community instead of being managed by a Chattanooga Mayor and City Council more than 20 miles away.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1 Sign our Petition

Sign and Return our petition.

NOTE: You must be a registered voter in Hamilton County and REQUIRED to sign in front of a trusted witness. This can be a spouse, a bank, postal employee who is verifiable by the court system if required. Information on the petition can be found at our website:

<http://www.friendsofhamilton.org/petition>

2 Donate to Help Raise Money

The effort requires resources to cover legal and various expenses. We need your help with donations, sponsorships from business and in-kind services. Please donate via PayPal on our website or mail a check to:

Friends Of Hamilton
P.O. Box 793
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3 Get Involved!

Volunteer to spread the word, provide professional services, canvass for petition signers or for other work that needs to be done.

Visit our website to sign up. Even if you are outside the boundary there are other ways you can participate. We want your voice to count!

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