

City of Tenino

149 Hodgen Street South

Tenino, WA 98589

Planning Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

- [1.](#) Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the minutes of the 4/9/2025 meeting.

HOUSEKEEPING

PUBLIC COMMENT

REPORTS

- Council report by Adam Carney

PUBLIC HEARINGS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Continue discussion with the Comp Plan

NEW BUSINESS

- [4.](#) Application from Valerie Roberts to join the Planning Commission

Recommended Action: Motion to send to Council for approval or denial to accept Valerie to the Planning Commission.

- [5.](#) Discussion only regarding the City of Tenino Community Survey

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

File Attachments for Item:

1. Approval of Minutes

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**Planning Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 09, 2025**

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rutherford convened the meeting at 6:12 pm with

PRESENT

Commissioner William Bennett II
Commissioner Adam Carney
Commissioner Matthew Rounsley
Commission Chair William Rutherford

1. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the minutes of the 2/12/2025 Planning meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Rounsley, Seconded by Commissioner Carney.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Bennett II, Commissioner Carney, Commissioner Rounsley, Commission Chair Rutherford.

Motion passes 4/0.

HOUSEKEEPING

2. Agenda Approval

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Rounsley to the amended agenda removing item 5 under new business, Seconded by Commissioner Carney.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Bennett II, Commissioner Carney, Commissioner Rounsley, Commission Chair Rutherford.

Motion passes 4/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

Mayor Watterson provided a written report to the commission.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Continue discussion on the Comp Plan for Council approval

Discussion continued

NEW BUSINESS

4. Mayor Watterson to administer the Oath of Office to new Commissioner William Bennett II

Chair Rutherford administered the oath to new commissioner Wm. Bennett.

Motion made by Commissioner Carney, Seconded by Commissioner Rounsley.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Carney, Commissioner Rounsley, Commission Chair Rutherford

Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Bennett II.

Motion passes 3/0.

5. Mayor Watterson to update the Oath of Office to Commissioner Chair Rutherford.

Cancelled

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

File Attachments for Item:

4. Application from Valerie Roberts to join the Planning Commission

Recommended Action: Motion to send to Council for approval or denial to accept Valerie to the Planning Commission.

Valerie Roberts
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Tenino, WA 98589
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541-292-3003
4/18/2025

City of Tenino
Attn: Planning Commission Application
149 Hodgden Street S
Tenino, WA 98589

Dear Members of the Tenino Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in serving as a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Tenino. As a resident who is deeply invested in the growth, character, and future of our community, I welcome the opportunity to contribute to the thoughtful planning and sustainable development of our city.

Tenino is a unique and historic community, and I am eager to be part of the process that helps guide its future. I value balanced growth that honors our city's heritage while embracing smart planning practices that enhance livability, protect our environment, and encourage economic vitality. I am particularly interested in supporting initiatives that preserve the small-town charm of Tenino while making room for innovation, inclusion, and resilience.

I bring to this role a strong commitment to civic engagement, a collaborative spirit, and a keen interest in land use, zoning, and community development. I'm excited to provide my experience in historic preservation, arts programming, education and public service to the community I live in and am raising my daughter in. I am confident that my dedication to thoughtful dialogue, research, and public input would make me a valuable contributor to the Commission's important work.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to serve and to support the vision and goals of the City of Tenino through this role. I welcome the opportunity to further discuss my interest and qualifications with you.

Sincerely,


Valerie Roberts



CITY OF TENINO

City Commission Vacancy Application

(Please type or print clearly)

Name as registered: Valerie Erin Roberts

Physical Address: 1464 Sussex Ave E, Tenino WA

Mailing Address: Same

Home Phone: 541-292-3003 **Cell Phone:** _____

Email Address: valerie.e.roberts17@gmail.com

How long at Residence: 3 years **Best time to contact:** 8 am - noon

Personal Information (optional):

Resident of Tenino, and looking to connect and contribute more to my community. My background is in art, education, museums, national and state parks management, and public/non-profit partnership development and I currently work for the City of Olympia as a Project Manager to help develop their first community Art Center at the Olympia Armory. In my personal time I am a mother, fiber artists, gardener, and hiker.

List any prior experience as an elected official:

Although I have not been an elected official, I have served on many committees, panels and organizational teams. Currently, I'm a member of the Arts Culture and Heritage workgroup in Olympia and am a member of the Weavers Guild.

List any applicable work experience:

Armory Building Manager, City of Olympia 2023-2025

Partnership and Volunteer Manager, Washington State Parks 2021-2023

Visitor Experience Manager, Burke Museum of Natural and Cultural History, 2019-2021

List any applicable experience working with budgets:

I've managed multi-million dollar capital budgets and annual operating budgets up to \$800,000 annual.

Please list three (3) references:**Name:** Sylvana Niehuser, Intirrum Director of Parks Arts and Recreation**Address:** 601 4th Ave E, Olympia WA, 98501**Contact Number:** 360-753-8068**Name:** Matthew Rounsley, Executive Aide, County Commissioner Wayne Fournier**Address:** 3000 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia WA 98501**Contact Number:** 360-529-6296**Name:** Fen Regelein, Associate Director of Membership, University of Washington**Address:** 1410 NE Campus Pkwy, Seattle WA 98195**Contact Number:** rregelei@uw.edu

Council members make recommendations and decisions that affect the entire community.

- 1.) Do you foresee possible conflicts of interest with any of your current employment or civic positions? ☐ Yes (Please explain on back) ☒ No
- 2.) When making recommendations and decisions do you feel you could be impartial and base your decision on the overall need and benefit of the Community? ☒ Yes ☐ No (Please explain on back)
- 3.) Are there any days or evenings you are unavailable to meet? ☐ Yes (Please explain on back) ☒ No

Signature: Valerie Roberts **Date:** 04/18/2025

Please return completed form and any additional information to:
 City of Tenino – Attn: City Clerk, 149 Hodgden St South, P.O. Box 4019, Tenino, WA 98589
 For more information please call (360) 264-2368

File Attachments for Item:

5. Discussion only regarding the City of Tenino Community Survey

City of Tenino, Community Survey

Survey still open, this synopsis includes all responses as of **5/14/2025**

Survey Participation

- **Total responses:** 83 (52 complete, 31 partial)

Top Community Priorities (Next 20 Years)

Respondents identified the following as the most important:

1. **Maintaining a safe community** – 57.8%
2. **Improving streets and intersections** – 53.0%
3. **Supporting a vibrant, commercial downtown** – 47.0%
4. **Preserving historic buildings and promoting historic character** – 41.0%
5. **Improving infrastructure and services** (utilities, broadband, emergency services) – 39.8%

Barriers to Progress

The dominant concern was **lack of funding**, followed by:

- Poor leadership or planning
- Community resistance to change
- Lack of vision and staff capacity
- Poor infrastructure and high utility costs

Community Vision for 2045

- 56% of respondents rated the draft vision statement (celebrating history, walkability, local business, inclusivity) as a **4 or 5** on a 5-point scale.

Tenino's Current Strengths

Residents appreciate:

- **Community feel and small-town charm**
- **Historical identity**
- **Parks and nature**
- **Safety and low crime**

What Would Make Tenino Better?

Suggestions include:

- More **affordable housing** and housing diversity
- **Better roads, sidewalks, and crosswalks**
- More **restaurants, shops, and family activities**
- **Downtown revitalization** and tourism promotion
- Improved **public transit**, especially to Olympia
- **Stronger local economy and job opportunities**

Housing Preferences and Concerns

- Most preferred: **Single-family homes** (83.8%) and **cottage housing** (50%)
- Concerns: **Strain on infrastructure** (61.8%), **rising property taxes**, traffic, and environmental impact

Infrastructure and Transportation

- Main issues: **Potholes, lack of sidewalks**, poor connectivity, and unsafe intersections
- Suggestions: **Traffic lights, roundabouts**, better public transit access, **safer pedestrian routes**

Access to Services

- 40% feel they can access everything they need
- Gaps include: **public restrooms, senior/youth services, medical care, and internet/cell service**

Climate Concerns

- Top risks: **Extreme weather events** (44.1%), **flooding**, and **drought**
- 44% are **somewhat to extremely concerned** about climate impacts
- Residents want to protect: **historic buildings, parks, green spaces, and infrastructure**

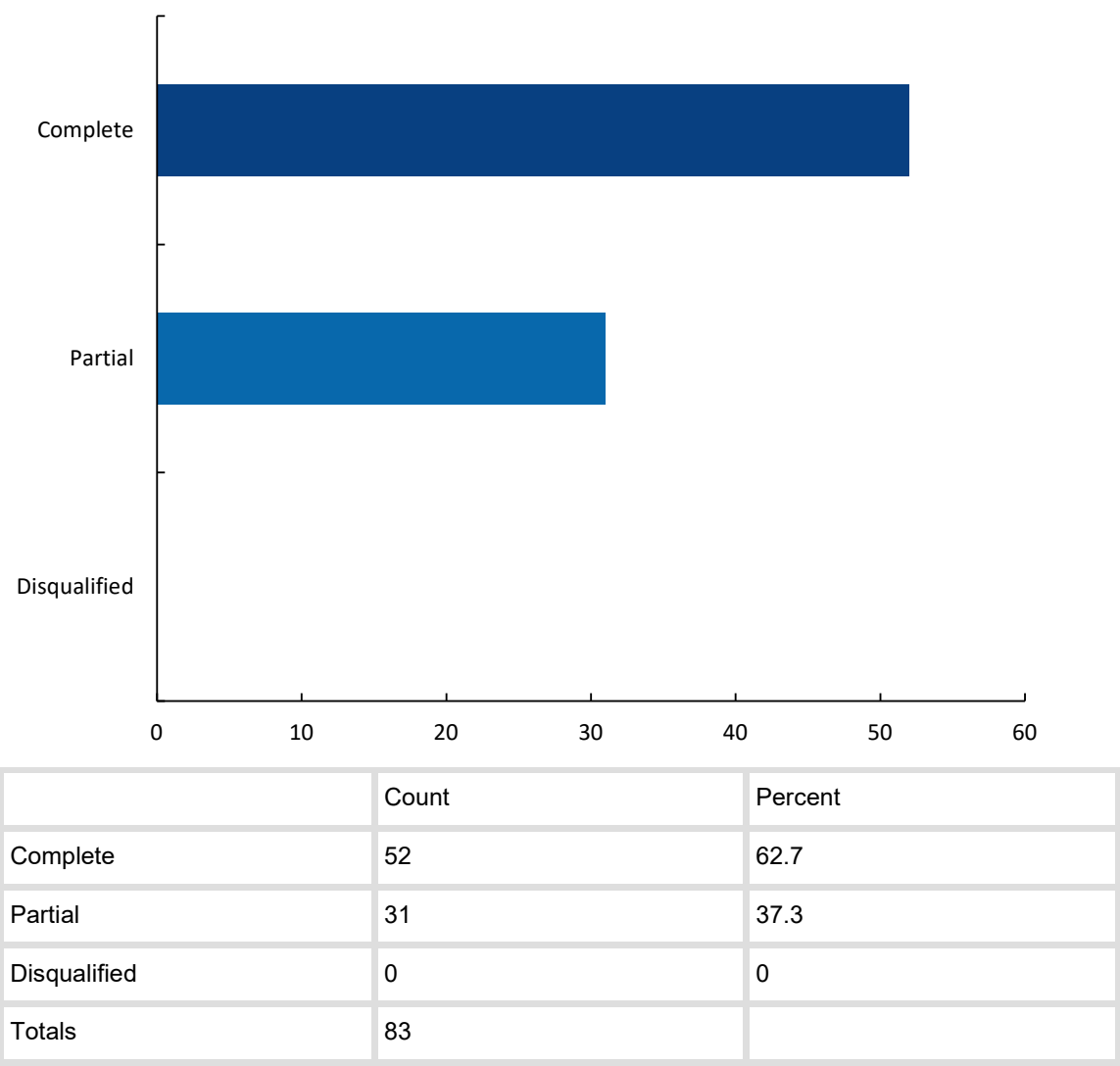
Demographics

- Most respondents: **35–54 years old**
- 83% **live in Tenino**, 71% **shop or use services** there
- 53% have lived in Tenino for **over 10 years**
- Many plan to stay **long-term or for life**, depending on **taxes, affordability, and growth impacts**

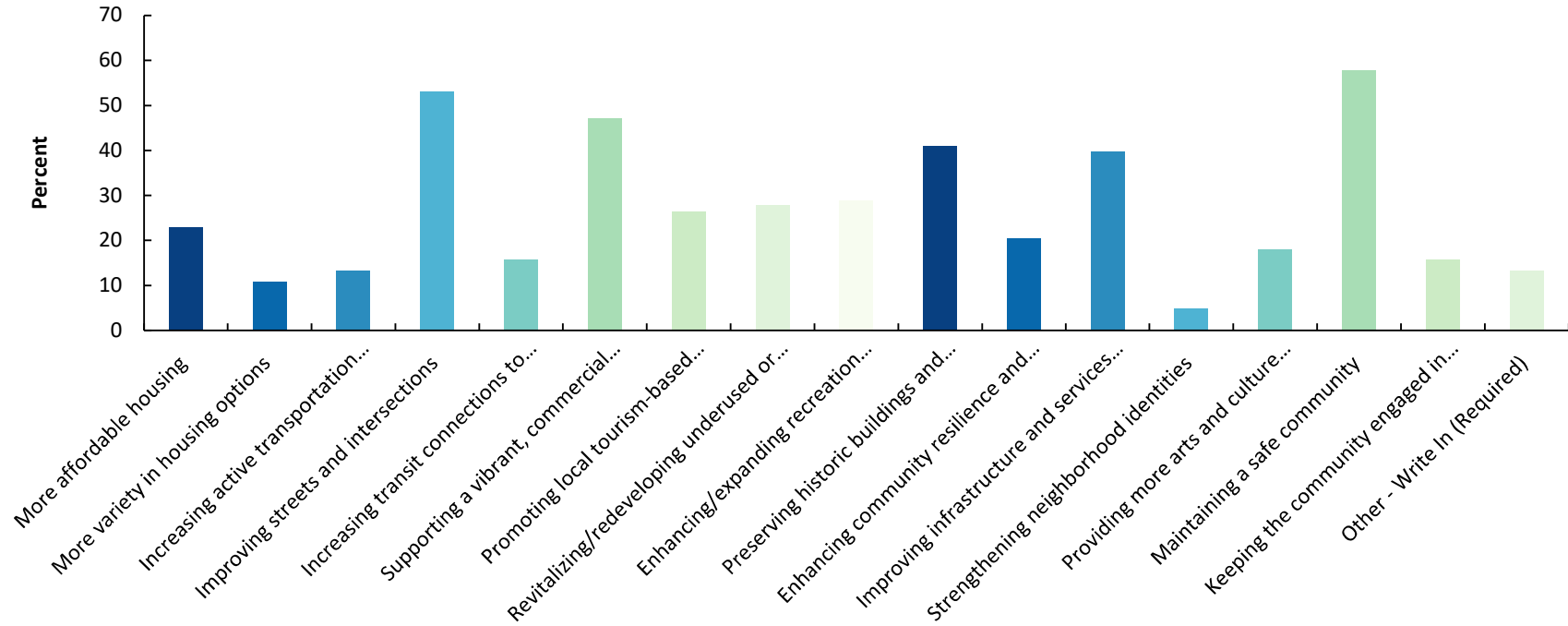
Report for City of Tenino Comprehensive Plan Community Survey

City of Tenino Comprehensive Plan Community Survey

Response Statistics



1.What do you think Tenino's top five priorities should be in the next 20 years? (select up to 5)



Value	Percent	Count
More affordable housing	22.9%	19
More variety in housing options	10.8%	9
Increasing active transportation connections (walking, biking, etc)	13.3%	11
Improving streets and intersections	53.0%	44
Increasing transit connections to regional centers	15.7%	13

Supporting a vibrant, commercial downtown	47.0%	39
Promoting local tourism-based businesses and opportunities	26.5%	22
Revitalizing/redeveloping underused or vacant sites	27.7%	23
Enhancing/expanding recreation opportunities	28.9%	24
Preserving historic buildings and promoting historic character in new commercial development	41.0%	34
Enhancing community resilience and preparedness (the ability to respond to and recover from a disaster)	20.5%	17
Improving infrastructure and services (utilities, broadband, emergency response, schools, transit, etc.)	39.8%	33
Strengthening neighborhood identities	4.8%	4
Providing more arts and culture opportunities	18.1%	15
Maintaining a safe community	57.8%	48
Keeping the community engaged in local issues	15.7%	13
Other - Write In (Required)	13.3%	11
Other - Write In (Required)		
Bringing additional internet options- I love tenino telephone but the service is not fast/reliable enough to support me working from him or in the community regularly.		
Community Food Gardens		
Eliminating debt, cutting taxes (or at least not increasing them), replacing chlorine with UV light in the water treatment. Chlorine is poisonous and more expensive over time		
Get the water and sewage chepper		

Improving the intersections of 507 (Bucoda Hwy) & Old Hwy 99, and Sussex & Old Hwy 99. Traffic backs up frequently because there's no traffic control. I think two traffic lights in town would be nice.

Keeping our community the way it used to be, stop new growth before it becomes over grown and we can't support it. We struggle now with not affording our police, schools and other government. We need to focus on what we have and stop trying to build more, and let more growth happen.

Lowering taxes as far as possible.

Please put a roundabout where 99 and Sussex by market fresh!

Promoting & recruiting stronger economic opportunity

bring in more restaurants and stores beyond antique stores

employment / industry

2.What do you think are the biggest barriers to accomplishing these priorities?

Response
Money
The debt right now the city has and then on top of that taxes and prices of everything is crazy high. We need to pass savings on to residents of Tenino in someway
Too many opinions. Should just come up with a 5 year, 10 year and 20 year plan.
Money
Tourism could increase sales tax revenue and help with other areas of need in the city. However, synergy of businesses is needed to really become a tourism destination. Need investment in hotels, and incentives for doing business.
Tourism could increase sales tax revenue and help with other areas of need in the city. However, synergy of businesses is needed to really become a tourism destination. Need investment in hotels, and incentives for doing business. Transportation infrastructure is expensive.
Not sure
Funding, staffing, community support.
Money
Tenino has tourism potential that would bring in revenue for infrastructure but need hotel infrastructure to support tourism. How can we incentivize doing business in Tenino?
mismanagement of funds
Bureaucracy, greed, and greedy bureaucrats.
Greed
People in the community that don't want anything to change.

Balancing a budget and eliminating waste in government.
Conflicting opinions
Money
Need staff who do not over spend and keep running us into financial crisis
Govt poor planning we are rural town not Olympia or Tumwater! Keep it small
People refusing to embrace growth and the community not supporting local small businesses (we don't need more Edward Jones, we need a sit down espresso shop, paint and fire pottery shop, bakery, etc). Make Tenino a destination not a thru way.
Funding and a bad economy.
Funding
Funding, specifically for improving streets and adding sidewalks.
Mayor, funds
Money and people's willingness to help
Funding Community participation
Money
Lack of community participation.
The "good old boy" mentality that some people have.
People wanting to get free things from the city government, people not wanting to change
Politicians
Money, understanding priorities of the community not just what the highest bidder will pay - no chains, no insurance buildings - think local businesses that

families can support, take classes at, etc

Funding

Not having the best interests of the community and not allowing the community to have a say.

