

LOCAL DIRECT SERVICE COMPARISON

What Services Would Renton Provide that Benson Hill Residents Don't Already Receive?

While the categories of services are similar in several instances, the level of service as measured by the ratio of employees to population served, number and range of programs, permit processing times and costs, and customer services offered are significantly different between King County and the City of Renton as reflected by number of employees and dollars spent per capita.

SERVICE	KING COUNTY	RENTON
Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic enforcement • Sheriff store front office (Cascade) • Criminal investigations • School Resource Officers • Community Service Officers • Victims advocacy programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic enforcement • Criminal investigations • Animal Control • Crime prevention programs • School Resource Officers • Municipal jail operations • Victims advocacy programs
Court ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Court services • Probation • U.S. Passport applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal Court services • U.S. Passport applications • Probation services • Domestic violence advocacy
Planning & Development Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-range land use planning • Building permit review • Code enforcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-range land use planning • Community planning • Planning Commission • Building permit and plan review • Building inspection • Code enforcement
Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks maintenance • Limited teen programs (field trips, open gym, computer access) • Pool programming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nationally accredited local parks system, operations and maintenance of local parks • Local parks development • Maplewood Golf Course operations and maintenance

¹ Renton has its own municipal court and thus is not part of the County's district court system.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletic field usage² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Center programs • Wide range of athletic and recreation programs at various sites ranging from children's day camps, after-school activities and youth sports to adult sports leagues and senior activities • Summer lunch program for children • Henry Moses Aquatic Center operations • Cultural and performing arts events at Carco Theater and Renton Community IKEA Performing Arts Center
Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Senior Centers and Aging Programs such as adult day health. • Youth Prevention Programs • Project LOOK, Juanita Apartment School • Unincorporated Area Councils <p><i>These are regional functions that would continue upon annexation</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renton Senior Center operations and programming • Housing Repair Assistance Program • Support for non-profit organizations through Community Development Block Grant funding
Business Relations & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King County Jobs Initiative • Business Finance programs (7-A, 504) • Apprenticeship programs • Historic preservation <p><i>These are regional functions that would continue upon annexation</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated economic development function focused on business recruitment and retention
Surface Water Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate, construct, maintain drainage facilities • Environmental maintenance, stewardship and restoration programs • Grants for environmental maintenance, stewardship and restoration, farm management, monitoring water quality, weed control, etc. • Salmon population tracking, coordination with other jurisdictions on same • Environmental education activities, volunteer programs, public/business information programs • Open Space Protection programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate, construct, maintain drainage facilities • Environmental maintenance, stewardship and restoration programs • Open Space protection programs
Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadway maintenance, capital projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation planning and programming

² King County Parks allows for usage of its many urban parks and fields, but no longer provides parks and recreation programming at them due to budget cuts.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety improvements • Neighborhood safety programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic operations and maintenance • Street design, construction and maintenance (including congestion relief, non-motorized, and safety projects) • City-wide Sidewalks Program
Water & Sewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soos Creek Water and Sewer District 	Planning, Building & Public Works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water utility maintenance • Sewer utility maintenance
Garbage Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garbage collection management, includes full recycling services (contract) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garbage collection management, includes full recycling services (contract)
Fire Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire District 40 and Fire District 37 • Arson investigation (via King Co. DDES) • Fire Marshal services (via King Co. DDES) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire suppression response • Emergency medical response • Technical rescue operation (water rescue, haz mat, urban search and rescue) • Fire Marshal services (inspections, plan review) • Arson Investigations • Public education • ISO rating of 3
Neighborhoods		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant program to fund citizen-initiated neighborhood improvements • Neighborhood liaisons pairing citizen groups with City staff volunteers • Neighborhood identification program • Summer picnic program • Support for neighborhood newsletters
Library ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King County Library District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library branch operations • Renton Historical Museum

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