

O'Neill, Nebraska Comprehensive Planning Program
COMMUNITY OPINION SURVEY

The **City of O'Neill** is currently conducting a **Comprehensive Planning Program**, including preparing a new Comprehensive Plan, a review of existing Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, and a Community Housing Study that will document both the present and future needs of the Community for the next 10 years. Comprehensive planning is important in documenting existing property and infrastructure conditions and planning for future growth and development.

An important activity of this **Planning Program** is to ask you about the needs and wants of the Community. Please take a few minutes to complete the following **Community Opinion Survey**, by **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH**. Completed Surveys can be returned to the City Office. Your responses will remain confidential.

What is the single most important issue to you, to be addressed in the new Comprehensive Plan (ex. Housing, Parks, Public Utilities, Streets, Businesses, etc.)?

HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

1. Describe the type of housing you currently reside in.

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> House | <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufactured Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

2. Are you satisfied with your current housing situation?

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

If No, why not? _____

3. How would you rate the condition of your home or place of residence?

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair – Needs Minor Repair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor – Needs Major Repair |

If minor or major repair is needed to your home, please describe the type of repair needed.

4. How long have you lived in O'Neill?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 Year | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 to 20 Years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 5 Years | <input type="checkbox"/> 21+ Years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 to 10 Years | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not live in O'Neill |

5. Do you own or rent your place of residence?

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Own | <input type="checkbox"/> Rent |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|

FOR RENTERS: How much are you currently paying for your monthly rent?

___ No Rent Payment ___ Less than \$400 ___ \$400 to \$600 ___ \$601 to \$800
___ \$801 to \$950 ___ \$951 to \$1,100 ___ \$1,101-\$1,250 ___ \$1,251-\$1,500
___ \$1,501-\$1,750 ___ \$1,751-\$1,999 ___ \$2,000+

FOR OWNERS: What is your monthly mortgage payment?

___ Paid in Full ___ Less than \$400 ___ \$400 to \$600 ___ \$601 to \$800 ___ \$801 to \$1,100
___ \$1,101 to \$1,250 ___ \$1,251 to \$1,500 ___ \$1,501 to \$1,750 ___ \$1,751 to \$2,000
___ \$2,001-\$2,500 ___ \$2,501-\$2,999 ___ \$3,000+

6. How many persons in your family are in each of the following age groups?

_____ Less than 18 Years	_____ 55 to 64 Years
_____ 18 to 24 Years	_____ 65 to 74 Years
_____ 25 to 34 Years	_____ 75 to 81 Years
_____ 35 to 44 Years	_____ 82+ Years
_____ 45 to 54 Years	

7. Please identify your employment status.

- ☐ Employed in O'Neill.
- ☐ Employed and travel outside of O'Neill.
- ☐ Work from Home.
- ☐ Unemployed.
- ☐ Unemployed and seeking employment.
- ☐ Retired.

COMMUNITY GROWTH, IMAGE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

8. Where should future residential growth in O'Neill take place?

- ☐ North ☐ South ☐ East ☐ West

9. Where should future commercial/industrial growth in O'Neill take place?

- ☐ North ☐ South ☐ East ☐ West

10. What three new businesses would you like to see in O'Neill?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

11. What three new/improved recreational facilities should be addressed in O'Neill?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

12. What three new or improved public services/facilities would you like to see in O'Neill (Ex. Internet, improved water, sewer, utilities, streets, etc.)?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Community Appearance and Sustainability	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion/ Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
13. The appearance of the City of O'Neill can be improved with...					
▪ Street & Pedestrian Lighting.					
▪ Special Sales, Events and Welcome Banners.					
▪ Crosswalk Enhancements (Pedestrian signals etc).					
▪ Street Trees, Benches & Landscaping.					
▪ Pedestrian Seating Areas.					
▪ Vehicular Traffic Safety.					
▪ Directional/Wayfinding Signage.					
▪ Restoration/Preservation of Historic Buildings/Houses.					
▪ Removal of Junk Vehicles					
▪ Nuisance Enforcement/Property Clean-Up.					
▪ Improved Animal Control					
▪ Other (Specify):					

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion/ Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
14. The sustainability of the City of O'Neill can be improved with...					
▪ Improved Streets, Sidewalks & Alleys.					
▪ Water, Sewer & Utility Replacement.					
▪ Additional Pedestrian Safety Measures.					
▪ Burying Overhead Utility Lines.					
▪ Business Retention, Recruitment & Expansion.					
▪ Marketing of Sales & Festivals.					
▪ Improved Broadband/Internet Access.					
▪ Increased Marketing of Vacant Buildings.					
▪ Reducing Utility Costs With Alternative Energy Sources.					
▪ New/Improved Parks/Rec/Trails.					
▪ Nuisance Enforcement/Property Clean-Up.					
▪ Update of City Equipment & Vehicles.					
▪ Infrastructure Improvements* <i>(*Hydrants, water meters, water wells, sewer scoping, street replacement, etc.)</i>					
▪ Water Pressure & Quality Improvements					
▪ Other (Specify):					

15. Please provide additional comments regarding the future Growth, Image and/or Economic Development in the City of O'Neill:

COMMUNITY SERVICES/PUBLIC FACILITIES & HOUSING

16. Please rate the quality/availability of the following Community Services & Public Facilities in or around O'Neill. (4 = Excellent, 3 = Good, 2 = Fair, 1 = Poor).