The deficit budget. We should not be spending money we do not have. Stop spending unnecessary money and focus on paying the debt off.

A lack of available funding.

Unity and finances

Funding

Budget. Long term structure with inevitable major role changes are hard to sustain a 20 year plan.

I'm unsure

Leadership

Money, lack of vision

Lack of vision and interest from leadership.

Funding

Funding

Spending money on stuff that it shouldn't be spent on

Funding and the Sussex Ave being a main travel road - we need north and south town to be easier to cross on the eastside

Tourism needs more infrastructure. High Cost of street upgrades

Time any money? Would love to clean up some of the shaggy businesses on the main strip. Keep Tenino safe and clean place for our children and elders!

Counsel
Cost probably?
Budgetary issues
our mayor
Funding and lack of interest.
Local participation
Unsure
Budget, permits, staff
poor government and planning the town government does not appear to support businesses starting out. No gas service and water and sewer prices way to high
Budget, economic, and political realities.
We are a rural town- Xfinity services in town but just less than a mile past the elementary school they can't serve the homes off the road- in bad weather we have no cell service no internet and during good weather the internet is not strong enough/stable enough to work from home. Housing is more expensive in tenino period there is not many rental opportunities for families due to the cost and my father in law is ready to quit driving but is still very active however any bus options take all day or are in reliable
Our priorities have been focused on other things in the last few years, where they should have been focused on these things to begin with. Our communities safety, should have been top priority in our budget.
I'm unsure, I'd say the biggest barrier would be lack of available finances.
Funding. A state agency transportation improvement board used to help small communities with projects like this. Not sure if they still have funding given recent federal cuts.
Poor city leadership

Cash
Less public involvement
Na
Lack of funding. Socioeconomic status.
Making them priorities.
Money
Revenue
Budget?
Finding ways to engage residents with city/downtown events and issues. City budget issues.
Obviously budget constraints are a difficulty, plus disruption of services when construction is happening. The side streets opposite the park side of Sussex are the main arteries when Sussex is blocked (Lincoln Ave). We need our sidewalks repaired and useable for all.
Incentfizing people to get involved and contribute to decisionmaking.
Poor management.
Marketing. Tenino has all the charm and character of a nestled New England town, but lacks the marketing and advertising to draw in tourists, attract new businesses, and thus stimulate revenue for town improvements, such as building renovations. The town seems to lack the kind of aesthetic cohesion that would make it a destination for visitors and tourists. Some parts feel "preserved," other parts feel "old," and still other parts feel like there cars parked on the front lawn. Tenino has good bones, but is sorely in need of revitalization and moderate renovation to increase, not only its curb appeal, but also its sense of identity as something more than another Washington town that used to be relevant. Tenino has an interesting and solid history, and a charming layout. But it gives more the impression of a town you'd like to drive through, but doesn't entice you to stop. It just looks dingy and run-down. I'm not insinuating uniformity, but rather aesthetic cohesion. Clean and fix the buildings, decide on an actual identity for which Tenino can be known (Skagit has tulips, Leavenworth has the German thing, Issaquah has the salmon run, etc) which will draw attention (and revenue) to the locale. Tenino can be *known* for something beyond a quarry swimming hole. Figure out what that is, lean into it, make it enticing, and market it. Seasonal festivals? Larger farmers market? We have master stone carvers and master woodworkers, why not be an artisan hub? We have a fantastic Main Street, where's

the huge Christmas Market every weekend in December? We used to make railroad ties right? Where's our lumberjack games and chainsaw carving in the summer? Clean the place up, revitalize it, and give the people a reason to stop and spend.

Money.

Politics of being a small community and not wanting to grow. We can keep our small niche community while also finding ways to responsibly grow housing and economy.

Money

city council

Funding; frequent transit routes to destinations

Funding, staffing, community engagement.

3. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well does this statement reflect your vision for Tenino's future? In 2045, Tenino is a vibrant small town that celebrates its artisanal history. Our community is integrated with the natural landscape and carefully stewards its resources. Our lively, walkable downtown supports local entrepreneurs and provides the retail, services, and amenities our residents need. Our community is welcoming to all.

	1 (This does not reflect my vision for Tenino)		2 (There are elements of this statement that I agree with, however this does not reflect my vision for Tenino)		3 (There are elements of this statement that reflect my vision for Tenino, but it needs some work)		4 (This largely reflects my vision for Tenino, but is missing a part of my vision)		5 (This perfectly reflects my vision for Tenino)		Responses
	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	
Rating	4.2%	3	9.9%	7	29.6%	21	32.4%	23	23.9%	17	71
Totals						71					

4. In a few words, what makes Tenino great today?

Response
The people the ones born raised here the ones with roots here those are the best!
Self-sufficient, small
The people
History, sense of community, fantastic park and nature areas.
small town kindness
History, small size, and greenery.
Location
The citizens are the best part of Tenino. They are dependable, honest, and hard working. If you want to keep Tenino great, listen to the citizens and don't push political agendas or personal beliefs.
It hasn't been ruined yet... no corporations
The people
Small quiet rural city
That Olympia is close.
I think the community is what makes tenino great today.
Small town strong community feel
Low crime and most folks and businesses seem to take pride in the area they live in.
Community
Small town, community,
The historical character and the antique shops
Small community feel with people helping each other
Community based food production.
The small town feel.
No stop lights, low crime, good neighbors, green spaces
No stop lights. No round a bouts.
Community atmosphere and recreation
B
The community and its small town feel.

Not the tavern nazi bar

Tenino has something for everyone.

Small town with friendly atmosphere and clean streets and alleys

Small town, safe and appreciate the clean streets and ensuring homeless camps do not move in

Our park, the history, close knit community, clean downtown

Great community and town.

Local law enforcement, vibrant business community, excellent parks and school

Our police Department, our schools, the people

Community, rural character and nature

The small community feel we maintain.

Family friendly events

Charming, artsy, family and kid friendly, close to nature, agriculture

Strong sense of community. Safe. History.

The park, clean walking trail, Don Juan's&Daves, responsible speed limits through town with good sidewalks.

Not much

How the community rallies for events like Oregon Trail Days and the art markets

History. The close knit community.

the community

Historic feel with modern touches such as the paved trail, play grounds, and baseball fields.

Small town feel, history.

Community members that stop to chat and care about one another, small town feel, no big chain businesses, low crime, safety, small classroom sizes

safety for the most part

History, community, recreation, park and natural areas

The inclusive, diverse and accepting atmosphere create a safe place for all. The utilization of a local theatre has brought many people to this town and provided a positive outlet for many community members. The town needs access to better internet and cell phone coverage

It is a small town and in a world of fast paced growth, this a town that still has that charm and feel of a small town. No fast food, shopping centers and street lights. We have a wonderful community that cares for one another.

I enjoy being able to walk to everything in town from our home. The streets are nice, and I feel safe walking. There are some properties that don't pick up dog poop but other than that it's great.

We enjoy the quiet small town vibe, that welcomes diversity.

Unfortunately the days of Tenino being great are few and far between, between lack luster leadership at the city and state level. The city and surrounding area is taking a big downturn. The one bright spot is the city is still small and somewhat tight nit in some old school ways.

Community activities & park & walking trails

Community

Small town community that is willing to go above and beyond for each other

My community and ease of doing business

Small town!

The park

The passion for growth and community connection by several community leaders.

Community support for the schools is amazing.

George Sharp and the initiative he has brought through the EDC. Our business must be supported in order for the downtown core to be visited thereby increasing vitality for all.

Not much

Don Juan's

It's small town character.

The community & access to open space & people

The lively downtown area and kindness from everyone.

small, close knit community

Cultural events. Venues. Entertainment.

Safe, friendly, great location

5.What do you think would make Tenino even better 20 years from now?

Response
If we had more activities things to do in town that won't break the bank
I don't know...
Tenino needs to be a go to place like Leavenworth, WA, Solvang CA or Niles Canyon, CA. We should work towards celebrating our history.
A hotel. Promoting cute shops in the downtown. A theater and a Senior Center. More things to do. Might need the ability to build up more than two stories.
Bigger and better community events - bring back the musket shoots, the giant shopping carts and horses in the parade, keep the pool open more days, fix the potholes, figure out a solution for lease barriers for businesses.
Hard to say. Repairing the rutted, potholed, crumbling streets would be good.
Growth
Continued small growth, it's inevitable. Maintain conservative fiscal beliefs but acknowledging a percentage of change in social settings.
Some affordable housing but nothing too overboard. It is the highest priority to protect the large farms surrounding tenino
Better tourism attractions and more parking options downtown.
Slow growth make due with what's here don't ruin history of town with aggressive government growth plans
Embracing growth and supporting small businesses that draw people to the community.
More reasonable businesses downtown. Things the community can actually afford.
Continuing to support schools and local businesses, providing more family friendly activities, continue to preserve historical buildings, keep the small town community
Mixed use buildings downtown that better integrates visually with it's more historic buildings, while also adding housing opportunities. It would make that area more vibrant by increasing foot traffic and commercial opportunities, and make it more visually appealing.
Make it so I don't have to leave town. A bigger store, more dining options, activities, etc.
Better roads, more small business
A lively arts community
build on it and bring people together.
Low-income housing.
More activites/recreation for children of all ages in our town. Updated schools and continued public transportation to connect with other cities/towns.

No city debt, an updated water treatment facility that uses UV light instead of chlorine, low taxes

No stop lights. No round a bouts. Teachers that don't let the kids know their political views or sexual orientation. Schools that don't promote gender changes. Schools that are transparent and keep parents informed.

Control traffic, have more local businesses and restaurants, plenty of natural spaces, limit growth

B

Preservation of the past and not destroying it for money and growth.

More diversity in ethnicity and culture!

A renewed commitment to maintaining Tenino's infrastructure. Better walk ability and transit connections.

Preserved history with functional modern vibe

Expand school properties to support housing growth, improve side streets, add digital speed check signs coming into town

More draw to Tenino to keep our local businesses thriving. I think our town is great just improving the we have established.

Better more affordable utilities.

Continued investments in economic and cultural development

Bringing in people who want to invest in our economy, getting more citizens involved and having better transparency

Leveraging outdoor recreation to draw in more people for tourism

Cleaning up our neighborhood streets. (Sidewalks, paving etc). Revived historical buildings. Larger more vibrant seasonal activities. More locally owned, thriving businesses, more variety in those.

Safe, family friendly community

More restaurants, night life, more walkable on the Eastside, slower traffic from Yelm, different transportation to Centralia and Oly

Maintain the unique flavor (no urban sprawl). Maintain history. Natural areas

Cleaning up old businesses. Loving the flowers around town! Keeping our park clean and growing! Would love to see another really solid food choice that was higher end. We have lots of so-so places but no clean bar (missing 1776!) and would love something that compliments runs clean and quality like Don Juans. We love the community events and keeping the library clean and available is important.

New management

Better walkability (sidewalks), better streets

A larger focus on the history of the quarries. Restoration of historical structures. Revitalization of

downtown.

to keep tenino a small town

More businesses such as restaurants or shops.

Business that stay, more community connection, people who want to help improve Tenino instead of cut each other down.

Walkable downtown with outdoor seating for meals, desserts, coffee, and visiting with each other. Community gathering spaces for all ages, especially dry spaces for young families to gather and connect. Opportunities for older kids to mentor younger kids. More opportunities for creating new adult friendships.

as stated earlier more restaurants and stores beyond antique stores bring in natural gas and lower water and sewer cost. Property and levee taxes are killing homeowners

Historical character, natural spaces, and recreational opportunities maintained/enhanced while infill in and around city center are developed including some affordable multifamily instead of cookie cutter single family developments on outskirts. And disaster resilience plans developed and actionable.

Families want to spend more time at home many work places have adapted a hybrid or work from home option however due to xfinities inability to move up driveways or provide service off the main strip many secure large income Families are drawn away from this beautiful area

Keeping our town small and not allowing growth. This gives us a unique character that other towns are lacking in this modern age.

More sidewalks and more use of vacant properties.

Improvements to schools. New buildings off main roads.

Embrace the fact that growth is going to happen and being prepared for it. Work on having an actual police force and strong infrastructure and schools.

Better maintenance of roads & better Restricted to keep trash from outside of houses in town.

More things for our youth to occupy themselves that is free

Promotion of small businesses, supporting the unique demographic that is Tenino. Very different from thurston county as a whole and people like it that way

Strong community

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Dog park

Affordable, events, activities and thing to do for residents and visitors every day of the week.

Tenino is already a highly walkable community. Repairing sidewalks on Lincoln and away from the park side of town would help families that live on that side thrive and be able to walk to the activities. Right now, the sidewalks on Lincoln are terribly broken and not walkable unless you are surefooted. No one with disabilities could navigate the sidewalks with a wheelchair or cane.

Upgraded school buildings.

Viable businesses that the population could support.

Repair, renovation, revitalization. See previous comment.

Being able to drive through it without the headaches of waiting for yields/turns backed up in mornings and afternoons.

More economic opportunities & strengthen the access to trails in the park. The park is amazing and is unlike any others. We also need to focus on walkability of the city. We cannot reduce the car trips simply just across town if we do not have safe sidewalks & cross walks.

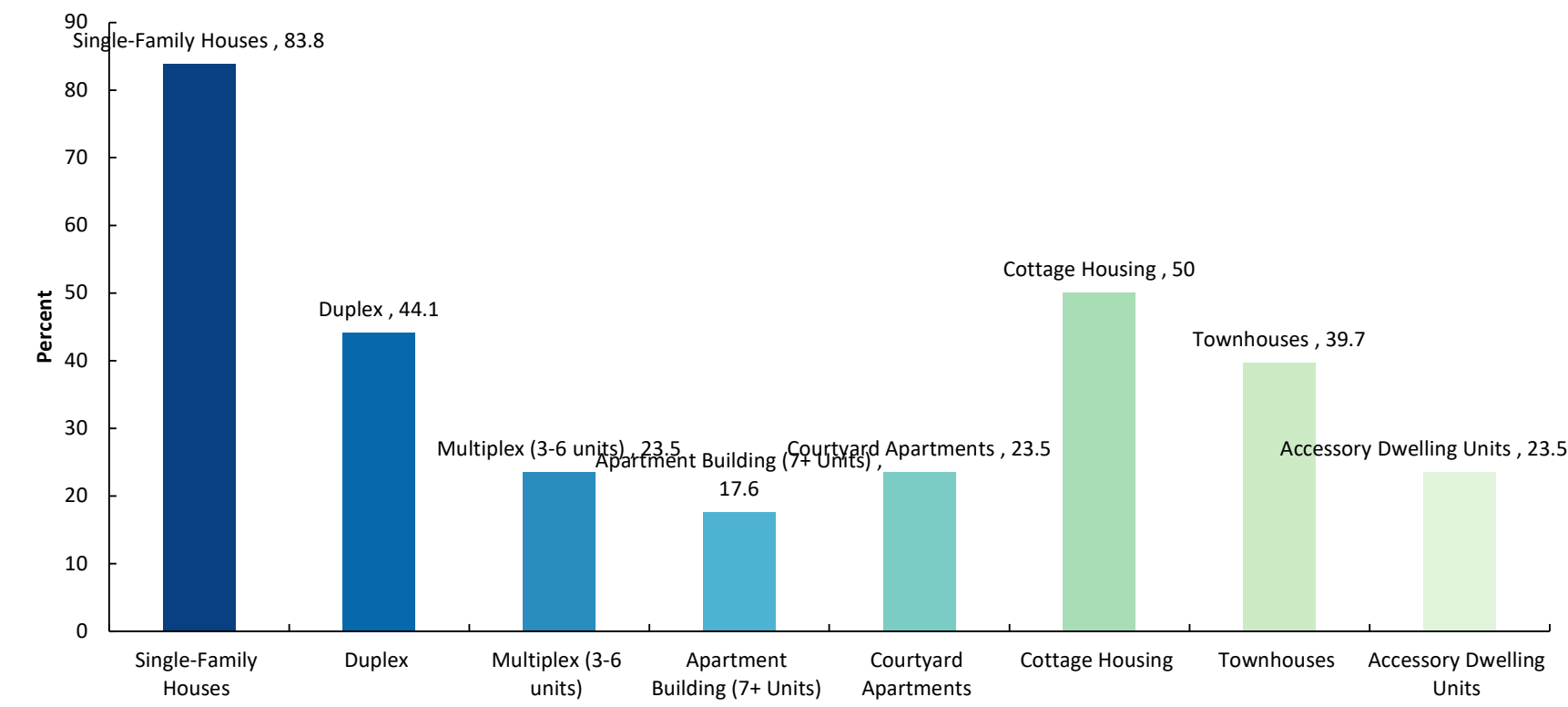
Updated schools and more community involvement activities.

jobs

More tourist attractions, founded on our rich, fascinating history.

More diversity of amenities, retaining its historical charm

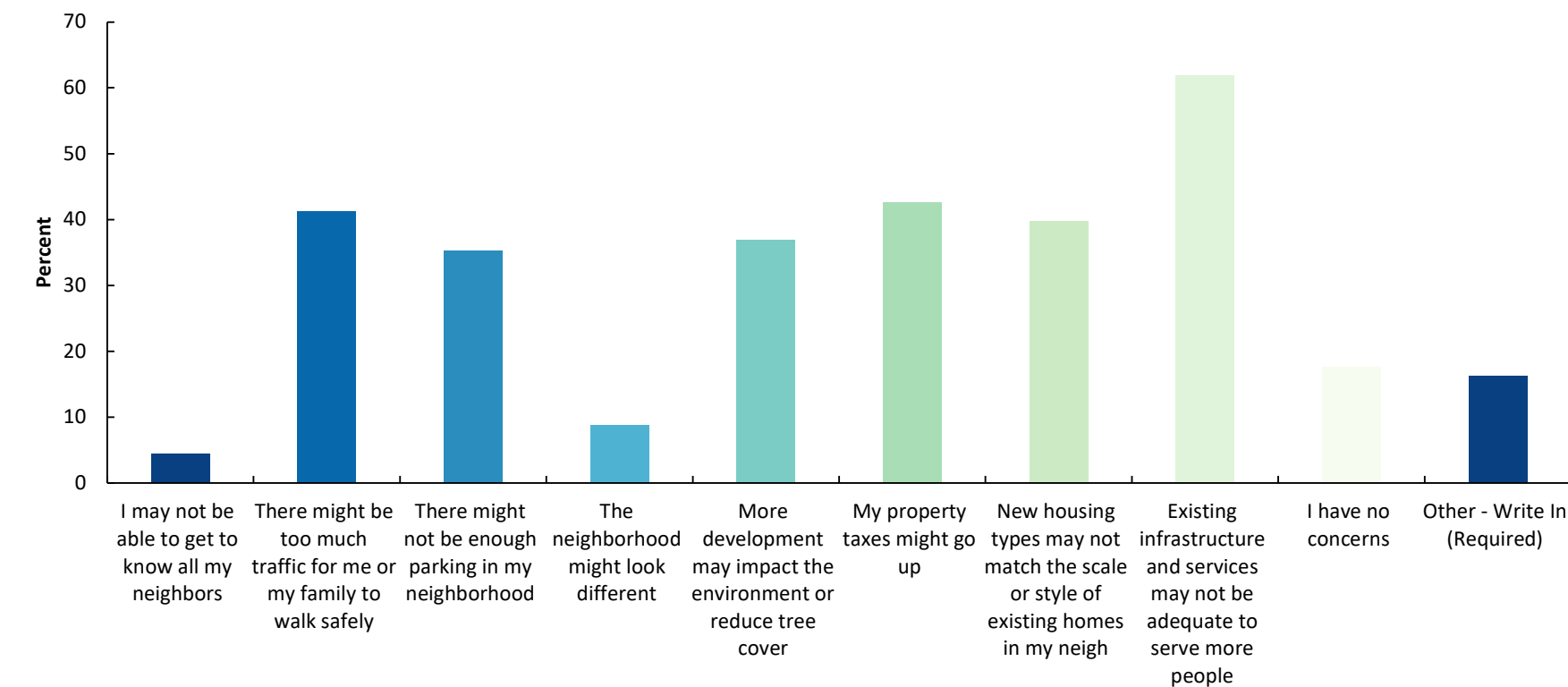
6.Which housing types do you think would fit in with existing residential development? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
Single-Family Houses	83.8%	57

Duplex	44.1%	30
Multiplex (3-6 units)	23.5%	16
Apartment Building (7+ Units)	17.6%	12
Courtyard Apartments	23.5%	16
Cottage Housing	50.0%	34
Townhouses	39.7%	27
Accessory Dwelling Units	23.5%	16

7.What are your biggest concerns related to allowing different housing types? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
I may not be able to get to know all my neighbors	4.4%	3

There might be too much traffic for me or my family to walk safely	41.2%	28
There might not be enough parking in my neighborhood	35.3%	24
The neighborhood might look different	8.8%	6
More development may impact the environment or reduce tree cover	36.8%	25
My property taxes might go up	42.6%	29
New housing types may not match the scale or style of existing homes in my neighborhood	39.7%	27
Existing infrastructure and services may not be adequate to serve more people	61.8%	42
I have no concerns	17.6%	12
Other - Write In (Required)	16.2%	11

Other - Write In (Required)
Cost of available houses
It would be horrendous for Tenino to become the next Yelm. No more green, just large apartment complexes and postage stamp houses crammed together
Lack of actual planning for impact.
More city spending when the government is already too far in debt and passing that cost onto taxpayers
More housing and people as long as it is affordable and accessible
Our city can't handle more growth. We don't have the means to.

