

WHEATON PARK DISTRICT Purchase of Residency Benefits by Non-Residents POLICY

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Purchase of Residency Benefits by Non-Residents

The Wheaton Park District understands that non-residents who live outside of the district boundaries and do not pay taxes to the district will participate in programs offered by the district. Non- residents are permitted to participate in District programs, but District residents have the opportunity to register prior to non-residents, and non-residents will be required to pay the appropriate non-resident fees prior to participating.

Property owners who either reside in unincorporated territory or outside of the corporate boundaries of the Park District, but within the corporate boundaries of School Districts 200 or 89, may obtain Wheaton Park District resident status by paying a fee equal to the Park District property tax amount that would be paid if the property was located within the Park District boundaries. Such property owners will be charged the assessed valuation of their property, less the homestead exemption, multiplied by the current Wheaton Park District tax rate. To determine the fee, property owners must provide one of the following:

- The property owner's most recent property tax bill.
- A copy of the property owner's assessment notice or assessment advice (which gives the assessed valuation) issued by the township assessor's office.

Renters who either live in unincorporated territory or outside of the corporate boundaries of the Park District, but within the corporate boundaries of School Districts 200 or 89, also may obtain resident status and will pay an annual amount equal to 15% of their monthly rent payment. Renters must present a current lease, rent receipt, or copy of a cancelled rent check.

Nonresident property owners or renters must pay the appropriate fee annually to maintain resident status. There will be no refunds or prorations of the fee.

Nonresident property owners who are eligible to annex their property into the Park District Corporate Boundaries are not eligible to purchase resident status in the manner outlined in this policy.