_____ Church	_____ Senior/Community Center	_____ Entertainment Opportunities
_____ Fire Protection	_____ Post Office	_____ Library
_____ Police Protection	_____ Restaurants/Cafes	_____ Medical Care
_____ Emergency Services	_____ Convenience Stores	_____ Banks
_____ Parks/Recreation	_____ Streets/Sidewalks	_____ Schools
_____ Local Government	_____ Retail Goods/Services	_____ Child Care Opportunities
_____ Cable TV	_____ Employment Opportunities	_____ Animal Control
_____ Public (Senior) Transit	_____ Recycling/Garbage Service	_____ Internet/Telecommunications
_____ Downtown Businesses	_____ Repair Services	_____ Other _____

17. Which of the following additional housing types are needed in O'Neill, in the next 10 years?

	<u>Greatly Needed</u>	<u>Somewhat Needed</u>	<u>Not Needed</u>
▪ Single Family Housing			
▪ Rental Housing (General)			
▪ Duplex/Triplex/Townhome Housing			
▪ Rehabilitation of Owner-occupied Housing			
▪ Rehabilitation of Renter-occupied Housing (landlord, renter, etc)			
▪ Housing Programs for First-Time Homebuyers			
▪ Development of Income-qualified Housing			
▪ Independent/Group Home Housing for Persons with a Mental/Physical Disability			
▪ Senior Independent Living Housing – Owner & Rental			
▪ Licensed Assisted Living, with Specialized Services (i.e. health, food prep, recreation services, etc.)			
▪ Other (specify):			

18. As a renter or homeowner, what issues or barriers have you experienced with obtaining affordable, suitable housing in O'Neill?

For Renters		For Owners	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of handicap accessible housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of handicap accessible housing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of adequate public transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of adequate public transportation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of knowledge of fair housing rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of knowledge of fair housing rights
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cost of rent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing prices
<input type="checkbox"/>	Restrictive zoning/building codes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Restrictive zoning/building codes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Job status	<input type="checkbox"/>	Job status
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attitudes of landlords & neighbors	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attitudes of immediate neighbors
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of availability of decent rental units in your price range	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mortgage lending application requirements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use of background checks	<input type="checkbox"/>	Excessive down payment/closing costs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Excessive application fees and/or rental deposits	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cost of utilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cost of utilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of educational resources about homeowner responsibilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of educational resources about tenant responsibilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cost of homeowner's insurance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Age of Existing Rental Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of Sufficient Homes for Sale/Housing Choice
<input type="checkbox"/>	Condition of Existing Rental Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cost of Real Estate Taxes
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Age of Existing Housing
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Condition of Existing Housing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____

If you desire to change your housing situation in the next 10 years, please answer Questions 19a through 19e.

19.a. Where would you like to purchase or rent a home?

- ☐ Inside the City of O'Neill Corporate Limits.
☐ Less than One Mile from O'Neill.
☐ 1-5 Miles from O'Neill.
☐ Rural/Unincorporated Holt County.
☐ Other Community/County (Identify) _____.

19.b. Which one of the following housing types would you most like to reside?

- ___ Single Family ___ Attached Townhouse/Duplex-Type Unit ___ Residential Acreage
 ___ Tiny Home ___ Manufactured Home ___ Patio Home ___ Apartment
 ___ Upper Level/Downtown ___ Senior Living Community

19.c. How many bedrooms would your family need?

- ___ One ___ Two ___ Three ___ Four +

19.d. What is the most your family could afford for a home?

- ___ Less than \$100K ___ \$100K-\$200K ___ \$201K-\$300K ___ \$301K-\$400K ___ \$401K-\$500K
 ___ \$501K+

19.e. What is the most your family could afford for monthly rent?

- ___ Less than \$400 ___ \$400 to \$600 ___ \$601 to \$800 ___ \$801 to \$950
 ___ \$951 to \$1,100 ___ \$1,101-\$1,250 ___ \$1,251-\$1,500 ___ \$1,501-\$1,750
 ___ \$1,751-\$1,999 ___ \$2,000+

20. Would you support the City in obtaining State or Federal grant dollars to:

.....establish an owner housing rehabilitation program? ____ Yes ____ No

.....establish a renter housing rehabilitation program? ____ Yes ____ No

.....purchase and tear down dilapidated houses and make the lots available for a family or individual to build a house? ____ Yes ____ No

.....purchase, rehabilitate and resell vacant housing in the Community? ____ Yes ____ No

.....provide down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers? ____ Yes ____ No

.....assist in financing public improvements (water, sewer, streets)? ____ Yes ____ No

.....assist in financing new business starts, incubator business, etc.? ____ Yes ____ No

21. Would you support the creation of an “Investment Club” to encourage local financial commitments for one or more of these activities? ____ Yes ____ No

22. As an O'Neill resident, would you be willing to contribute or donate money to support a local Community, Economic or Housing Development activity?
____ Yes ____ No

23. Please include any additional comments regarding the future of O'Neill, Nebraska.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!