School capacity
Size and access of schools. Things we're seeing impact Yelm like water and traffic.
Too inexpensive/subsidized housing attracts more crime.
We ❤️ T90!
decreasing property value
Totals

8.What are your thoughts on the current height limit of 35 feet in all of Tenino?

Response
I think it's smart no one wants skyscrapers here it's a small town that's all it needs to be
Agree
For single family homes this is fine. But anything above 35 feet should be apartments for our veterans or senior citizens only.
There isn't the real estate to support this. Building up makes sense and can still feel old fashioned.
approve
I approve.
Effects change and growth
It keeps a small town feel to the town which is why many residents have moved here.
Raise it to 500 so the rednecks can have extra tall tree stands
No concerns, OK to go higher.
Again govt stay out leave in place no high density housing
I think that it's a reasonable limit
I think it's important to ensure new developments blend in with existing architecture and preserve the overall aesthetic of a community.
No concern
For downtown area, it really limits growth. Higher buildings downtown capped at maybe 3 stories would be great for mixed use development.
No point
It keeps the town vide the same. Less Tumwater-ish
High rise buildings above 35 feet will be out of character with the historic town.
get rid of height limits. People should be able to build how they see fit.
No Higher
If too tall, views would be blocked.
Good. It keeps the look of a small town and allows for scenic views of surrounding greenery
It should remain.
Excellent, keep it!
I think it needs to stay

Na
I like it!
Keep it
Don't care
No issues
It should be raised downtown to allow for second and third story residential in our commercial zone
We need to allow for higher density and ability to go up
None
I'm ok with this. We are a small community. Seeing the trees and sky at night is the point of living in a smaller town like Tenino.
I think it helps keep our community personal
It's adds to the look of a small town but I don't care as long as it adds to the affordable housing in town
Silly. There isn't the real estate to restrict height.
Great!
Ridiculous
Seems like a good limit
Appropriate
don't know that was a thing
No thoughts.
Great!
ok
That's plenty tall. Appropriate height limit.
If the reasoning is current i agree however if it is a limit out in place years ago with no thought to how many more people could be served then it needs to be re evaluated
I like it, we don't need anything bigger.
I don't have any preference. Although, it is kind of add to the small town feel having no buildings over 35 feet.
Agree
This needs to be updated to allow better access and better balance of building to be built

Am good with it
Nobody should be told what they can and can't do on their own property within reason straight out
No thoughts
I agree with this
Perfect, no higher
None
None
No concens
I like it
It's fine, no reason to go taller
It's dumb. Literally stunting growth.
The height limit should stay in place to keep the small town character.
I think downtown is tall enough. Could maybe see a taller building at the edges of town if they are tucked in and blend
I think it's great for downtown to not block the beautiful views.
could be negotiated w industrial uses
I think we need to build more housing up, than out. The height limit needs to increase.
I like that

9.What other comments would you like to share about housing in Tenino?

Response
Try to help the 3x the rent it's out of a lot of people's reach
No more trailers. Unless it is a tiny home community for veterans or senior citizens.
Don't be like tumwater, grandmound
Keep big city planning out we are historical small town with growth limits
We need more.
Fiscal impacts of developing new housing will affect the low income community of tenino. Property taxes are already outlandish.
Expand housing
Collective Developments
Homes should be built more solid and not so close together.
No multi plexes or large condos
It's over priced
We don't allow for enough multifamily in areas where it would likely develop
There's very few options for people in their 20's
There is lots of opportunity for infill development in city limits.
I love the old housing in Tenino. I would love to see our streets cleaned up....in terms of addition of sidewalks, repaved streets etc. I would love to see our in town neighborhoods with safer walking paths that would be provided by this. Kids have no sidewalks, so biking, skateboarding, walking is done on narrow streets. As a family with children, near the downtown area, this is something I see being a necessity to facilitate safety. For kids and families, for not only school access, but other local community and activity access.
None
Needs to be more affordable and people need incentives to develop ADUs to help with multi generational housing
Not a lot of opinions. Just want to keep our community clean and our schools and rec areas a safe place to be.
We have lots of big properties with spacing between neighbors, which I love, but we need more opportunities to gather and get to know each other. Also, as our kids grow up, will they be able to buy a home in their hometown?
some houses need to remove old cars and rubble from their yards, but never have HOA
I dislike lots smaller than quarter acre. The newer developments are all house and no yard. We live in a rural community, those neighbors have less space to garden, play, plant trees that benefit wildlife,

etc.. I suggest decreasing density slightly to 4 lots per acre.

What housing is here is unattainable to most families- the cost is high to get sub par utility coverage (phone and internet) and what is available for a family with 2 kids is not realistic in its requirements. We want our schools and business to thrive but we are pushing out the newer generation of families by not offering decent high speed internet cell towers and bus service

Keep our town small, please

I don't like the ideas of apartments or shared units because I don't think we need to add to the population. I believe we should prioritize using vacant properties rather than tearing down and replacing or adding anymore housing.

The city needs to look at ways to attract builders, of the housing is built the people will come.

People should be allowed to live in RVs on their own property in city limits if it's not obstruction of peace or environment

In general, housing in Tenino is limited, mostly due to Tenino being smaller. However, there are multiple vacant or condemned houses on the Lincoln Ave side of Sussex that the city could utilize for housing.

The small town look is important.

Enforce the existing codes and make people clean up the derelict properties around town

The houses are old and poorly maintained. They lack really any curb appeal, giving a dingy apathetic impression of the town as a whole.

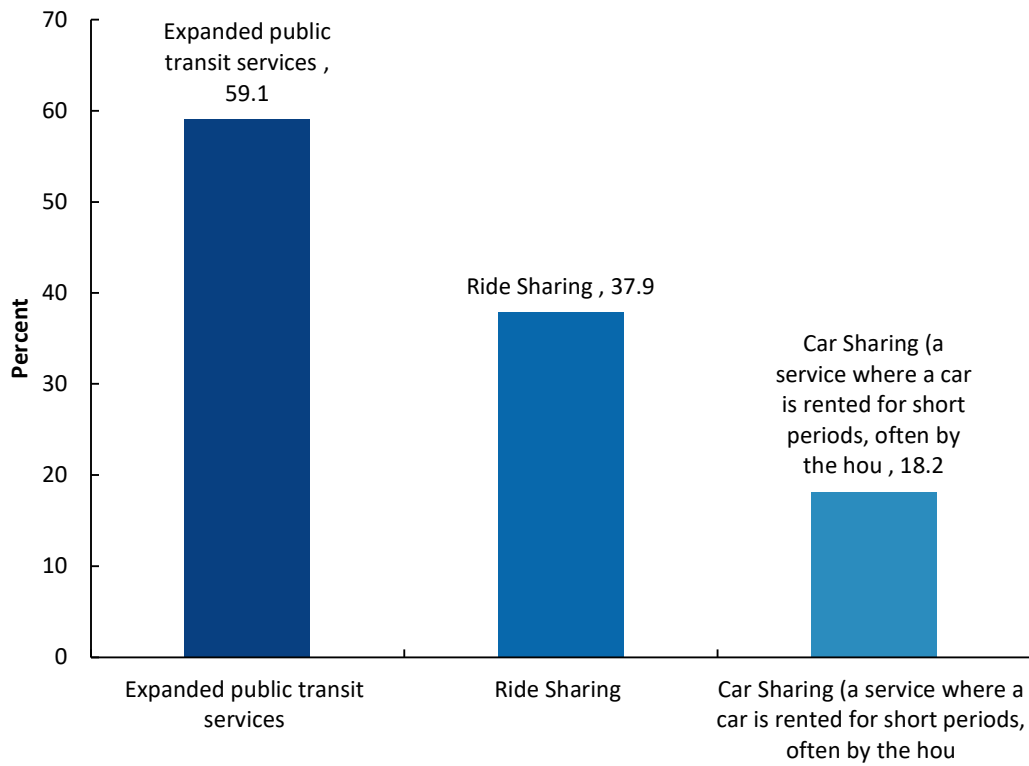
Townhouses and/or cheaply-built compact housing does not match the character of Tenino.

buildbuildbuild

10. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well does Tenino's transportation/road network meets your needs: 1: It doesn't meet my needs at all – I don't feel safe and I can't get where I want to go very easily 5: It's perfect for me - it feels safe, well-connected, and efficient

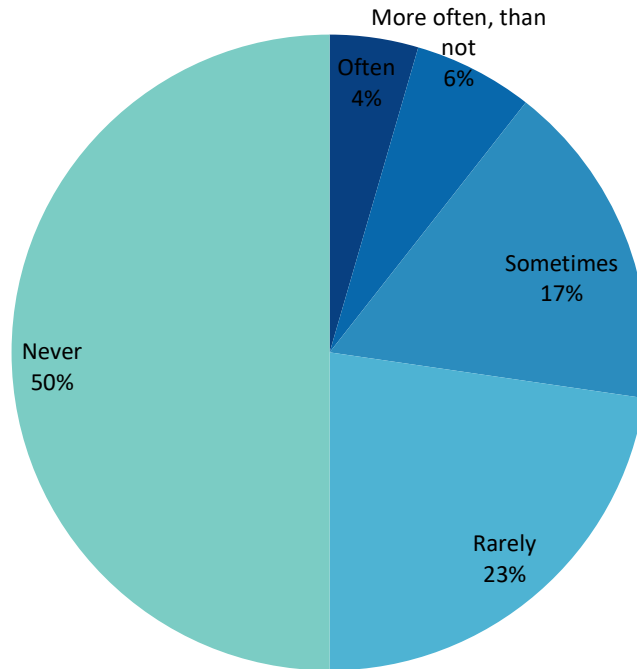
		Rating
As a Driver?	Count	66
	Not Applicable	0
As a pedestrian or bicyclist?	Count	66
	Not Applicable	0

11.If any of the following public transportation options were available, which would you use?



Value	Percent	Count
Expanded public transit services	59.1%	39
Ride Sharing	37.9%	25
Car Sharing (a service where a car is rented for short periods, often by the hour, rather than for a longer duration like a traditional rental)	18.2%	12

12.If public transit was available how frequently would you use it?



Value	Percent	Count
Often	4.5%	3
More often, than not	6.1%	4
Sometimes	16.7%	11
Rarely	22.7%	15
Never	50.0%	33
	Totals	66

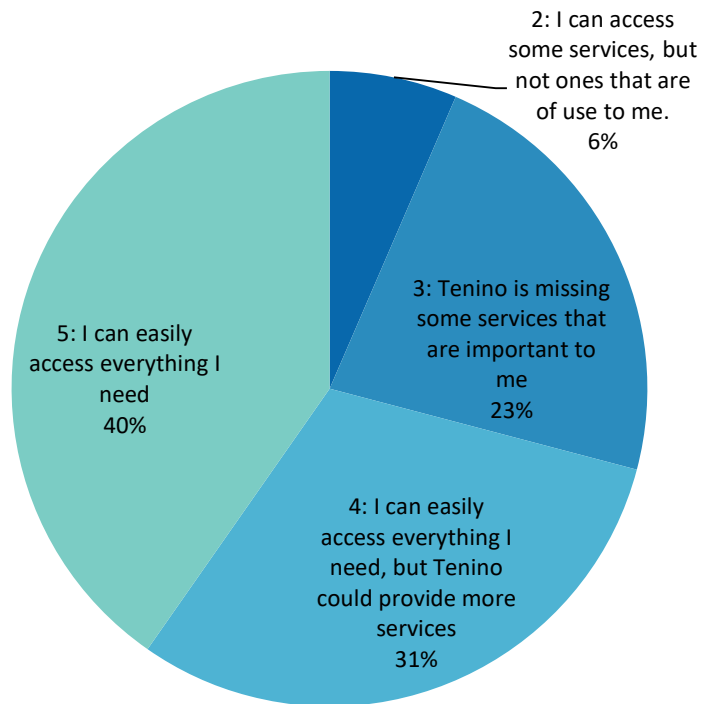
13. What do you think Tenino's transportation/road system needs? Is there anything missing?

Response
Sidewalks and roads for smooth riding for all
Better areas for crossing
Sidewalks. Oh and the trestle needs to be widened
Round about at crucial intersection. Turn lanes at Tenino Elementary School. Hard to cross the street in downtown. Traffic calming features on Park Street
I think the roads need serious help, and the school bus situation is sad
Pavement. Repairs. Maintenance.
No
Just normal road repair is always needed.
Train
Roundabouts
Police enforcement of speed limits
Actually offering public transit
No.
No
Sidewalks! And half the road missing from the corner of W 6th Ave and 507/OldHwy99
No
Potholes fixed,
I drive everywhere so I don't use public transport but I do think its important to have.
Main drag needs to be flattened so driveways are smoother. The center arc of the road is too high. Rais the speed limit back to 30. 25 means everyone drives at 15-20 now.
Collective Ride Share - Car Sharing
Covered, lighted, bus stops.
Better surfacing on existing streets
Pot holes
Connecting bike trail to rural areas
To be better maintained

No opinion
Speed bumps around the school properties particularly behind baseball fields and park entrance
Not sure
Some side streets need repaving
More sidewalks
Uber
More bike paths
No
A cross walk from the market across the main street going through Tenino. School kids and many others cross there but there is no cross walk in the area
Eastside crossing for Sussex (near the welcome sign)
Roundabouts. Traffic calming features on Park street. People go fast and don't stop for pedestrians.
Just road maintenance upkeep for pot holes. Love safe sidewalks.
Good roads
The turn from Sussex to Wichman needs to be a roundabout or light or something. That is a difficult spot. Also there are a lot of potholes that need to be addressed on side streets
More frequent busses to Olympia
no
Sidewalks! At least from marketfresh to Bowen Way before the turn.
It's great for me as a driver. Potholes suck, but the city fixes them fast. Access to public transit for youth would be great. Things to get them from rural properties to their friends and Oly life.
NA
Traffic circle at the NAPA.
Public transportation- turn lanes at intersections that do not have lights (near the store ect)
City bus service to and from Olympia
More sidewalks and crosswalks with lights to encourage drivers to slow down or stop for pedestrians
Round about 507 where 99 intersects with Sussex
A better maintenance program
Better maintenance of roads. Some are good where so many are not maintained
Less potholes

Other options beside one main artery of traffic through downtown
None
?
Idk. Maybe a roundabout
N/A
The sidewalks on the Lincoln Ave side of Sussex are terrible!
I'm happy with the layout and traffic signage. Keep the pothole filled in a timely manner to prevent bigger repairs.
Better crosswalks and driveable streets
Road maintenance, possible widening, traffic signals so you're not waiting on a gap in the constant flow of cars to make a turn or merge.
Two traffic lights. 507 & Old Hwy 99, both sides of town!
We need roundabouts by the parts store and by the grocery store. We need to fix the flooding by black bear. We need to fix the backup by the elementary school during pick up and drop off. We need more crosswalks by the park especially. Sidewalks are lacking and I think the city needs to find a way to fund them without waiting for redevelopment of the properties.
No they're just fine
build for the future
A roundabout on SR 507 instead of the Y in town. More sidewalks on side streets. More barriers between the roads and sidewalks.
I am happy with it.

14. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well are you able to access the services you need? Think about utilities, telecommunications, emergency services, schools, recreational opportunities, senior services and other public services.



Value	Percent	Count
2: I can access some services, but not ones that are of use to me.	6.5%	4
3: Tenino is missing some services that are important to me	22.6%	14
4: I can easily access everything I need, but Tenino could provide more services	30.6%	19
5: I can easily access everything I need	40.3%	25
	Totals	62

15.Are there services or facilities missing in Tenino? If so, which ones?

Response
A public restroom near downtown
Safe Walking paths.
I do go elsewhere for most healthcare. I know seniors could use more community.
arcades/youth areas bowling! :) I mean... we seriously need teriyaki
More police. As the community grows, the current arrangement will be less and less adequate.
None
Marijuana dispensary
Community Center
None
Good medical care, espresso shop (sit down), Asian food, arts and crafts opportunities, various restaurants (not more Mexican food).
No
Emergency or urgent care
We need a basketball court at the park and also tennis or pickleball.
Yes. Get more specialized medical care. A hair salon.
Internet
An auditorium for local theatre groups, productions, special screenings of movies, art exhibitions etc.
Teriyaki restaurant
Car Sharing
No, I can access everything.
No
I don't know right now
More baseball/soccer fields
A community center
None
Not sure
None

Not really
No
No
None
Music venue, affordable groceries, nursery
Senior Center. A place for youth to hang out. Could use better health care.
We have young kids and really enjoy the park and community events for their ages at this time. The music festival in the summer is fun too. Great job Tenino!
More police
N/a
Local police
well if we lose our police we won't have that
Younger kids recreational activities
Community gathering for young families, especially during rainy months and for families with 2 working parents. Gathering space for youth (arcade, ymca, etc). A coffee shop to sit and meet a friend.
food service is very limited
Overnight lodging.
Decent high speed internet Senior services or programs Reliable cell phone service Affordable grocery option Community center of some kind
Public transportation
Not that I can think of off the top of my head.
Auto Repair shop
As the city grows, I believe more food options will need to be available. This will also add opportunity for youth to get jobs locally.
Lower water/sewer bills
Youth services! A community youth center!
No comment
Not sure
?
Internet

N/A

None that I can think of

I live in unincorporated Thurston County and I would have skipped the previous question if I could have. It is my perception though that infrastructure services already available to City residents.

