

# Rate Comparison

Pinellas County vs. City of Largo

	Pinellas County	City of Largo
Total Millage Rate	21.4066	21.0013
Stormwater Rate	\$117.74	\$79.80
Utility Tax	-	10%
Franchise Fee	-	6%
Garbage Service	\$30/month	\$21.18/month



## Millage Rate

As an unincorporated property owner you pay three separate fees under your ad valorem taxes: a Largo fire fee, a MSTU fee, and a library service fee. All three together total a millage rate of 6.1466. If annexed into the City, these three fees would go away and only a Largo fee would appear under your taxes which is a millage rate of 5.7413. Therefore your overall total millage rate would be lower.



## Stormwater Rate

A single-family property on average pays \$117.74 annually in unincorporated Pinellas County versus \$79.80 annually in the City of Largo. In unincorporated Pinellas County rates are determined by a tier system, where the average single-family property falls under the Medium tier (1,577 to 4,368 sq. ft. of impervious surface area). The City of Largo does not use a tier system but rather the monthly fees are based on an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU), which is an impervious surface of 2,257 square feet for an average single-family property. The monthly fee based on 1 ERU is \$6.65. In regards to billing, Pinellas County collects the fee at the end of the year through the tax bill as a non-ad valorem assessment and the City of Largo bills the fee on a bi-monthly basis.



## Utility Tax

The City levies a utility tax on the purchase of electricity, metered or bottled gas, fuel oil, and water service. This tax is levied at the state-allowed maximum of \$0.04 per gallon of fuel oil, and 10% of services provided for the remaining utilities. This 10% tax appears on your Duke Energy utility bill when annexed.



## Franchise Fee

Public Utilities must pay a franchise fee to the City in return for the right to use public rights-of-way for transmission lines, pipes, wires, etc. This 6% fee also appears your Duke Energy utility bill when annexed.



## Garbage Service

In the City of Largo, residential curbside solid waste collection is \$21.18/month (billed bi-monthly) and includes twice a week pick-up service for regular garbage, once per week pick-up for recycled items, once per week pick-up for yard waste, and four free bulk service pick-ups per year. Trash cans are provided by the City. Pinellas County does not offer solid waste collection for unincorporated residents. These residents must hire a private solid waste contractor in order to obtain service. The average price for a private solid waste contractor is \$30 a month and typically does not bundle services as the City of Largo does.