

Quality of Life Ratings

1. Please circle the number that comes closest to your opinion for each of the following questions:

- How do you rate Newport as a place to live?
- How do you rate your neighborhood as a place to live?
- How do you rate Newport as a place to raise children?
- How do you rate Newport as a place to retire?
- How do you rate the overall quality of life in Newport?

2. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Newport as a whole:

Characteristics of the Community: General and Opportunities

- Sense of community
- Openness and acceptance of the community towards people of diverse background
- Overall appearance of Newport
- Shopping opportunities
- Recreational opportunities
- Job opportunities

Characteristics of the Community: Access and Mobility

- Access to affordable quality housing
- Access to affordable quality child care
- Access to affordable quality health care
- Ease of bicycle travel in Newport
- Ease of bus travel in Newport
- Ease of walking in Newport
- Ease of car travel in Newport

Ratings of Rates of Growth in Newport

3. Please rate the speed of growth in the following categories in Newport over the past 2 years:

- Jobs growth
- Retail growth (stores, restaurants)
- Population growth

Rating of Potential Problems in Newport

4. To what extent, if at all, are the following problems in Newport:

- Weeds
- Unsupervised youth
- Traffic congestion
- Taxes
- Noise
- Graffiti
- Lack of growth
- Too much growth
- Drugs
- Crime
- Run down buildings, weed lots, or junk vehicles
- Homelessness

Ratings of Safety from Various Problems in Newport

5. Please rate how safe you feel from the following occurring to you in Newport:

- Violent crime (e.g., rape, assault, robbery)
- Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft)
- Fire

Ratings of Safety in Various Areas in Newport

6. Please rate how safe you feel:

- In your neighborhood during the day
- In your neighborhood after dark
- In Newport's downtown area during the day
- In Newport's downtown after dark
- In Newport's parks during the day
- In Newport's parks after dark

7. During the past 12 months, were you or anyone in your household the victim of any crime?

8. If so, was this crime (these crimes) reported to the police?

Community Participation

9. In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you or other household members participated in the following activities in Newport?

Purchased an item over the Internet

Used Internet to conduct business with Newport

Used Internet for anything

Read City of Newport Newsletter

Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Newport

Attended a meeting of local elected officials of other local public meeting

Visited a [neighborhood](#) or Newport park

Participated in a recreation program or activity

Used Newport recreation centers

Used Newport [public](#) libraries or their service

[Recycled used paper, cans or bottles from your home](#)

[Watched a meeting of local elected officials or other local public meeting on cable television](#)

[Ridden a bus within Newport](#)

10. How do you rate the quality of each of the following services in Newport?

Quality of Public Safety Services

Police services

Crime prevention

Fire services

Fire prevention and education

Ambulance/emergency medical services

Quality of Urban Services

Garbage collection

Drinking water

Storm drainage

Sewer services

Quality of Leisure Services

City parks

Appearances/maintenance of parks

Recreation programs or classes

Appearance of recreation centers/facilities

Recreation centers/facilities

Public library services

Accessibility of parks

Quality of Transportation Services

Street repair

Sidewalk maintenance

Street cleaning

Amount of public parking

Quality of Planning and Code Enforcement Services

Land use, planning and zoning

Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)

Animal control

Economic development

Quality of Services to Special Populations and Other Services

Health services

Services to low-income people

Services to seniors

Municipal courts

Services to youth

Public schools

Rating of Overall Quality of Services Provided by Various Levels of Government

11. Overall, how would you rate the quality of services provided by:

The City of Newport

The State Government

The Federal Government

Ratings of Contact with City of Newport Employees

12. Have you had any in-person or phone contact with an employee of the City of Newport within the last 12 months (including police, receptionists, planners, or any others)?

13. What was your impression of employees of the City of Newport in your most recent contact? (Rate each characteristic below.)

Knowledge

Courtesy

Responsiveness

Overall Impression

Public Trust

14. Please rate the following statements by circling the number that most clearly represents your opinion:

I receive good value for the City of Newport taxes I pay

I am pleased with the overall direction that the City of Newport is taking

The City of Newport **government** welcomes citizen involvement

The City of Newport **government** listens to its citizens

15. What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be?

Additional Questions: Survey ONE:

16a. Much work needs to be done to improve streets and sidewalks in the City. To what extent do you support or oppose legislation to increase sales tax by ½% to be used solely for the purpose of improving streets and sidewalks?

16b. The present fire station is too small to accommodate new equipment needed such as a ladder truck. This equipment contributes to keeping insurance rates as low as possible. Money to build such a facility would likely come from the issuance of general obligation bonds. Issuance of such bonds would likely result in an increase in the property tax rate to provide revenue needed to make the bond payments. To what extent do you support or oppose issuing bonds to pay for an adequate new facility?

16c. Many consider the City's swimming pool to be old and inadequate for our community. To what extent do you support or oppose legislation to increase sales tax by ½% to be used solely for the purpose of constructing a new aquatics center?

Additional Questions: Survey TWO:

16a. Based on the current downturn in the economy, the city will need to increase revenues or reduce services. To what extent do you support action to increase revenues (i.e., taxes; fees; etc.) to maintain existing levels of service?

16b. If the City were to have to reduce services, in which City services are you willing to make changes (Check all that apply.)

16c. For which of the following new capital improvements would you vote in favor of General Obligation bonds as a method of financing the improvement?

16d. What do you think are the top 3 issues facing Newport over the next several years?

Additional Questions: Survey THREE

16a. Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements: The City should increase its efforts in conservation and historic preservation

... even if the effort results in an increase in property taxes

... even if the effort results in a decrease of available land use

16b. The city continues to expand services available on-line through the CityNet web site. The City is considering secure on-line payment options for such services as motor vehicle registration, utility bills, dog licenses, parking tickets, recreation program registration, etc. To better understand the needs of our customers, please indicate the degree to which you would support or oppose utilizing each of the following secure on-line payment options to pay for various services provided by the City:

16c. The City has studied and taken significant steps in recent years in preparation for developing ... {a} City-owned waterfront property ... in the downtown area. A number of potential uses have been identified for this property including a mix of retail shops, restaurants, offices, residential condominiums, public boat access, recreation facilities and preservation of open space. Please indicate how important it is to you, if at all, for each of the following types of development to be included in the development of the waterfront:

Demographic Questions

17. Do you live within the City limits of Newport?
18. Are you currently employed?
 - 18a. What one method of transportation do you usually use (for the longest distance of your commute) to travel to work? (*responses include working at home*)
 - 18b. If you checked the motorized vehicle box in 18a, do other people (adults or children) *usually* ride with you to or from work?
19. How many years have you live in Newport?
20. What best describes the building you life in?
21. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home rented or owned?
22. Do any children 12 or under live in your household?
23. Do any teenagers between 13 and 17 live in your household?
24. Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?
25. Does any member of your household have a physical handicap or is anyone disabled?
26. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?
27. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)
28. Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?
29. What is your race?
30. In which category is your age?
31. What is your sex?
32. Are you registered to vote in this jurisdiction?
33. Did you vote in the last election?
34. Are you likely to vote in the next election?