No

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N/a

Expansion of available services and opportunity for residents to pick better cost effective services. Also sewer is way too expensive for me.

jobs

Not that I can think of.

More recreational activities or more diverse activities.

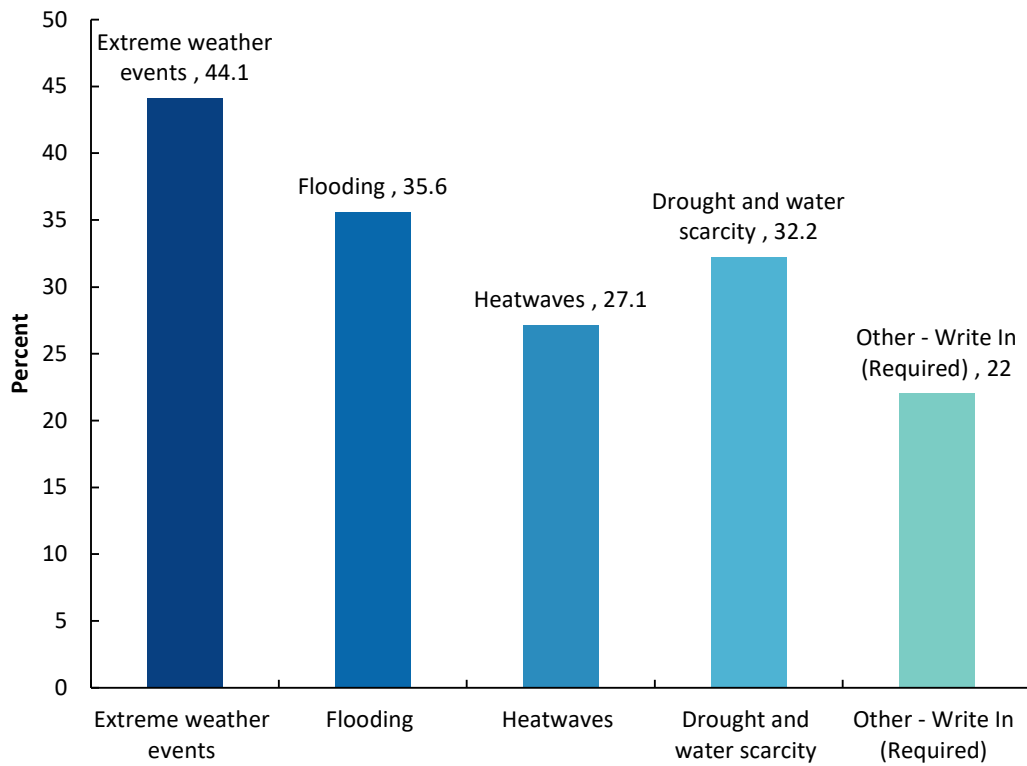
16. What other comments would you like to share about infrastructure, or public facilities and services in Tenino?

Response
Nothing
Have a way for kids to earn a day at the pool.
Places for family to stay when visiting the area.
Please keep the old town feel - love the architecture and how Sandstone and 1776 and Kodiak and Edward Jones have managed to honor it.
Public bathrooms.
None
School zone by the middle school needs work
N/A
Take care of residents here and don't be influenced by crazy growth plans of surrounding cities >>> they are a nightmare with traffic crime high density housing etc
N/A
None
None
I think maintenance does a fantastic job of keeping things working and looking nice.
None are useful to me
None
I love Tenino!
NA
Home repair collective coordinating aid and equipment
None
Only that the flow of traffic is good because there are no stop signs or traffic lights on the main road.
None
Urgent care?
The food bank needs a new building. It serves so many in our community and they need more space.
None
None

Sewage is way too expensive
Continued local Law Enforcement services need to be maintained at proper levels
Our Police Dept needs continued support
Again....better paved neighborhood streets and sidewalks
None
Teens need a place to hang out
na
None
Need to hire more police
N/a
Historical restoration
hdjd
N/a
None. I love our town and appreciate the care you all put into doing it well. Look at other cities and their development for clues. Things like growing sustainably, building cohesive neighborhoods that flow together, managing traffic, and ensuring resources are available for the population.
nothing
Staff to maintain things is a challenge as I understand it. We have a lot of resources that go underutilized as a result. Park bathrooms, the pool, campgrounds, etc. The staff we do have do so much and we appreciate them.
I love tenino however I am unable to work from home or stay in town as much as I want due to the unreliable internet (it high speed) and lack of cellular connection- I can fix the phone with WiFi but cannot work from home and have my phone on the internet reliably. These Two issues are stopping younger families from relocating to our amazing town as more and more Biden ss are offering hybrid and work from home options
Public transportation would be the only nice thing to have
N/A
NA
Not just Tenino but all surrounding areas need to do a better job on infrastructure. Especially maintaining stripping of roadways.
None
Na
No comment

None
?
None
N/A
The city is very walkable and accessible to all, except some of the sidewalks are in need of major repair. The whole town is not on the park side. Other people live on the other side of town and want to walk too.
Tenino is the best little city. Thanks for investing in the quarry pool, the holiday decor, summer flowers, and metal markers along Sussex. All this enhances our presentation and invites people to stay awhile and spend money.
None
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N/a
Expanding the sewer needs to not make it more expensive
jobs
Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into Tenino's right future.
I would like more diversity with food options and more recreational activities.

17. In your opinion, what are the most critical climate-related risks facing this community? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
Extreme weather events	44.1%	26
Flooding	35.6%	21
Heatwaves	27.1%	16
Drought and water scarcity	32.2%	19
Other - Write In (Required)	22.0%	13

Other - Write In (Required)

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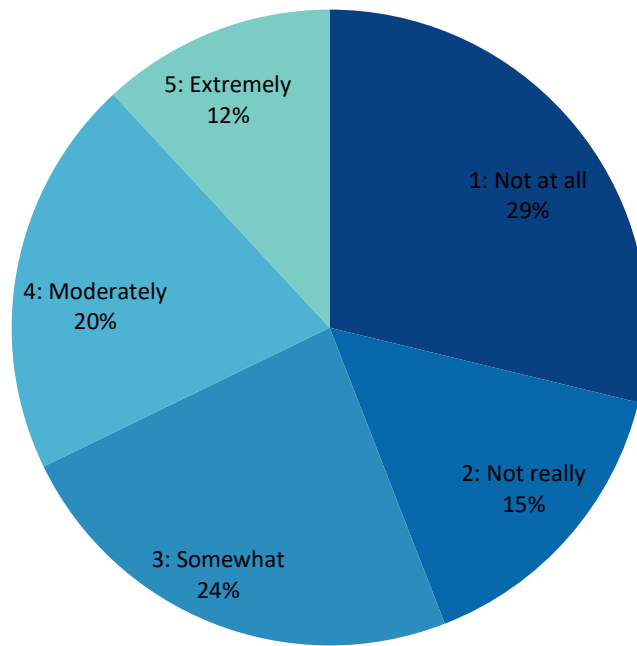
Fire

Fires

Fires

I don't believe in climate change
Loss of native plants, destabilization of soil, large evergreens falling, need to replace natural trees with those that are more drought tolerant.
None
None, really.
None. Tenino is in an extremely safe area.
Seriously?
There are none
Wild Fires
nothing climate related most likely poor management of water sources
Totals

18. On a scale of 1 to 5, how concerned are you about the potential impacts of climate change in Tenino?



Value	Percent	Count
1: Not at all	28.8%	17
2: Not really	15.3%	9
3: Somewhat	23.7%	14
4: Moderately	20.3%	12
5: Extremely	11.9%	7
	Totals	59

19. What community assets in Tenino (e.g. natural areas, buildings/landmarks, infrastructure, cultural resources, etc.) should be protected against climate impacts and/or natural disasters?

Response
All
Downtown, the pool, the depot/quarry house
All of them if possible...historic buildings (historic district and museum), forests/park, homes.
downtown should be protected against flooding
Skookumchuck Dam needs maintenance and monitoring. Flood events happen. They should be planned for.
Protect the quarry pool.
The old ones on Sussex
Downtown buildings
Can't think of any
The forested area south of the Tenino/Yelm trail, the structures in Tenino's park
Not sure
Downtown and the park when it comes to drought and the potential for wild fires.
The swimming area and historic buildings
Historic landmarks
Parks and historical buildings along with Schools. Grocery store and gas stations.
Natural Areas
The schools and the grocery store.
Protect green spaces from development
All
The quarry and the main downtown strip
Unsure
Not sure
Unsure
Historic buildings
Don't know

All
None
Water access, food access, shelter for people
Historic downtown, Museum. Homes. City Park
Historical buildings and schools
Quarry
The historic buildings/museum
All
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Personal homes and schools.
Parks, homes, roads, schools, businesses.
people and their homes and property
Historic downtown. The park. My house!
The bridge needs to have the water flow fixed before it destroys the road and causes collapse of the overpass killing people
Buildings
Anything historical to the town
All
I'm all for preserving the old town look and feel but at what cost. Putting thousands of \$\$ into the face of a building to look nice as the road and curbside are falling apart doesn't make sense.
Dirt parking lot near park
Na
No comment
Not sure
Landscape from development
?
Tenino City Park/Quarry Pool area
The quarry and historical buildings
City Park, quarry pool, drinking water reservoirs/aquifer.
None, climate change is a joke

The huge bloody forests that surround us and may be vulnerable to wildfires.

N/a

I think that flooding has posed a large threat to Tenino for years and has been ignored and needs to be fixed because it will destroy our roads. Our community assets are our roads, our park, our school, and the historic downtown.

Depot museum. Quarry and house. Downtown businesses. Schools.

The historic downtown and the park and buildings there associated with the old quarry. Necessary natural resources.

20. What other comments would you like to share climate-related vulnerabilities in Tenino?

Response
None
What do we do if there is a fire like what happened in Southern California
A fire plan is important.
none
Not much.
There are none.
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N/A
It is overstated in this state more pressing problems and making state too expensive to live in
N/A
None
none
N
What about the risk of fire during dry periods.
none
Rules limiting cutting down trees. Requirements for Trees in new development
None
None
None
None
None
None
None
N/A
Don't know
Na

None
Wind is extreme - underground our utilities if possible
Hopefully we can get more water rights.
Not too concerned.
None
I am always concerned about the fire risk in the summer, and especially with fireworks on the 4th of July. I would love if the city restricted firework use in city limits.
Green power
nsndn
N/a
We need education about how to help. In California there are days we were instructed to not water our lawns. The public needs to hear often that climate change is real and, if we work together, we can live more sustainably and be better prepared for the inevitable.
none
Solar initiatives may help energy needs in heat waves. Community center with filtered air and AC may become a necessary resource in summer smoke and heat events.
Tenino needs to be aware of pre watering and trimming trees and grass to protect from Fires
None
N/A
NA
We live in a rainy climate, make it a safer drive and put down quality roadway markings.
To keep park walkways free from moss during winter so they are not slippery when walking
Na
No comment
None
?
None
N/A
None
Whether it's climate-related disasters or natural disasters like earthquakes, I heard we are working towards an emergency plan for powering the high school during city power interruption emergencies. I

think this is a good decision for supporting our city's population.

None

I would like increased forest management for the long term health and safety of the forests and the citizenry.

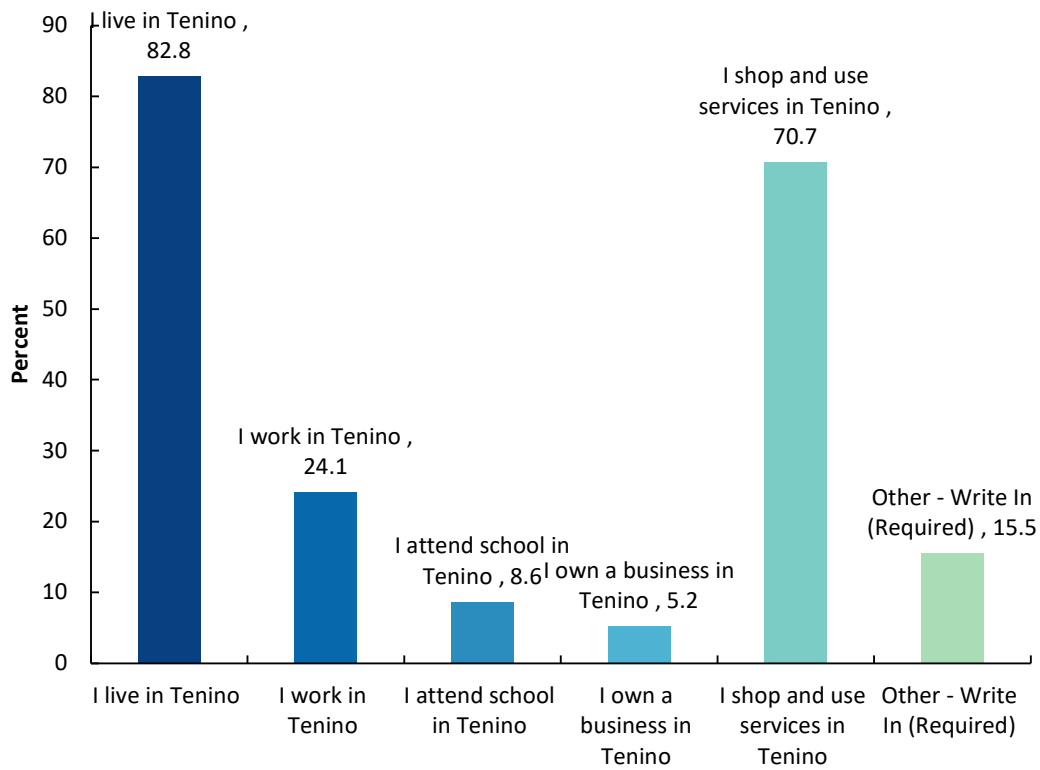
Old Hwy 99 to the west of Bucoda HWY is always flooding due to poor drainage. Even something as simple as a ditch going into Scatter Creek would be better than the way it's been for years...

Flooding needs to be fixed otherwise in a disaster we will be trapped. Every exit out of Tenino has a flooding issue. Work with the county to fix the problems outside of the city as well.

NA

None

21.What is your relationship to Tenino? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
I live in Tenino	82.8%	48
I work in Tenino	24.1%	14
I attend school in Tenino	8.6%	5
I own a business in Tenino	5.2%	3
I shop and use services in Tenino	70.7%	41
Other - Write In (Required)	15.5%	9

Other - Write In (Required)

Children attend Tenino schools

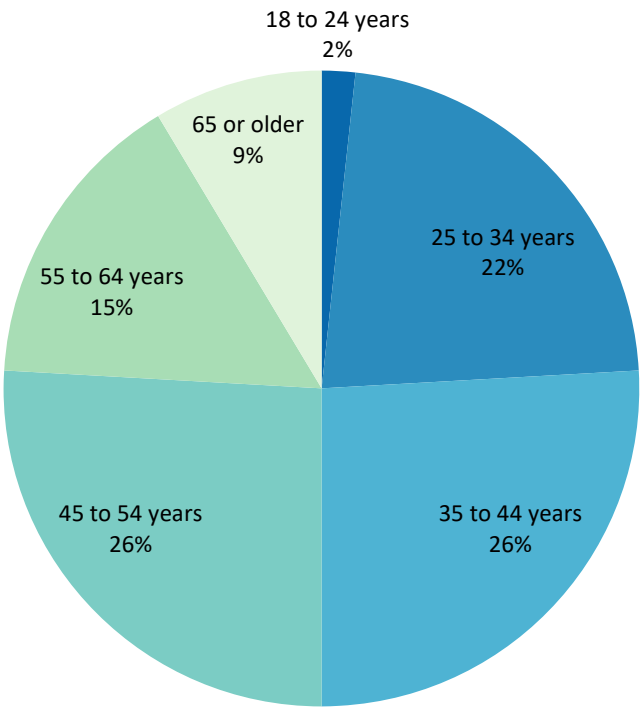
GENERATIONS of us live here

I live just outside of city limits.

I live walking distance of Tenino

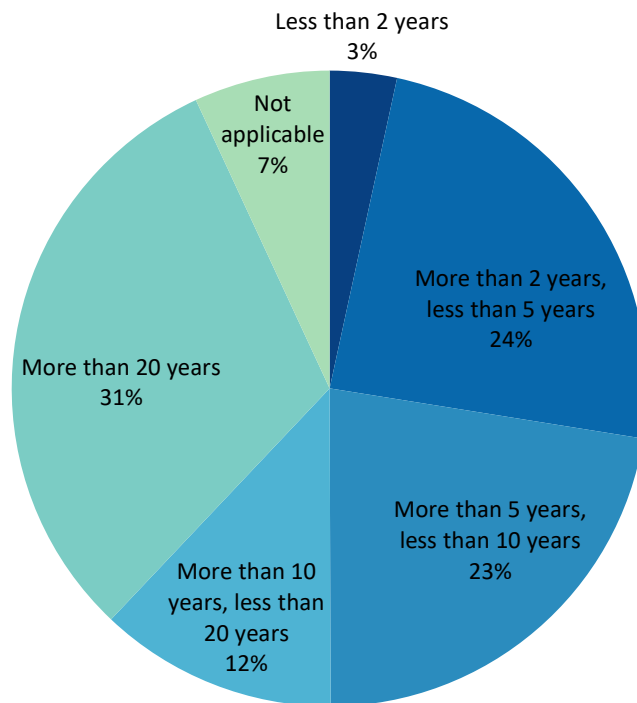
My child attends school in Tenino
My children will attend school here
My grandchildren attend school in tenino and I performed in local theatre in tenino
Past residents
attend events/volunteer
Totals

22.What is your age range?



Value	Percent	Count
18 to 24 years	1.7%	1
25 to 34 years	22.4%	13
35 to 44 years	25.9%	15
45 to 54 years	25.9%	15
55 to 64 years	15.5%	9
65 or older	8.6%	5
	Totals	58

23.How long have you lived in Tenino?



Value	Percent	Count
Less than 2 years	3.4%	2
More than 2 years, less than 5 years	24.1%	14
More than 5 years, less than 10 years	22.4%	13
More than 10 years, less than 20 years	12.1%	7
More than 20 years	31.0%	18
Not applicable	6.9%	4
	Totals	58

24. How long do you plan on staying in Tenino, and what is influencing your decision?

Response
For life; age
I will be staying in Tenino until I am taken out of my house feet first.
possibly moving soon due to political climate
The rest of my life, if we don't have to sell due to high taxes.
Although I don't currently live in city limits (I'm about 7 minutes outside) I did live in town for almost a years. I have worked in town for almost 30 years now. I plan on staying until I retire and may move back inside city limits at any time. I love Tenino for it's small town values and feel.
I plan to leave soon, nothing against tenino it's a Washington problem
Nice community
Forever
Want to move away soon. Small town mentalities don't work for me.
Forever. Love the small town community!
As long as possible. Property taxes and cost of living are making me consider other options though.
I moved away due to the schools
I don't intend to move at all. The best of rural living, beauty of nature and a great community all round me.
until i die. I have a nice place where I am at.
Forever....
I hope a long time. I own my home.
Indefinitely; proximity to job
Forever, unless property taxes force me out. My land has been in the family since 1950
Don't know. Depends on if the state taxes me out of living here.
20 years, small schools, small community, no homelessness, great neighbors
Always have a home base in tenino
Many years, bought home in 2023
Undecided
For a long time
As long as we can afford WA state (taxes are insane) We love the community feel as a family. We

enjoy a small town feel and schools for our kids while also seeing diversity in the community. Having close access to activities for family.

