

Winter Springs at a Glance

The City of Winter Springs, incorporated in 1959, is located in Seminole County, which is part of the greater Orlando metropolitan area in East Central Florida. This area is one of the fastest growing areas in the county. The City currently has a land area of 14.78 square miles and a population of approximately 35,000 which is up approximately 30% from that of ten years ago.

The City operates according to a Council/Manager form of government, with an appointed City Manager, five elected City Commissioners and a separately elected Mayor. The governing body is responsible for passing ordinances, adopting the budget, appointing committees, and hiring the City's Manager, Clerk, and Attorney. The City Manager is responsible for carrying out the policies and ordinances of the governing body, for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the government, and for hiring the directors of the various departments.

The City of Winter Springs provides a range of services including police protection; the construction and maintenance of highways, streets, and other infrastructure; and recreational activities and cultural events. Effective October 2, 2008 the City's Fire department will be consolidated with Seminole County's Fire department. The City maintains a Water and Sewer Utility, a Stormwater Management Fund, and a Development Services Fund which essentially function as departments of the City of Winter Springs.

The City of Winter Springs is primarily a retail, office and residential area with a small amount of light industry and commerce. Due to the downward housing trend and the effects of Amendment One, fiscal year 2008-2009 yields the first occurrence of a decline (9%) in the gross taxable value. Both commercial and residential construction projects are anticipated this fiscal year for 160 luxury apartments, 364 single-family/townhouse units, 60 condominiums and approximately 45,000 square feet of commercial space. Despite recent declines in state revenues the City's total millage rate (inclusive of MSTU) remains among the lowest in Seminole County.

