



TOWN OF YORKVILLE

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON INCORPORATION

As development takes place throughout Racine County, the Town Board is taking **proactive steps to ensure Yorkville has the tools it needs to control its own future.**

The Town is seeking approval from voters to incorporate into a Village, which will **enable our community to control its own borders and decision-making authority.**

Residents will have an opportunity to vote on this change as part of a referendum on the April 3, 2018 ballot.

WHAT IS INCORPORATION?

Incorporation is the process of constituting a community as a legal municipality. **In Wisconsin, towns seek incorporation as a tool to acquire greater independence.** Upon referendum approval, Yorkville would transition from a Town into a Village.

WHY IS YORKVILLE SEEKING INCORPORATION NOW?

Special state legislation grants towns adjacent to the planned Foxconn campus the opportunity to incorporate, making it possible for Yorkville to easily incorporate without meeting the state's standard requirements for incorporation.

Normally, incorporation is a legally challenging, expensive, and time intensive process, but the **state legislation simplifies the process, enabling incorporation through community approval of the April 3, 2018 referendum question.**

NEXT STEPS

April 3

Referendum vote on incorporation

Mid-to-late April

Town Board determines size of Village Board and sets election date

Early-to-mid June

Special election for Village Board

April 2019

Regular Spring election for Village Board



VOTE TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018

POLLING LOCATION:

Union Grove Municipal Center
(925 15th Avenue, Union Grove)

ABSENTEE VOTING:

Monday, March 19 – Friday, March 30
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

(in person at the Yorkville Town Office in the Union Grove Municipal Center)

Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail: **March 29, 4:30 p.m.**

TOWN OF YORKVILLE INCORPORATION REFERENDUM

**VOTE TUESDAY
APRIL 3, 2018**

WHAT WOULD CHANGE?



Geographic Autonomy:

Protects against annexation of Yorkville properties into neighboring Villages or Cities and provides Yorkville control over its own destiny and geographic boundaries



Governmental Autonomy:

Gives Yorkville control over planning and zoning, providing control over future development



Economic Development:

Enables Yorkville to utilize economic development tools, like Tax Increment Financing (TIF)



Greater Revenue Opportunities:

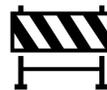
Enables Yorkville to apply for additional federal, state and local grants that are only available to incorporated communities



Village Government Structure:

State Statutes set a default size of a Village Board as seven, which includes a Village President and six Trustees. However, the Town Board has the ability to establish a five-member board.

WHAT WOULD NOT CHANGE?



Public Services: For the foreseeable future the Town would continue to rely on the County to perform most routine public works services. Residents will continue to have access to the current Solid Waste and Recycling site.



Police & Fire Services: Yorkville would continue to utilize law enforcement services from the Racine County Sheriff's Department and fire/rescue services from the Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department.



Ordinances: The Town's current ordinances will continue to remain in force throughout the newly created Village until altered or repealed, unless specifically contrary to State Statutes.



Municipal Expenses: There will be minor costs associated with the incorporation process — for example, we would need to create signage and letterhead — but no major changes in overall ongoing costs for Yorkville.