We just moved to bucoda last year but still use Tenino on a weekly basis

Forever - raising my babies here

forever

Never moving. EVER! Ha!

Death

Undetermined, we have no plans to move though.

Indefinitely. The area has potential

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I want to stay in Tenino for the next 5 years, at least. I love the small town feel with the convenience of a grocery store and gas station. I love the opportunities for my kids to play at several play grounds and to walk on the paved trail. I consider leaving because of the reputations of the schools and the lack of housing available.

At least until I retire. I love it here. Not sure if we'll be able to afford to stay once we retire though.

depends on what the washington government does regarding property taxes and all the taxes they are trying to force on taxpayers

We may stay forever.

Rest of my life

I plan on living in Tenino the rest of my life as long as it doesn't get grow

We just purchased our home in 07/2024. We love it here and plan to be here for at least 5-7 years, if not more. Biggest influence is the quiet town, being able to walk around and explore, and the short commute to work.

20 we love it here. It's a great community

I live just outside of Tenino, just go into Tenino frequently for shops and visiting family. I will be around for sometime.

Don't know

My life

Will send our kids to school in Tenino for many years

Forever

Trying to move back but housing options are limited. Keep my kids in the schools

Forever. I bought property. I don't plan on selling it

No plans to change

I plan on staying in Tenino at least until my child graduates HS in about 10 years

To the extent of my lifetime.

Unsure

It's where I live now.

As long as the small town stays small, I'll live here.

I cannot afford a house in Tenino so I will be looking elsewhere very soon

depends on tax rates

50 years. My daughter is being raised here. I like the city and accessible services.

I would like to continue living here possibly forever! My boyfriend and I really like Tenino! Perfect small town that's nearby all amenities. Great location, safe neighborhood, love the park and walking trails, nice community events, farmers market, etc.

25.The answers you've provided will help inform Tenino's Comprehensive Plan update. Please share any other thoughts you'd like to contribute:

Response

I hope this actually helps

City has to stop being influenced by cities around us. Tenino is small rural historical town there is no reason to buy into high density housing to bring elements to town which will not be positive for current residents!

Thanks for putting this surgery together. Hoping Tenino can grow and improve.

I think the city should work on improving the downtown area as much as possible by adding mixed use development on Sussex to increase both housing available and commercial opportunities. Revitalization efforts should also focus on styling new structures (and incentivize existing structures - eg. tax reduction) to meet a general design esthetic. For instance, exterior facing stone facades and styled signage. Right now its a strange mix of structures (pole buildings, craftsman, stone, etc.) and the city lacks identity because of it. It would need be well planned to make it work. The contact info question below is missing the text entry block, but please add my email to it: Joe Stone Sr joestonesr@pm.me Thanks!

none

None

As the upgrades to the park are made including the ball fields, please consider leaving these available to be used without reservation or cost.

Nothing

Thank you so much for doing this! I hope you get a good response rate. This survey was quite long with lots of required fields. I'd recommend shorter more frequent surveys, especially those that can be run on Facebook.

none

Thank you to the Planning Commission for volunteering your time to do this work with diligence and care. You are appreciated!

Tenino is amazing but we need to continue to bring in young vibrant families in order to support our schools sports and business

Please don't allow this town to become a Yelm

I think Tenino needs to lean hard on its partner, county/state and have them help support them in grants and funding for roads and maintenance. 507 is a well used hwy and the state needs to do a better job making sure the community of Tenino is safe for travel.

Na

None

I urge the planning committee to think of the other side of town opposite the park side where the sidewalks are in dire need of repairs. The families on this side want to enjoy the town too!

Somehow as a team we all have to figure out how to fund improvements to our school buildings which are aging out. Though very important, bonds are difficult to pass. The ability to provide to our students and their families, facilities that are desirable to attend is a huge factor in attracting people to move and live here.

Please try to keep the Tenino police. With more people coming in, and more societal problems here lately, we really need them to stay in our community.

26.If you would like to be notified of future updates, please include your contact information below (optional):

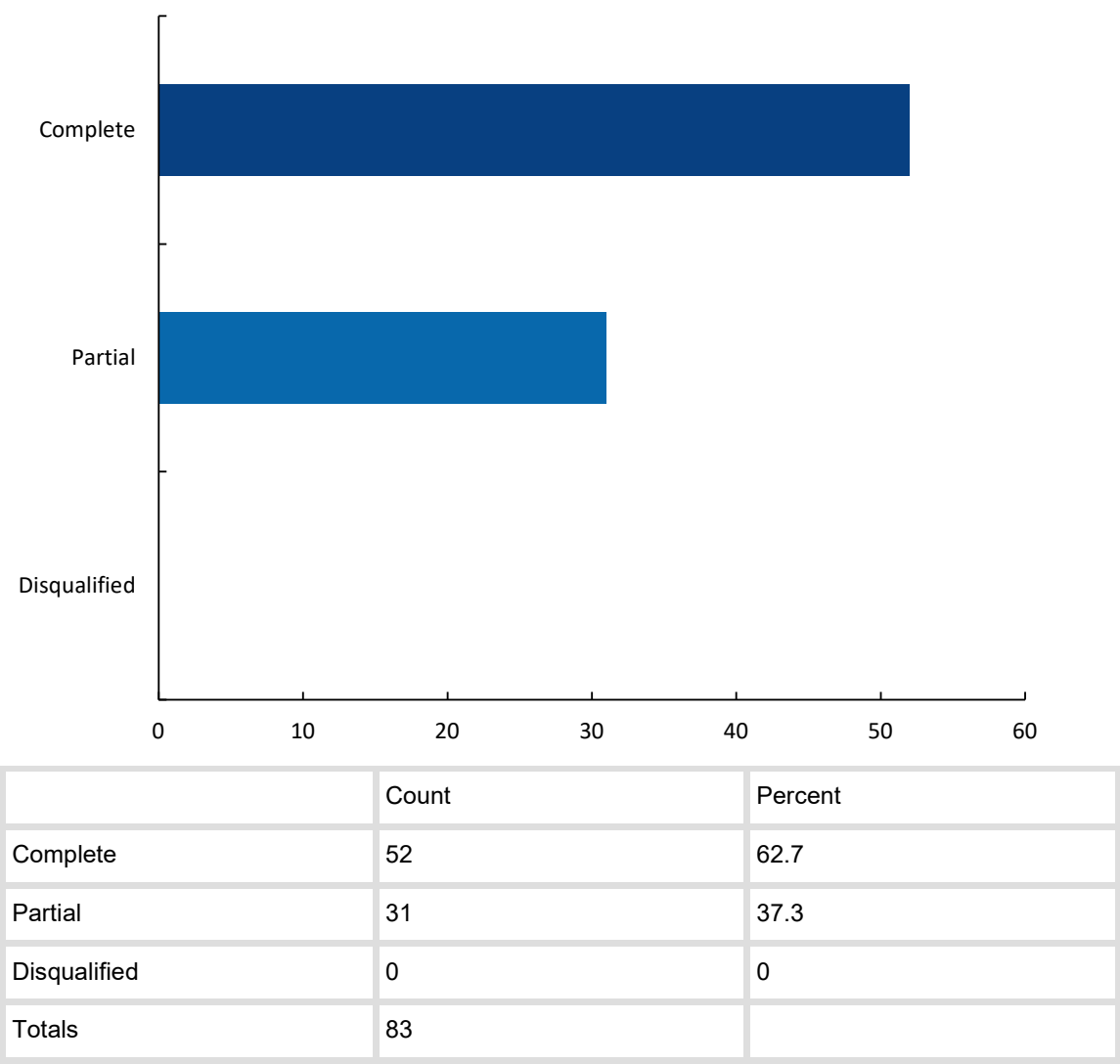
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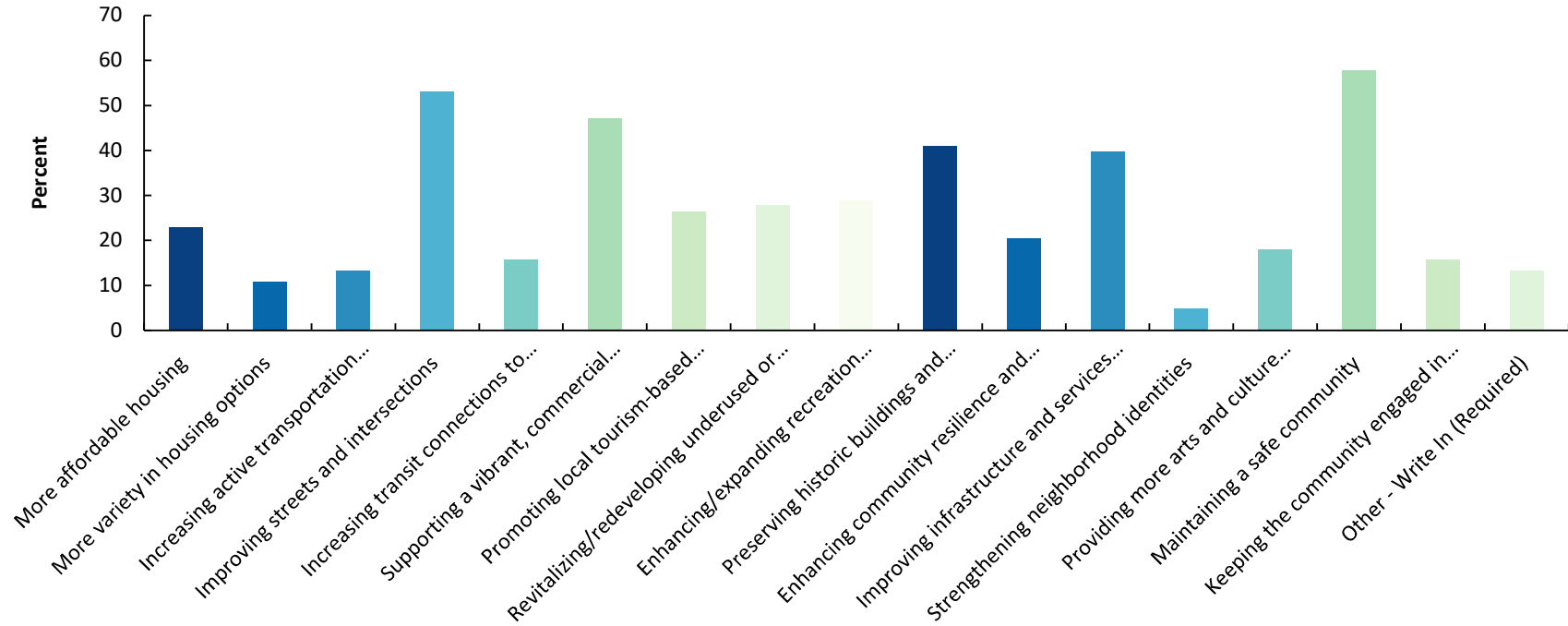
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Response Statistics



1.What do you think Tenino's top five priorities should be in the next 20 years? (select up to 5)



Value	Percent	Count
More affordable housing	22.9%	19
More variety in housing options	10.8%	9
Increasing active transportation connections (walking, biking, etc)	13.3%	11
Improving streets and intersections	53.0%	44
Increasing transit connections to regional centers	15.7%	13

Supporting a vibrant, commercial downtown	47.0%	39
Promoting local tourism-based businesses and opportunities	26.5%	22
Revitalizing/redeveloping underused or vacant sites	27.7%	23
Enhancing/expanding recreation opportunities	28.9%	24
Preserving historic buildings and promoting historic character in new commercial development	41.0%	34
Enhancing community resilience and preparedness (the ability to respond to and recover from a disaster)	20.5%	17
Improving infrastructure and services (utilities, broadband, emergency response, schools, transit, etc.)	39.8%	33
Strengthening neighborhood identities	4.8%	4
Providing more arts and culture opportunities	18.1%	15
Maintaining a safe community	57.8%	48
Keeping the community engaged in local issues	15.7%	13
Other - Write In (Required)	13.3%	11
Other - Write In (Required)		
Bringing additional internet options- I love tenino telephone but the service is not fast/reliable enough to support me working from him or in the community regularly.		
Community Food Gardens		
Eliminating debt, cutting taxes (or at least not increasing them), replacing chlorine with UV light in the water treatment. Chlorine is poisonous and more expensive over time		
Get the water and sewage chepper		

Improving the intersections of 507 (Bucoda Hwy) & Old Hwy 99, and Sussex & Old Hwy 99. Traffic backs up frequently because there's no traffic control. I think two traffic lights in town would be nice.

Keeping our community the way it used to be, stop new growth before it becomes over grown and we can't support it. We struggle now with not affording our police, schools and other government. We need to focus on what we have and stop trying to build more, and let more growth happen.

Lowering taxes as far as possible.

Please put a roundabout where 99 and Sussex by market fresh!

Promoting & recruiting stronger economic opportunity

bring in more restaurants and stores beyond antique stores

employment / industry

2.What do you think are the biggest barriers to accomplishing these priorities?

Response
Money
The debt right now the city has and then on top of that taxes and prices of everything is crazy high. We need to pass savings on to residents of Tenino in someway
Too many opinions. Should just come up with a 5 year, 10 year and 20 year plan.
Money
Tourism could increase sales tax revenue and help with other areas of need in the city. However, synergy of businesses is needed to really become a tourism destination. Need investment in hotels, and incentives for doing business.
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Not sure
Funding, staffing, community support.
Money
Tenino has tourism potential that would bring in revenue for infrastructure but need hotel infrastructure to support tourism. How can we incentivize doing business in Tenino?
mismanagement of funds
Bureaucracy, greed, and greedy bureaucrats.
Greed
People in the community that don't want anything to change.

Balancing a budget and eliminating waste in government.
Conflicting opinions
Money
Need staff who do not over spend and keep running us into financial crisis
Govt poor planning we are rural town not Olympia or Tumwater! Keep it small
People refusing to embrace growth and the community not supporting local small businesses (we don't need more Edward Jones, we need a sit down espresso shop, paint and fire pottery shop, bakery, etc). Make Tenino a destination not a thru way.
Funding and a bad economy.
Funding
Funding, specifically for improving streets and adding sidewalks.
Mayor, funds
Money and people's willingness to help
Funding Community participation
Money
Lack of community participation.
The "good old boy" mentality that some people have.
People wanting to get free things from the city government, people not wanting to change
Politicians
Money, understanding priorities of the community not just what the highest bidder will pay - no chains, no insurance buildings - think local businesses that

families can support, take classes at, etc

Funding

Not having the best interests of the community and not allowing the community to have a say.

The deficit budget. We should not be spending money we do not have. Stop spending unnecessary money and focus on paying the debt off.

A lack of available funding.

Unity and finances

Funding

Budget. Long term structure with inevitable major role changes are hard to sustain a 20 year plan.

I'm unsure

Leadership

Money, lack of vision

Lack of vision and interest from leadership.

Funding

Funding

Spending money on stuff that it shouldn't be spent on

Funding and the Sussex Ave being a main travel road - we need north and south town to be easier to cross on the eastside

Tourism needs more infrastructure. High Cost of street upgrades

Time any money? Would love to clean up some of the shaggy businesses on the main strip. Keep Tenino safe and clean place for our children and elders!

Counsel
Cost probably?
Budgetary issues
our mayor
Funding and lack of interest.
Local participation
Unsure
Budget, permits, staff
poor government and planning the town government does not appear to support businesses starting out. No gas service and water and sewer prices way to high
Budget, economic, and political realities.
We are a rural town- Xfinity services in town but just less than a mile past the elementary school they can't serve the homes off the road- in bad weather we have no cell service no internet and during good weather the internet is not strong enough/stable enough to work from home. Housing is more expensive in tenino period there is not many rental opportunities for families due to the cost and my father in law is ready to quit driving but is still very active however any bus options take all day or are in reliable
Our priorities have been focused on other things in the last few years, where they should have been focused on these things to begin with. Our communities safety, should have been top priority in our budget.
I'm unsure, I'd say the biggest barrier would be lack of available finances.
Funding. A state agency transportation improvement board used to help small communities with projects like this. Not sure if they still have funding given recent federal cuts.
Poor city leadership

Cash
Less public involvement
Na
Lack of funding. Socioeconomic status.
Making them priorities.
Money
Revenue
Budget?
Finding ways to engage residents with city/downtown events and issues. City budget issues.
Obviously budget constraints are a difficulty, plus disruption of services when construction is happening. The side streets opposite the park side of Sussex are the main arteries when Sussex is blocked (Lincoln Ave). We need our sidewalks repaired and useable for all.
Incentfizing people to get involved and contribute to decisionmaking.
Poor management.
Marketing. Tenino has all the charm and character of a nestled New England town, but lacks the marketing and advertising to draw in tourists, attract new businesses, and thus stimulate revenue for town improvements, such as building renovations. The town seems to lack the kind of aesthetic cohesion that would make it a destination for visitors and tourists. Some parts feel "preserved," other parts feel "old," and still other parts feel like there cars parked on the front lawn. Tenino has good bones, but is sorely in need of revitalization and moderate renovation to increase, not only its curb appeal, but also its sense of identity as something more than another Washington town that used to be relevant. Tenino has an interesting and solid history, and a charming layout. But it gives more the impression of a town you'd like to drive through, but doesn't entice you to stop. It just looks dingy and run-down. I'm not insinuating uniformity, but rather aesthetic cohesion. Clean and fix the buildings, decide on an actual identity for which Tenino can be known (Skagit has tulips, Leavenworth has the German thing, Issaquah has the salmon run, etc) which will draw attention (and revenue) to the locale. Tenino can be *known* for something beyond a quarry swimming hole. Figure out what that is, lean into it, make it enticing, and market it. Seasonal festivals? Larger farmers market? We have master stone carvers and master woodworkers, why not be an artisan hub? We have a fantastic Main Street, where's

the huge Christmas Market every weekend in December? We used to make railroad ties right? Where's our lumberjack games and chainsaw carving in the summer? Clean the place up, revitalize it, and give the people a reason to stop and spend.

Money.

Politics of being a small community and not wanting to grow. We can keep our small niche community while also finding ways to responsibly grow housing and economy.

Money

city council

Funding; frequent transit routes to destinations

Funding, staffing, community engagement.

3. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well does this statement reflect your vision for Tenino's future? In 2045, Tenino is a vibrant small town that celebrates its artisanal history. Our community is integrated with the natural landscape and carefully stewards its resources. Our lively, walkable downtown supports local entrepreneurs and provides the retail, services, and amenities our residents need. Our community is welcoming to all.

