

# City of... University Place

University Place is a new city with a rich history. In the late 1800s, it was proposed that a university be located and built in the community. However, financial worries and concerns eventually canceled any plans to build a university here. Nevertheless, the community became known as the “university place,” and the name stuck. Since then University Place has become a suburban residential community, proud of its history, eager to retain its unique quality of life and looking ahead to future challenges.

Approximately one hundred years after the community received its name, a movement began toward local government and local control. Groups formed to discuss incorporation; other factions opposed incorporation. In November 1994 proponents succeeded in passing a ballot measure which established 7.86 square miles of unincorporated Pierce County into the City of University Place.



Puget Sound Energy (Electricity & Natural Gas)	888-225-5773
Water & Sewer	
• Pierce County Public Utilities Department	253-798-7250
Garbage Service	
• University Place Refuse Services	253-564-3212
Telephone Service - Qwest	800-244-1111
Comcast Cable	800-266-2278
Licensing	253-534-3218
Post Office	253-566-7133
University Place Public Library	253-565-9447
Voter Registration	800-448-4881
Hospital - University Place Urgent Care	253-459-7177
University Place City Hall	253-566-5656
University Place Police Department	253-798-4722
University Place Fire Department	253-564-1623