

# Neighborhood Survey

Understand the interests, concerns, and needs of your neighbors



## Work Together to Conduct a Neighborhood Survey

Prepare a survey (sample questions are listed below) to gather input from the neighborhood on a variety of topics, including the boundaries of the neighborhood, issues/concerns, and future opportunities.

### Developing your survey process:

Consider what information you want to know before you select/develop your survey questions. What information do you need to gain a better understanding about your neighborhoods' interests and concerns? You must know what results you want to find before you establish which are the right questions to ask.

The following sample letter and survey questions are intended as examples and may not represent the best items for you to include in your neighborhood survey. Please select which questions fit your groups' needs the best.

### Methods of surveying

- Mail
- Email
- Door to door
- Face to face
- Survey Monkey

Once the surveys have been compiled, the answers need to be organized in a format that can be analyzed and easily communicated to the neighborhood. Someone in the group should be responsible for the tallying of survey responses and reporting the results back to the group at the next meeting. Programs such as Microsoft Excel can be useful in this process. One Omaha can provide assistance analyzing your neighborhood data and develop next steps for your group.

### XXXXXX Area Neighborhood Survey

Survey Property Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Dear Neighbor:*

We need your help in identifying and prioritizing issues in our neighborhood. The information you provide will help our Neighborhood Association and the City of Omaha.

Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey. The results of the survey will be shared with our neighbors at our membership meetings and on our website (if applicable). When you are completed, \_\_\_\_\_ (whatever is applicable to return survey information) to our neighborhood team members at \_\_\_\_\_ (whatever is applicable).

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How long have you lived in this neighborhood?

0-5 years  5-10 years  10-20 years  More than 20 years

Do you OWN or RENT your residence?

Own  Rent

How would you describe the “atmosphere” of your neighborhood?

Well kept  Mediocre  Run down  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel like you’re part of a neighborhood? Yes No

In some neighborhoods, people do things together and help each other. In other neighborhoods, people mostly go their own way. What kind is your neighborhood?

One where people help each other  One where people go their own way

What are some of the assets of your neighborhood?

Community character and atmosphere  Church communities

Cultural opportunities  High-quality building standards

Parks, open space, and trails  Property maintenance

Proximity to shopping  Access to schools

Transit options  Community events/activities  Cost of living

Employment opportunities  Low crime

Traffic  Variety of housing types  Public services (Police and Fire)

Low or moderate taxes  Activities for all age groups

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Is there a city service that your neighborhood needs that is not being provided?

Yes No

If yes, identify needed service \_\_\_\_\_

Would neighbors cooperating to address common concerns be positive for your neighborhood? Yes No

A neighborhood association is forming in your neighborhood. Are you interested in becoming involved?

Yes No

What do you like MOST about living in your neighborhood?

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What do you like LEAST about living in your neighborhood?

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Which of these statements best describes how you feel about living in your neighborhood?

- I'm happy here and will probably stay for the next 5 years
- I'm unhappy here but will probably stay for the next 5 years
- I'm unhappy here and will probably move in the next 5 years
- I'm happy here but have to move within the next 5 years

Do you know most of your neighbors? Yes No

Please evaluate the following problems some neighborhood face and consider how they apply to this neighborhood. For each issue, please rate it on a scale from 0 to 5.

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(0 indicating it is not a problem in this neighborhood and 5 indicating it is a big problem in this neighborhood)

Crime, drug or violence  Unemployment  Public schools not providing a quality education  
 Homelessness  Cultural activities  Recreational activities  Affordable, quality child care  
 Abandoned or run-down buildings  Unsupervised children and teenagers  People do not get involved in efforts to improve the community  Affordable housing  Tension between racial or ethnic groups  
 Lack of good places to shop for food and other items

What suggestion(s) do you have to make your neighborhood a safer and better place to live?

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Are there specific areas in your neighborhood that need to be cleaned up or repaired?

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FINALLY, a few quick questions to help us analyze the survey results:

*What is the primary language spoken in your home?*

English  Spanish  Other (please write here) \_\_\_\_\_

*We are wondering if there are people in the neighborhood are interested in forming a group that would meet on a regular basis to discuss topics that affect the neighborhood.*

Are you interested in learning more about the neighborhood group? Yes No

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_