	1 (This does not reflect my vision for Tenino)		2 (There are elements of this statement that I agree with, however this does not reflect my vision for Tenino)		3 (There are elements of this statement that reflect my vision for Tenino, but it needs some work)		4 (This largely reflects my vision for Tenino, but is missing a part of my vision)		5 (This perfectly reflects my vision for Tenino)		Responses
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Rating	4.2%	3	9.9%	7	29.6%	21	32.4%	23	23.9%	17	71
Totals						71					

4. In a few words, what makes Tenino great today?

Response
The people the ones born raised here the ones with roots here those are the best!
Self-sufficient, small
The people
History, sense of community, fantastic park and nature areas.
small town kindness
History, small size, and greenery.
Location
The citizens are the best part of Tenino. They are dependable, honest, and hard working. If you want to keep Tenino great, listen to the citizens and don't push political agendas or personal beliefs.
It hasn't been ruined yet... no corporations
The people
Small quiet rural city
That Olympia is close.
I think the community is what makes tenino great today.
Small town strong community feel
Low crime and most folks and businesses seem to take pride in the area they live in.
Community
Small town, community,
The historical character and the antique shops
Small community feel with people helping each other
Community based food production.
The small town feel.
No stop lights, low crime, good neighbors, green spaces
No stop lights. No round a bouts.
Community atmosphere and recreation
B
The community and its small town feel.

Not the tavern nazi bar
Tenino has something for everyone.
Small town with friendly atmosphere and clean streets and alleys
Small town, safe and appreciate the clean streets and ensuring homeless camps do not move in
Our park, the history, close knit community, clean downtown
Great community and town.
Local law enforcement, vibrant business community, excellent parks and school
Our police Department, our schools, the people
Community, rural character and nature
The small community feel we maintain.
Family friendly events
Charming, artsy, family and kid friendly, close to nature, agriculture
Strong sense of community. Safe. History.
The park, clean walking trail, Don Juan's&Daves, responsible speed limits through town with good sidewalks.
Not much
How the community rallies for events like Oregon Trail Days and the art markets
History. The close knit community.
the community
Historic feel with modern touches such as the paved trail, play grounds, and baseball fields.
Small town feel, history.
Community members that stop to chat and care about one another, small town feel, no big chain businesses, low crime, safety, small classroom sizes
safety for the most part
History, community, recreation, park and natural areas
The inclusive, diverse and accepting atmosphere create a safe place for all. The utilization of a local theatre has brought many people to this town and provided a positive outlet for many community members. The town needs access to better internet and cell phone coverage
It is a small town and in a world of fast paced growth, this a town that still has that charm and feel of a small town. No fast food, shopping centers and street lights. We have a wonderful community that cares for one another.

I enjoy being able to walk to everything in town from our home. The streets are nice, and I feel safe walking. There are some properties that don't pick up dog poop but other than that it's great.

We enjoy the quiet small town vibe, that welcomes diversity.

Unfortunately the days of Tenino being great are few and far between, between lack luster leadership at the city and state level. The city and surrounding area is taking a big downturn. The one bright spot is the city is still small and somewhat tight nit in some old school ways.

Community activities & park & walking trails

Community

Small town community that is willing to go above and beyond for each other

My community and ease of doing business

Small town!

The park

The passion for growth and community connection by several community leaders.

Community support for the schools is amazing.

George Sharp and the initiative he has brought through the EDC. Our business must be supported in order for the downtown core to be visited thereby increasing vitality for all.

Not much

Don Juan's

It's small town character.

The community & access to open space & people

The lively downtown area and kindness from everyone.

small, close knit community

Cultural events. Venues. Entertainment.

Safe, friendly, great location

5.What do you think would make Tenino even better 20 years from now?

Response

If we had more activities things to do in town that won't break the bank

I don't know...

Tenino needs to be a go to place like Leavenworth, WA, Solvang CA or Niles Canyon, CA. We should work towards celebrating our history.

A hotel. Promoting cute shops in the downtown. A theater and a Senior Center. More things to do. Might need the ability to build up more than two stories.

Bigger and better community events - bring back the musket shoots, the giant shopping carts and horses in the parade, keep the pool open more days, fix the potholes, figure out a solution for lease barriers for businesses.

Hard to say. Repairing the rutted, potholed, crumbling streets would be good.

Growth

Continued small growth, it's inevitable. Maintain conservative fiscal beliefs but acknowledging a percentage of change in social settings.

Some affordable housing but nothing too overboard. It is the highest priority to protect the large farms surrounding tenino

Better tourism attractions and more parking options downtown.

Slow growth make due with what's here don't ruin history of town with aggressive government growth plans

Embracing growth and supporting small businesses that draw people to the community.

More reasonable businesses downtown. Things the community can actually afford.

Continuing to support schools and local businesses, providing more family friendly activities, continue to preserve historical buildings, keep the small town community

Mixed use buildings downtown that better integrates visually with it's more historic buildings, while also adding housing opportunities. It would make that area more vibrant by increasing foot traffic and commercial opportunities, and make it more visually appealing.

Make it so I don't have to leave town. A bigger store, more dining options, activities, etc.

Better roads, more small business

A lively arts community

build on it and bring people together.

Low-income housing.

More activites/recreation for children of all ages in our town. Updated schools and continued public transportation to connect with other cities/towns.

No city debt, an updated water treatment facility that uses UV light instead of chlorine, low taxes

No stop lights. No round a bouts. Teachers that don't let the kids know their political views or sexual orientation. Schools that don't promote gender changes. Schools that are transparent and keep parents informed.

Control traffic, have more local businesses and restaurants, plenty of natural spaces, limit growth

B

Preservation of the past and not destroying it for money and growth.

More diversity in ethnicity and culture!

A renewed commitment to maintaining Tenino's infrastructure. Better walk ability and transit connections.

Preserved history with functional modern vibe

Expand school properties to support housing growth, improve side streets, add digital speed check signs coming into town

More draw to Tenino to keep our local businesses thriving. I think our town is great just improving the we have established.

Better more affordable utilities.

Continued investments in economic and cultural development

Bringing in people who want to invest in our economy, getting more citizens involved and having better transparency

Leveraging outdoor recreation to draw in more people for tourism

Cleaning up our neighborhood streets. (Sidewalks, paving etc). Revived historical buildings. Larger more vibrant seasonal activities. More locally owned, thriving businesses, more variety in those.

Safe, family friendly community

More restaurants, night life, more walkable on the Eastside, slower traffic from Yelm, different transportation to Centralia and Oly

Maintain the unique flavor (no urban sprawl). Maintain history. Natural areas

Cleaning up old businesses. Loving the flowers around town! Keeping our park clean and growing! Would love to see another really solid food choice that was higher end. We have lots of so-so places but no clean bar (missing 1776!) and would love something that compliments runs clean and quality like Don Juans. We love the community events and keeping the library clean and available is important.

New management

Better walkability (sidewalks), better streets

A larger focus on the history of the quarries. Restoration of historical structures. Revitalization of

downtown.

to keep tenino a small town

More businesses such as restaurants or shops.

Business that stay, more community connection, people who want to help improve Tenino instead of cut each other down.

Walkable downtown with outdoor seating for meals, desserts, coffee, and visiting with each other. Community gathering spaces for all ages, especially dry spaces for young families to gather and connect. Opportunities for older kids to mentor younger kids. More opportunities for creating new adult friendships.

as stated earlier more restaurants and stores beyond antique stores bring in natural gas and lower water and sewer cost. Property and levee taxes are killing homeowners

Historical character, natural spaces, and recreational opportunities maintained/enhanced while infill in and around city center are developed including some affordable multifamily instead of cookie cutter single family developments on outskirts. And disaster resilience plans developed and actionable.

Families want to spend more time at home many work places have adapted a hybrid or work from home option however due to xfinities inability to move up driveways or provide service off the main strip many secure large income Families are drawn away from this beautiful area

Keeping our town small and not allowing growth. This gives us a unique character that other towns are lacking in this modern age.

More sidewalks and more use of vacant properties.

Improvements to schools. New buildings off main roads.

Embrace the fact that growth is going to happen and being prepared for it. Work on having an actual police force and strong infrastructure and schools.

Better maintenance of roads & better Restricted to keep trash from outside of houses in town.

More things for our youth to occupy themselves that is free

Promotion of small businesses, supporting the unique demographic that is Tenino. Very different from thurston county as a whole and people like it that way

Strong community

?

Dog park

Affordable, events, activities and thing to do for residents and visitors every day of the week.

Tenino is already a highly walkable community. Repairing sidewalks on Lincoln and away from the park side of town would help families that live on that side thrive and be able to walk to the activities. Right now, the sidewalks on Lincoln are terribly broken and not walkable unless you are surefooted. No one with disabilities could navigate the sidewalks with a wheelchair or cane.

Upgraded school buildings.

Viable businesses that the population could support.

Repair, renovation, revitalization. See previous comment.

Being able to drive through it without the headaches of waiting for yields/turns backed up in mornings and afternoons.

More economic opportunities & strengthen the access to trails in the park. The park is amazing and is unlike any others. We also need to focus on walkability of the city. We cannot reduce the car trips simply just across town if we do not have safe sidewalks & cross walks.

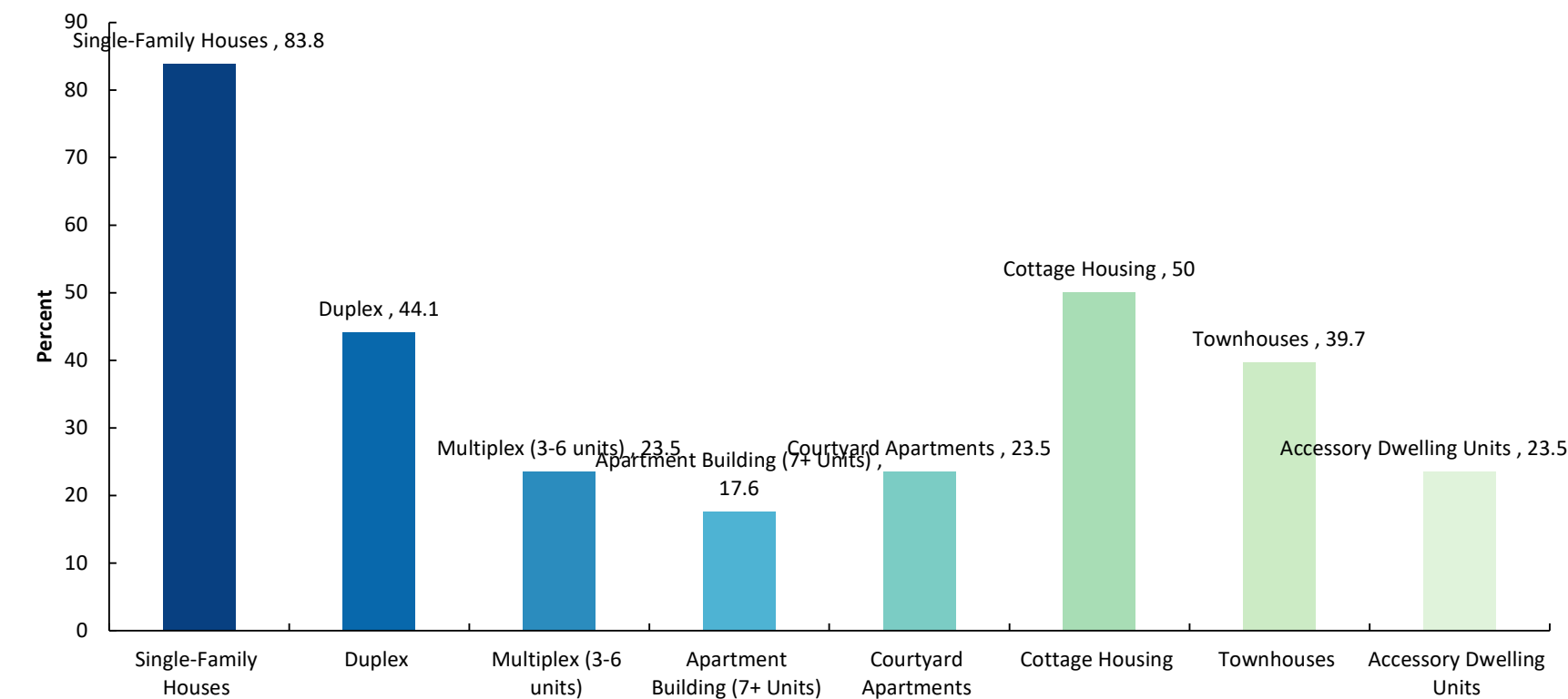
Updated schools and more community involvement activities.

jobs

More tourist attractions, founded on our rich, fascinating history.

More diversity of amenities, retaining its historical charm

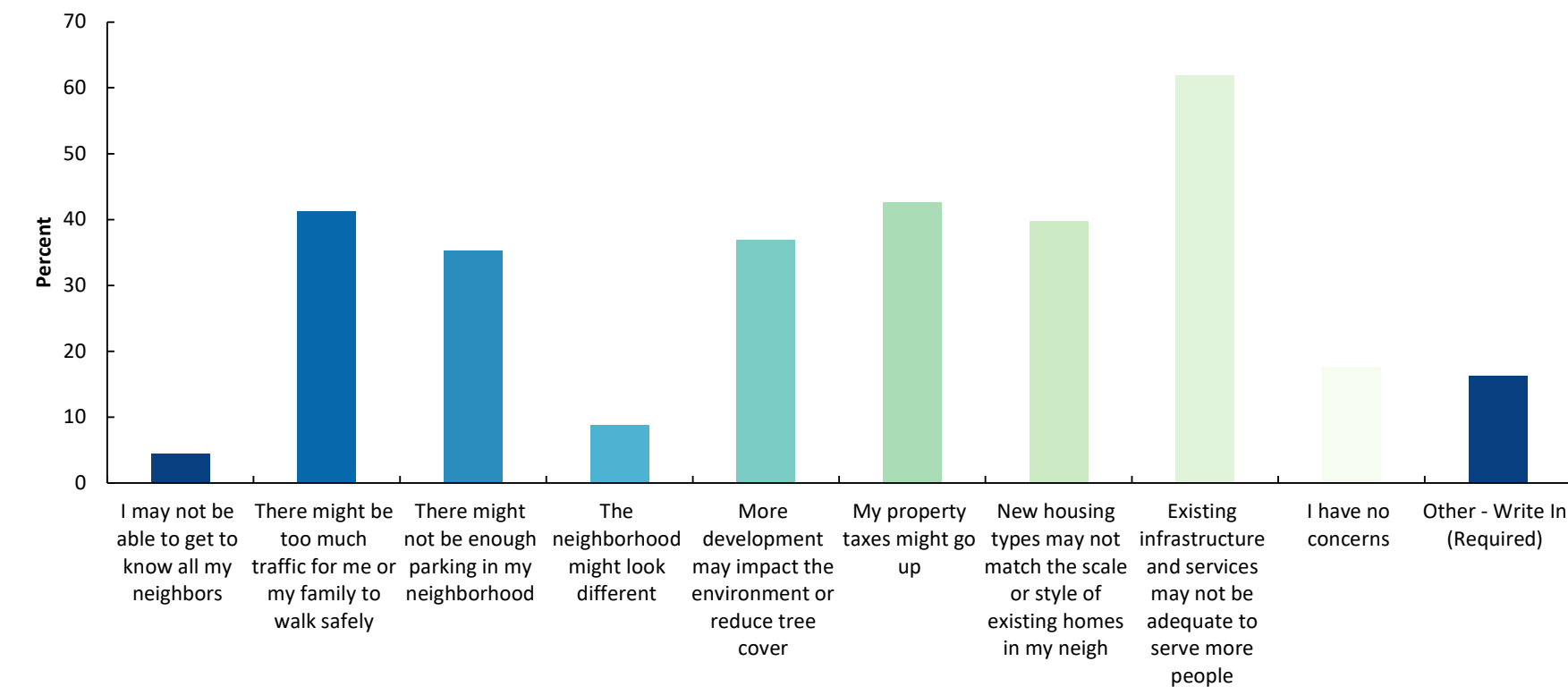
6.Which housing types do you think would fit in with existing residential development? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
Single-Family Houses	83.8%	57

Duplex	44.1%	30
Multiplex (3-6 units)	23.5%	16
Apartment Building (7+ Units)	17.6%	12
Courtyard Apartments	23.5%	16
Cottage Housing	50.0%	34
Townhouses	39.7%	27
Accessory Dwelling Units	23.5%	16

7.What are your biggest concerns related to allowing different housing types? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
I may not be able to get to know all my neighbors	4.4%	3

There might be too much traffic for me or my family to walk safely	41.2%	28
There might not be enough parking in my neighborhood	35.3%	24
The neighborhood might look different	8.8%	6
More development may impact the environment or reduce tree cover	36.8%	25
My property taxes might go up	42.6%	29
New housing types may not match the scale or style of existing homes in my neighborhood	39.7%	27
Existing infrastructure and services may not be adequate to serve more people	61.8%	42
I have no concerns	17.6%	12
Other - Write In (Required)	16.2%	11

Other - Write In (Required)
Cost of available houses
It would be horrendous for Tenino to become the next Yelm. No more green, just large apartment complexes and postage stamp houses crammed together
Lack of actual planning for impact.
More city spending when the government is already too far in debt and passing that cost onto taxpayers
More housing and people as long as it is affordable and accessible
Our city can't handle more growth. We don't have the means to.

School capacity
Size and access of schools. Things we're seeing impact Yelm like water and traffic.
Too inexpensive/subsidized housing attracts more crime.
We ❤️ T90!
decreasing property value
Totals

8.What are your thoughts on the current height limit of 35 feet in all of Tenino?

