

BIG SKY GOVERNANCE STUDY

Key Findings and Scenarios

Purpose

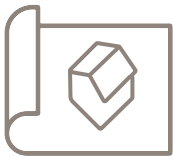
A neutral, data-driven analysis of potential local governance structures for the Big Sky community.

Assumptions



2,357

Estimated resident population within Incorporation boundary



\$1.6M

Avg. owner-occupied home within Incorporation boundary

\$2.7M

Avg. owner-occupied home within County boundary

Community-Defined Priorities



Community Representation

A direct, local voice in decision-making and accountability



Coordination of Service Gaps

Addressing fragmented service delivery



Implementation Barriers

Legal, administrative, and political feasibility of a new structure



Impacts to Resort Tax

Effect on collection, allocation, and stability of the resort tax



Fiscal Responsibility

Balancing new revenues against the cost of services

Analyzed Governance Scenarios

	Current Services	Basic Incorporation	Expanded Incorporation	New County
Key Services	 Patchwork of providers	 Adds planning, zoning, roads	 Adds law enforcement, parks, charter	 Adds courts, elections, tax collection
Market Value of Taxable Property	\$36B	\$5.7B		\$36B
Taxable Value of Property	\$704M	\$81.6M		\$704M
Property Tax Impact*	None	\$958	\$1,948	\$1,513
Key Hurdle	N/A	Administrative Complexity	Higher Startup Costs	Legislative Action, Requires Vote in Both Counties

* Assumptions for property tax impacts are based on Average owner-occupied home value. Additional information can be found in the fiscal memo appendix of the Governance Study.