



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Did the previous incorporation effort fail? Not quite, it was murdered.

The previous incorporation effort, West Norman, started in 1998 and was submitted to the General Assembly's Committee on Municipal Incorporation, where it was analyzed and found to meet all the requirements, particularly the financial ones, and the committee recommended to the General Assembly that the Town of West Norman be incorporated. The full report is available as the next link in the FAQs. The Senate agreed, but the State Representative at the time had it killed on the floor of the House – murdered in cold blood. In the twenty years from 1998 to 2018 no other incorporation proposal that passed the Committee on Municipal Incorporation was denied a referendum.

While the Dept. of Commerce noted that a 26 cent rate would be needed to raise equivalent revenues compared to nearby towns, the majority of those towns provide more services than West Norman proposed, and the Dept. found that the tax rate was reasonable based on the services it planned to provide, and made a positive recommendation to the committee.

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