Response
I think it's smart no one wants skyscrapers here it's a small town that's all it needs to be
Agree
For single family homes this is fine. But anything above 35 feet should be apartments for our veterans or senior citizens only.
There isn't the real estate to support this. Building up makes sense and can still feel old fashioned.
approve
I approve.
Effects change and growth
It keeps a small town feel to the town which is why many residents have moved here.
Raise it to 500 so the rednecks can have extra tall tree stands
No concerns, OK to go higher.
Again govt stay out leave in place no high density housing
I think that it's a reasonable limit
I think it's important to ensure new developments blend in with existing architecture and preserve the overall aesthetic of a community.
No concern
For downtown area, it really limits growth. Higher buildings downtown capped at maybe 3 stories would be great for mixed use development.
No point
It keeps the town vide the same. Less Tumwater-ish
High rise buildings above 35 feet will be out of character with the historic town.
get rid of height limits. People should be able to build how they see fit.
No Higher
If too tall, views would be blocked.
Good. It keeps the look of a small town and allows for scenic views of surrounding greenery
It should remain.
Excellent, keep it!
I think it needs to stay

Na
I like it!
Keep it
Don't care
No issues
It should be raised downtown to allow for second and third story residential in our commercial zone
We need to allow for higher density and ability to go up
None
I'm ok with this. We are a small community. Seeing the trees and sky at night is the point of living in a smaller town like Tenino.
I think it helps keep our community personal
It's adds to the look of a small town but I don't care as long as it adds to the affordable housing in town
Silly. There isn't the real estate to restrict height.
Great!
Ridiculous
Seems like a good limit
Appropriate
don't know that was a thing
No thoughts.
Great!
ok
That's plenty tall. Appropriate height limit.
If the reasoning is current i agree however if it is a limit out in place years ago with no thought to how many more people could be served then it needs to be re evaluated
I like it, we don't need anything bigger.
I don't have any preference. Although, it is kind of add to the small town feel having no buildings over 35 feet.
Agree
This needs to be updated to allow better access and better balance of building to be built

Am good with it
Nobody should be told what they can and can't do on their own property within reason straight out
No thoughts
I agree with this
Perfect, no higher
None
None
No concens
I like it
It's fine, no reason to go taller
It's dumb. Literally stunting growth.
The height limit should stay in place to keep the small town character.
I think downtown is tall enough. Could maybe see a taller building at the edges of town if they are tucked in and blend
I think it's great for downtown to not block the beautiful views.
could be negotiated w industrial uses
I think we need to build more housing up, than out. The height limit needs to increase.
I like that

9. What other comments would you like to share about housing in Tenino?

Response
Try to help the 3x the rent it's out of a lot of people's reach
No more trailers. Unless it is a tiny home community for veterans or senior citizens.
Don't be like tumwater, grandmound
Keep big city planning out we are historical small town with growth limits
We need more.
Fiscal impacts of developing new housing will affect the low income community of tenino. Property taxes are already outlandish.
Expand housing
Collective Developments
Homes should be built more solid and not so close together.
No multi plexes or large condos
It's over priced
We don't allow for enough multifamily in areas where it would likely develop
There's very few options for people in their 20's
There is lots of opportunity for infill development in city limits.
I love the old housing in Tenino. I would love to see our streets cleaned up....in terms of addition of sidewalks, repaved streets etc. I would love to see our in town neighborhoods with safer walking paths that would be provided by this. Kids have no sidewalks, so biking, skateboarding, walking is done on narrow streets. As a family with children, near the downtown area, this is something I see being a necessity to facilitate safety. For kids and families, for not only school access, but other local community and activity access.
None
Needs to be more affordable and people need incentives to develop ADUs to help with multi generational housing
Not a lot of opinions. Just want to keep our community clean and our schools and rec areas a safe place to be.
We have lots of big properties with spacing between neighbors, which I love, but we need more opportunities to gather and get to know each other. Also, as our kids grow up, will they be able to buy a home in their hometown?
some houses need to remove old cars and rubble from their yards, but never have HOA
I dislike lots smaller than quarter acre. The newer developments are all house and no yard. We live in a rural community, those neighbors have less space to garden, play, plant trees that benefit wildlife,

etc.. I suggest decreasing density slightly to 4 lots per acre.

What housing is here is unattainable to most families- the cost is high to get sub par utility coverage (phone and internet) and what is available for a family with 2 kids is not realistic in its requirements. We want our schools and business to thrive but we are pushing out the newer generation of families by not offering decent high speed internet cell towers and bus service

Keep our town small, please

I don't like the ideas of apartments or shared units because I don't think we need to add to the population. I believe we should prioritize using vacant properties rather than tearing down and replacing or adding anymore housing.

The city needs to look at ways to attract builders, of the housing is built the people will come.

People should be allowed to live in RVs on their own property in city limits if it's not obstruction of peace or environment

In general, housing in Tenino is limited, mostly due to Tenino being smaller. However, there are multiple vacant or condemned houses on the Lincoln Ave side of Sussex that the city could utilize for housing.

The small town look is important.

Enforce the existing codes and make people clean up the derelict properties around town

The houses are old and poorly maintained. They lack really any curb appeal, giving a dingy apathetic impression of the town as a whole.

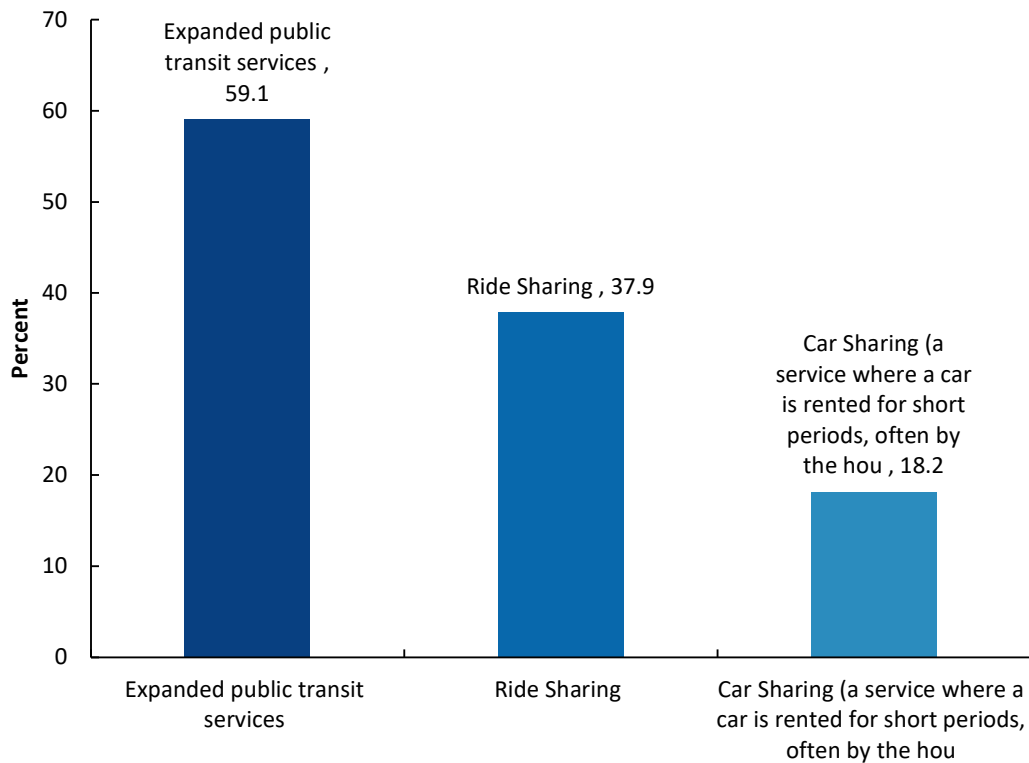
Townhouses and/or cheaply-built compact housing does not match the character of Tenino.

buildbuildbuild

10. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well does Tenino's transportation/road network meets your needs: 1: It doesn't meet my needs at all – I don't feel safe and I can't get where I want to go very easily 5: It's perfect for me - it feels safe, well-connected, and efficient

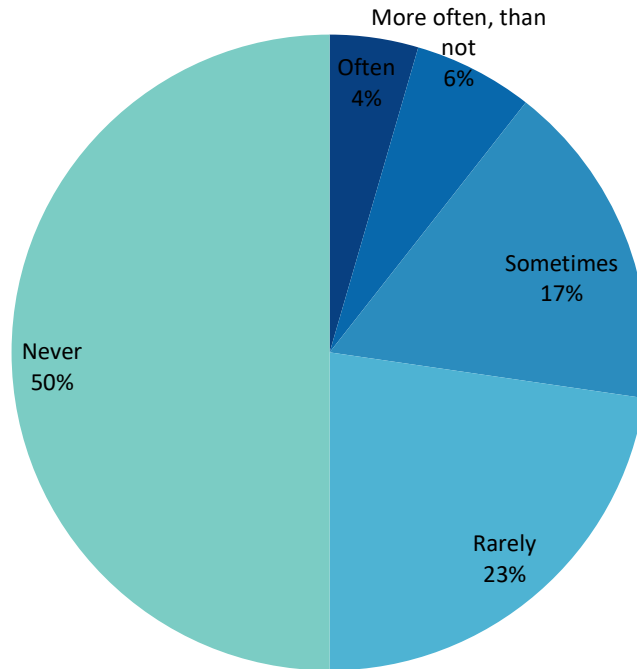
		Rating
As a Driver?	Count	66
	Not Applicable	0
As a pedestrian or bicyclist?	Count	66
	Not Applicable	0

11.If any of the following public transportation options were available, which would you use?



Value	Percent	Count
Expanded public transit services	59.1%	39
Ride Sharing	37.9%	25
Car Sharing (a service where a car is rented for short periods, often by the hour, rather than for a longer duration like a traditional rental)	18.2%	12

12.If public transit was available how frequently would you use it?



Value	Percent	Count
Often	4.5%	3
More often, than not	6.1%	4
Sometimes	16.7%	11
Rarely	22.7%	15
Never	50.0%	33
	Totals	66

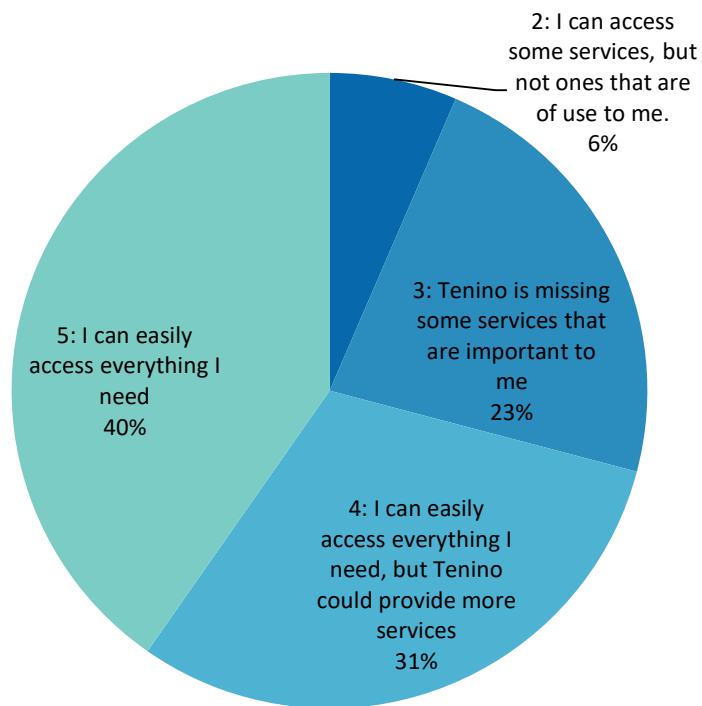
13.What do you think Tenino’s transportation/road system needs? Is there anything missing?

Response
Sidewalks and roads for smooth riding for all
Better areas for crossing
Sidewalks. Oh and the trestle needs to be widened
Round about at crucial intersection. Turn lanes at Tenino Elementary School. Hard to cross the street in downtown. Traffic calming features on Park Street
I think the roads need serious help, and the school bus situation is sad
Pavement. Repairs. Maintenance.
No
Just normal road repair is always needed.
Train
Roundabouts
Police enforcement of speed limits
Actually offering public transit
No.
No
Sidewalks! And half the road missing from the corner of W 6th Ave and 507/OldHwy99
No
Potholes fixed,
I drive everywhere so I don't use public transport but I do think its important to have.
Main drag needs to be flattened so driveways are smoother. The center arc of the road is too high. Rais the speed limit back to 30. 25 means everyone drives at 15-20 now.
Collective Ride Share - Car Sharing
Covered, lighted, bus stops.
Better surfacing on existing streets
Pot holes
Connecting bike trail to rural areas
To be better maintained

No opinion
Speed bumps around the school properties particularly behind baseball fields and park entrance
Not sure
Some side streets need repaving
More sidewalks
Uber
More bike paths
No
A cross walk from the market across the main street going through Tenino. School kids and many others cross there but there is no cross walk in the area
Eastside crossing for Sussex (near the welcome sign)
Roundabouts. Traffic calming features on Park street. People go fast and don't stop for pedestrians.
Just road maintenance upkeep for pot holes. Love safe sidewalks.
Good roads
The turn from Sussex to Wichman needs to be a roundabout or light or something. That is a difficult spot. Also there are a lot of potholes that need to be addressed on side streets
More frequent busses to Olympia
no
Sidewalks! At least from marketfresh to Bowen Way before the turn.
It's great for me as a driver. Potholes suck, but the city fixes them fast. Access to public transit for youth would be great. Things to get them from rural properties to their friends and Oly life.
NA
Traffic circle at the NAPA.
Public transportation- turn lanes at intersections that do not have lights (near the store ect)
City bus service to and from Olympia
More sidewalks and crosswalks with lights to encourage drivers to slow down or stop for pedestrians
Round about 507 where 99 intersects with Sussex
A better maintenance program
Better maintenance of roads. Some are good where so many are not maintained
Less potholes

Other options beside one main artery of traffic through downtown
None
?
Idk. Maybe a roundabout
N/A
The sidewalks on the Lincoln Ave side of Sussex are terrible!
I'm happy with the layout and traffic signage. Keep the pothole filled in a timely manner to prevent bigger repairs.
Better crosswalks and driveable streets
Road maintenance, possible widening, traffic signals so you're not waiting on a gap in the constant flow of cars to make a turn or merge.
Two traffic lights. 507 & Old Hwy 99, both sides of town!
We need roundabouts by the parts store and by the grocery store. We need to fix the flooding by black bear. We need to fix the backup by the elementary school during pick up and drop off. We need more crosswalks by the park especially. Sidewalks are lacking and I think the city needs to find a way to fund them without waiting for redevelopment of the properties.
No they're just fine
build for the future
A roundabout on SR 507 instead of the Y in town. More sidewalks on side streets. More barriers between the roads and sidewalks.
I am happy with it.

14. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well are you able to access the services you need? Think about utilities, telecommunications, emergency services, schools, recreational opportunities, senior services and other public services.



Value	Percent	Count
2: I can access some services, but not ones that are of use to me.	6.5%	4
3: Tenino is missing some services that are important to me	22.6%	14
4: I can easily access everything I need, but Tenino could provide more services	30.6%	19
5: I can easily access everything I need	40.3%	25
	Totals	62

15.Are there services or facilities missing in Tenino? If so, which ones?

Response
A public restroom near downtown
Safe Walking paths.
I do go elsewhere for most healthcare. I know seniors could use more community.
arcades/youth areas bowling! :) I mean... we seriously need teriyaki
More police. As the community grows, the current arrangement will be less and less adequate.
None
Marijuana dispensary
Community Center
None
Good medical care, espresso shop (sit down), Asian food, arts and crafts opportunities, various restaurants (not more Mexican food).
No
Emergency or urgent care
We need a basketball court at the park and also tennis or pickleball.
Yes. Get more specialized medical care. A hair salon.
Internet
An auditorium for local theatre groups, productions, special screenings of movies, art exhibitions etc.
Teriyaki restaurant
Car Sharing
No, I can access everything.
No
I don't know right now
More baseball/soccer fields
A community center
None
Not sure
None

Not really
No
No
None
Music venue, affordable groceries, nursery
Senior Center. A place for youth to hang out. Could use better health care.
We have young kids and really enjoy the park and community events for their ages at this time. The music festival in the summer is fun too. Great job Tenino!
More police
N/a
Local police
well if we lose our police we won't have that
Younger kids recreational activities
Community gathering for young families, especially during rainy months and for families with 2 working parents. Gathering space for youth (arcade, ymca, etc). A coffee shop to sit and meet a friend.
food service is very limited
Overnight lodging.
Decent high speed internet Senior services or programs Reliable cell phone service Affordable grocery option Community center of some kind
Public transportation
Not that I can think of off the top of my head.
Auto Repair shop
As the city grows, I believe more food options will need to be available. This will also add opportunity for youth to get jobs locally.
Lower water/sewer bills
Youth services! A community youth center!
No comment
Not sure
?
Internet

N/A

None that I can think of

I live in unincorporated Thurston County and I would have skipped the previous question if I could have. It is my perception though that infrastructure services already available to City residents.

No

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N/a

Expansion of available services and opportunity for residents to pick better cost effective services. Also sewer is way too expensive for me.

jobs

Not that I can think of.

More recreational activities or more diverse activities.

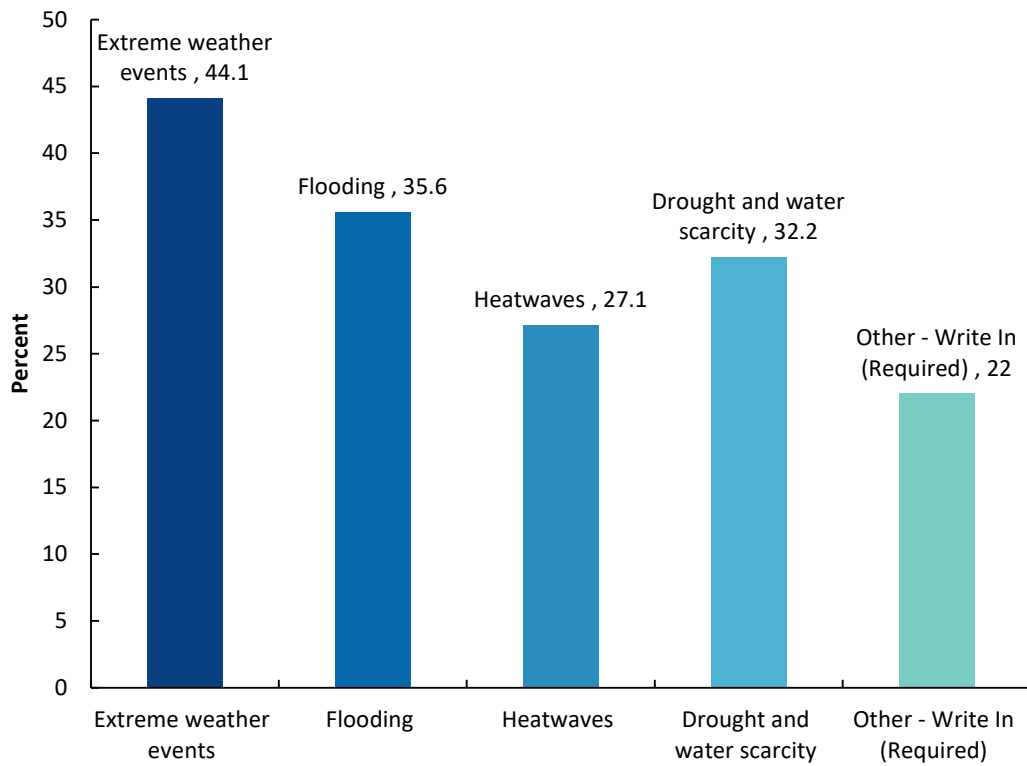
16. What other comments would you like to share about infrastructure, or public facilities and services in Tenino?

Response
Nothing
Have a way for kids to earn a day at the pool.
Places for family to stay when visiting the area.
Please keep the old town feel - love the architecture and how Sandstone and 1776 and Kodiak and Edward Jones have managed to honor it.
Public bathrooms.
None
School zone by the middle school needs work
N/A
Take care of residents here and don't be influenced by crazy growth plans of surrounding cities >>> they are a nightmare with traffic crime high density housing etc
N/A
None
None
I think maintenance does a fantastic job of keeping things working and looking nice.
None are useful to me
None
I love Tenino!
NA
Home repair collective coordinating aid and equipment
None
Only that the flow of traffic is good because there are no stop signs or traffic lights on the main road.
None
Urgent care?
The food bank needs a new building. It serves so many in our community and they need more space.
None
None

Sewage is way too expensive
Continued local Law Enforcement services need to be maintained at proper levels
Our Police Dept needs continued support
Again....better paved neighborhood streets and sidewalks
None
Teens need a place to hang out
na
None
Need to hire more police
N/a
Historical restoration
hdjd
N/a
None. I love our town and appreciate the care you all put into doing it well. Look at other cities and their development for clues. Things like growing sustainably, building cohesive neighborhoods that flow together, managing traffic, and ensuring resources are available for the population.
nothing
Staff to maintain things is a challenge as I understand it. We have a lot of resources that go underutilized as a result. Park bathrooms, the pool, campgrounds, etc. The staff we do have do so much and we appreciate them.
I love tenino however I am unable to work from home or stay in town as much as I want due to the unreliable internet (it high speed) and lack of cellular connection- I can fix the phone with WiFi but cannot work from home and have my phone on the internet reliably. These Two issues are stopping younger families from relocating to our amazing town as more and more Biden ss are offering hybrid and work from home options
Public transportation would be the only nice thing to have
N/A
NA
Not just Tenino but all surrounding areas need to do a better job on infrastructure. Especially maintaining stripping of roadways.
None
Na
No comment

None
?
None
N/A
The city is very walkable and accessible to all, except some of the sidewalks are in need of major repair. The whole town is not on the park side. Other people live on the other side of town and want to walk too.
Tenino is the best little city. Thanks for investing in the quarry pool, the holiday decor, summer flowers, and metal markers along Sussex. All this enhances our presentation and invites people to stay awhile and spend money.
None
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N/a
Expanding the sewer needs to not make it more expensive
jobs
Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into Tenino's right future.
I would like more diversity with food options and more recreational activities.

17. In your opinion, what are the most critical climate-related risks facing this community? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
Extreme weather events	44.1%	26
Flooding	35.6%	21
Heatwaves	27.1%	16
Drought and water scarcity	32.2%	19
Other - Write In (Required)	22.0%	13

Other - Write In (Required)

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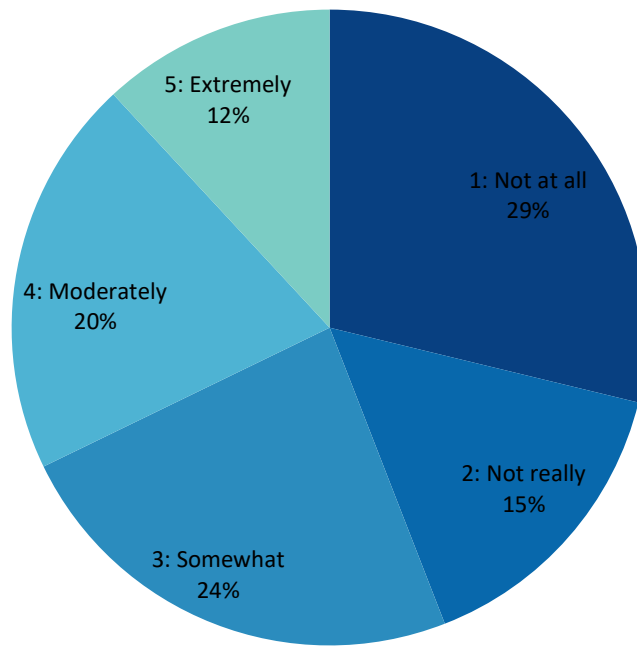
Fire

Fires

Fires

I don't believe in climate change
Loss of native plants, destabilization of soil, large evergreens falling, need to replace natural trees with those that are more drought tolerant.
None
None, really.
None. Tenino is in an extremely safe area.
Seriously?
There are none
Wild Fires
nothing climate related most likely poor management of water sources
Totals

18. On a scale of 1 to 5, how concerned are you about the potential impacts of climate change in Tenino?



Value	Percent	Count
1: Not at all	28.8%	17
2: Not really	15.3%	9
3: Somewhat	23.7%	14
4: Moderately	20.3%	12
5: Extremely	11.9%	7
	Totals	59

19. What community assets in Tenino (e.g. natural areas, buildings/landmarks, infrastructure, cultural resources, etc.) should be protected against climate impacts and/or natural disasters?

Response
All
Downtown, the pool, the depot/quarry house
All of them if possible...historic buildings (historic district and museum), forests/park, homes.
downtown should be protected against flooding
Skookumchuck Dam needs maintenance and monitoring. Flood events happen. They should be planned for.
Protect the quarry pool.
The old ones on Sussex
Downtown buildings
Can't think of any
The forested area south of the Tenino/Yelm trail, the structures in Tenino's park
Not sure
Downtown and the park when it comes to drought and the potential for wild fires.
The swimming area and historic buildings
Historic landmarks
Parks and historical buildings along with Schools. Grocery store and gas stations.
Natural Areas
The schools and the grocery store.
Protect green spaces from development
All
The quarry and the main downtown strip
Unsure
Not sure
Unsure
Historic buildings
Don't know

All
None
Water access, food access, shelter for people
Historic downtown, Museum. Homes. City Park
Historical buildings and schools
Quarry
The historic buildings/museum
All
jsns
Personal homes and schools.
Parks, homes, roads, schools, businesses.
people and their homes and property
Historic downtown. The park. My house!
The bridge needs to have the water flow fixed before it destroys the road and causes collapse of the overpass killing people
Buildings
Anything historical to the town
All
I'm all for preserving the old town look and feel but at what cost. Putting thousands of \$\$ into the face of a building to look nice as the road and curbside are falling apart doesn't make sense.
Dirt parking lot near park
Na
No comment
Not sure
Landscape from development
?
Tenino City Park/Quarry Pool area
The quarry and historical buildings
City Park, quarry pool, drinking water reservoirs/aquifer.
None, climate change is a joke

The huge bloody forests that surround us and may be vulnerable to wildfires.

N/a

I think that flooding has posed a large threat to Tenino for years and has been ignored and needs to be fixed because it will destroy our roads. Our community assets are our roads, our park, our school, and the historic downtown.

Depot museum. Quarry and house. Downtown businesses. Schools.

The historic downtown and the park and buildings there associated with the old quarry. Necessary natural resources.

20. What other comments would you like to share climate-related vulnerabilities in Tenino?

Response
None
What do we do if there is a fire like what happened in Southern California
A fire plan is important.
none
Not much.
There are none.
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N/A
It is overstated in this state more pressing problems and making state too expensive to live in
N/A
None
none
N
What about the risk of fire during dry periods.
none
Rules limiting cutting down trees. Requirements for Trees in new development
None
None
None
None
None
None
None
N/A
Don't know
Na

None
Wind is extreme - underground our utilities if possible
Hopefully we can get more water rights.
Not too concerned.
None
I am always concerned about the fire risk in the summer, and especially with fireworks on the 4th of July. I would love if the city restricted firework use in city limits.
Green power
nsndn
N/a
We need education about how to help. In California there are days we were instructed to not water our lawns. The public needs to hear often that climate change is real and, if we work together, we can live more sustainably and be better prepared for the inevitable.
none
Solar initiatives may help energy needs in heat waves. Community center with filtered air and AC may become a necessary resource in summer smoke and heat events.
Tenino needs to be aware of pre watering and trimming trees and grass to protect from Fires
None
N/A
NA
We live in a rainy climate, make it a safer drive and put down quality roadway markings.
To keep park walkways free from moss during winter so they are not slippery when walking
Na
No comment
None
?
None
N/A
None
Whether it's climate-related disasters or natural disasters like earthquakes, I heard we are working towards an emergency plan for powering the high school during city power interruption emergencies. I

think this is a good decision for supporting our city's population.

None

I would like increased forest management for the long term health and safety of the forests and the citizenry.

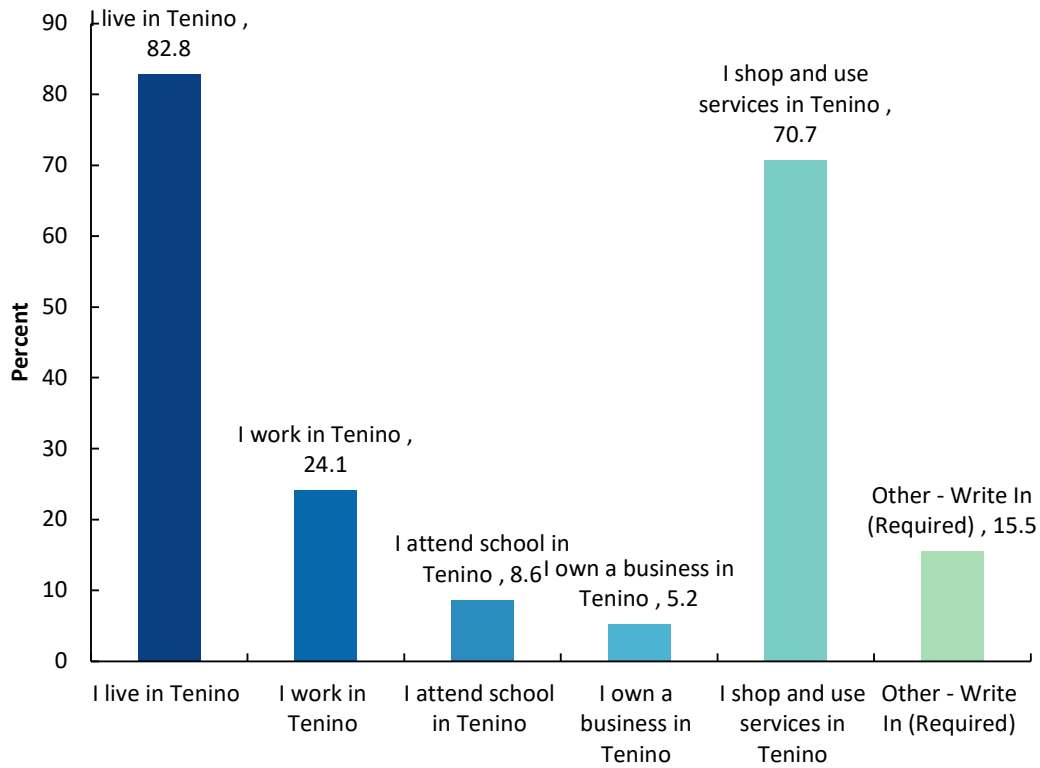
Old Hwy 99 to the west of Bucoda HWY is always flooding due to poor drainage. Even something as simple as a ditch going into Scatter Creek would be better than the way it's been for years...

Flooding needs to be fixed otherwise in a disaster we will be trapped. Every exit out of Tenino has a flooding issue. Work with the county to fix the problems outside of the city as well.

NA

None

21.What is your relationship to Tenino? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
I live in Tenino	82.8%	48
I work in Tenino	24.1%	14
I attend school in Tenino	8.6%	5
I own a business in Tenino	5.2%	3
I shop and use services in Tenino	70.7%	41
Other - Write In (Required)	15.5%	9

Other - Write In (Required)

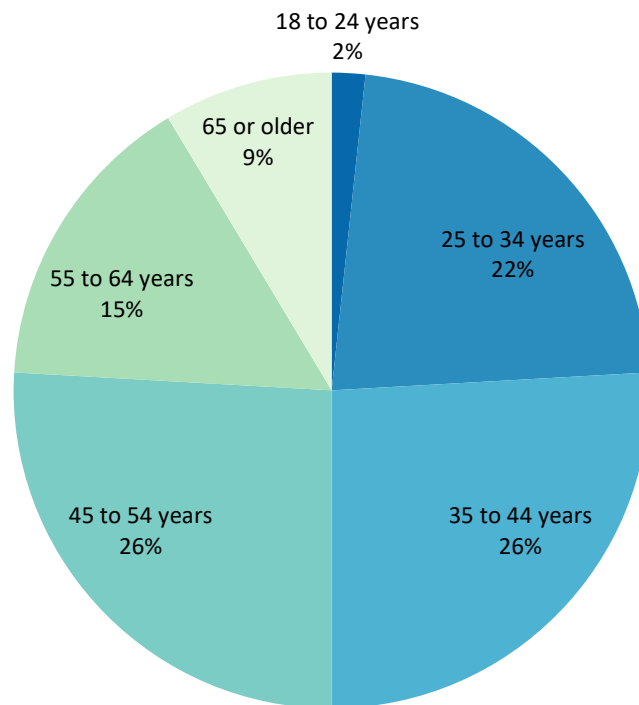
Children attend Tenino schools

GENERATIONS of us live here

I live just outside of city limits.

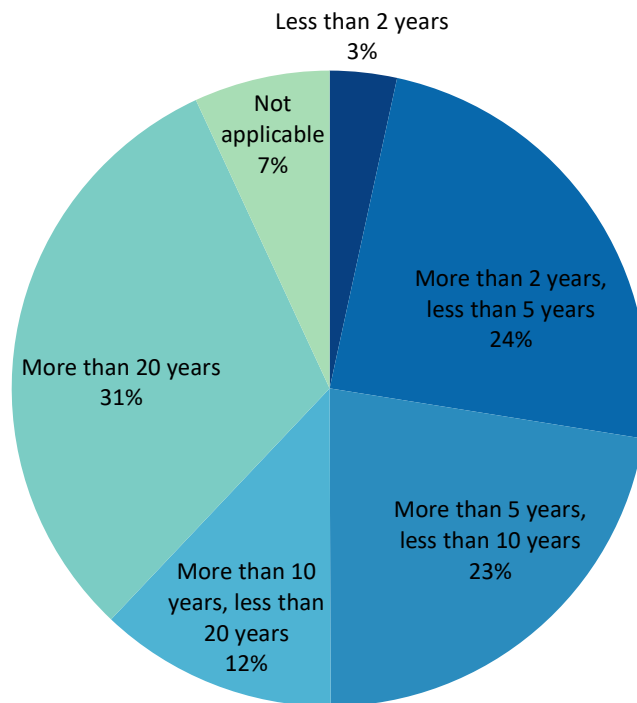
I live walking distance of Tenino

My child attends school in Tenino
My children will attend school here
My grandchildren attend school in tenino and I performed in local theatre in tenino
Past residents
attend events/volunteer
Totals

22.What is your age range?

Value	Percent	Count
18 to 24 years	1.7%	1
25 to 34 years	22.4%	13
35 to 44 years	25.9%	15
45 to 54 years	25.9%	15
55 to 64 years	15.5%	9
65 or older	8.6%	5
	Totals	58

23.How long have you lived in Tenino?



Value	Percent	Count
Less than 2 years	3.4%	2
More than 2 years, less than 5 years	24.1%	14
More than 5 years, less than 10 years	22.4%	13
More than 10 years, less than 20 years	12.1%	7
More than 20 years	31.0%	18
Not applicable	6.9%	4
	Totals	58

24. How long do you plan on staying in Tenino, and what is influencing your decision?

Response
For life; age
I will be staying in Tenino until I am taken out of my house feet first.
possibly moving soon due to political climate
The rest of my life, if we don't have to sell due to high taxes.
Although I don't currently live in city limits (I'm about 7 minutes outside) I did live in town for almost a years. I have worked in town for almost 30 years now. I plan on staying until I retire and may move back inside city limits at any time. I love Tenino for it's small town values and feel.
I plan to leave soon, nothing against tenino it's a Washington problem
Nice community
Forever
Want to move away soon. Small town mentalities don't work for me.
Forever. Love the small town community!
As long as possible. Property taxes and cost of living are making me consider other options though.
I moved away due to the schools
I don't intend to move at all. The best of rural living, beauty of nature and a great community all round me.
until i die. I have a nice place where I am at.
Forever....
I hope a long time. I own my home.
Indefinitely; proximity to job
Forever, unless property taxes force me out. My land has been in the family since 1950
Don't know. Depends on if the state taxes me out of living here.
20 years, small schools, small community, no homelessness, great neighbors
Always have a home base in tenino
Many years, bought home in 2023
Undecided
For a long time
As long as we can afford WA state (taxes are insane) We love the community feel as a family. We

enjoy a small town feel and schools for our kids while also seeing diversity in the community. Having close access to activities for family.

We just moved to bucoda last year but still use Tenino on a weekly basis

Forever - raising my babies here

forever

Never moving. EVER! Ha!

Death

Undetermined, we have no plans to move though.

Indefinitely. The area has potential

bsbsjeje

I want to stay in Tenino for the next 5 years, at least. I love the small town feel with the convenience of a grocery store and gas station. I love the opportunities for my kids to play at several play grounds and to walk on the paved trail. I consider leaving because of the reputations of the schools and the lack of housing available.

At least until I retire. I love it here. Not sure if we'll be able to afford to stay once we retire though.

depends on what the washington government does regarding property taxes and all the taxes they are trying to force on taxpayers

We may stay forever.

Rest of my life

I plan on living in Tenino the rest of my life as long as it doesn't get grow

We just purchased our home in 07/2024. We love it here and plan to be here for at least 5-7 years, if not more. Biggest influence is the quiet town, being able to walk around and explore, and the short commute to work.

20 we love it here. It's a great community

I live just outside of Tenino, just go into Tenino frequently for shops and visiting family. I will be around for sometime.

Don't know

My life

Will send our kids to school in Tenino for many years

Forever

Trying to move back but housing options are limited. Keep my kids in the schools

Forever. I bought property. I don't plan on selling it

No plans to change

I plan on staying in Tenino at least until my child graduates HS in about 10 years

To the extent of my lifetime.

Unsure

It's where I live now.

As long as the small town stays small, I'll live here.

I cannot afford a house in Tenino so I will be looking elsewhere very soon

depends on tax rates

50 years. My daughter is being raised here. I like the city and accessible services.

I would like to continue living here possibly forever! My boyfriend and I really like Tenino! Perfect small town that's nearby all amenities. Great location, safe neighborhood, love the park and walking trails, nice community events, farmers market, etc.

25.The answers you've provided will help inform Tenino's Comprehensive Plan update. Please share any other thoughts you'd like to contribute:

Response
I hope this actually helps
City has to stop being influenced by cities around us. Tenino is small rural historical town there is no reason to buy into high density housing to bring elements to town which will not be positive for current residents!
Thanks for putting this surgery together. Hoping Tenino can grow and improve.
I think the city should work on improving the downtown area as much as possible by adding mixed use development on Sussex to increase both housing available and commercial opportunities. Revitalization efforts should also focus on styling new structures (and incentivize existing structures - eg. tax reduction) to meet a general design esthetic. For instance, exterior facing stone facades and styled signage. Right now its a strange mix of structures (pole buildings, craftsman, stone, etc.) and the city lacks identity because of it. It would need be well planned to make it work. The contact info question below is missing the text entry block, but please add my email to it: Joe Stone Sr joestonesr@pm.me Thanks!
none
None
As the upgrades to the park are made including the ball fields, please consider leaving these available to be used without reservation or cost.
Nothing
Thank you so much for doing this! I hope you get a good response rate. This survey was quite long with lots of required fields. I'd recommend shorter more frequent surveys, especially those that can be run on Facebook.
none
Thank you to the Planning Commission for volunteering your time to do this work with diligence and care. You are appreciated!
Tenino is amazing but we need to continue to bring in young vibrant families in order to support our schools sports and business
Please don't allow this town to become a Yelm
I think Tenino needs to lean hard on its partner, county/state and have them help support them in grants and funding for roads and maintenance. 507 is a well used hwy and the state needs to do a better job making sure the community of Tenino is safe for travel.
Na
None
I urge the planning committee to think of the other side of town opposite the park side where the sidewalks are in dire need of repairs. The families on this side want to enjoy the town too!

Somehow as a team we all have to figure out how to fund improvements to our school buildings which are aging out. Though very important, bonds are difficult to pass. The ability to provide to our students and their families, facilities that are desirable to attend is a huge factor in attracting people to move and live here.

Please try to keep the Tenino police. With more people coming in, and more societal problems here lately, we really need them to stay in our community.

26.If you would like to be notified of future updates, please include your contact information below (optional):

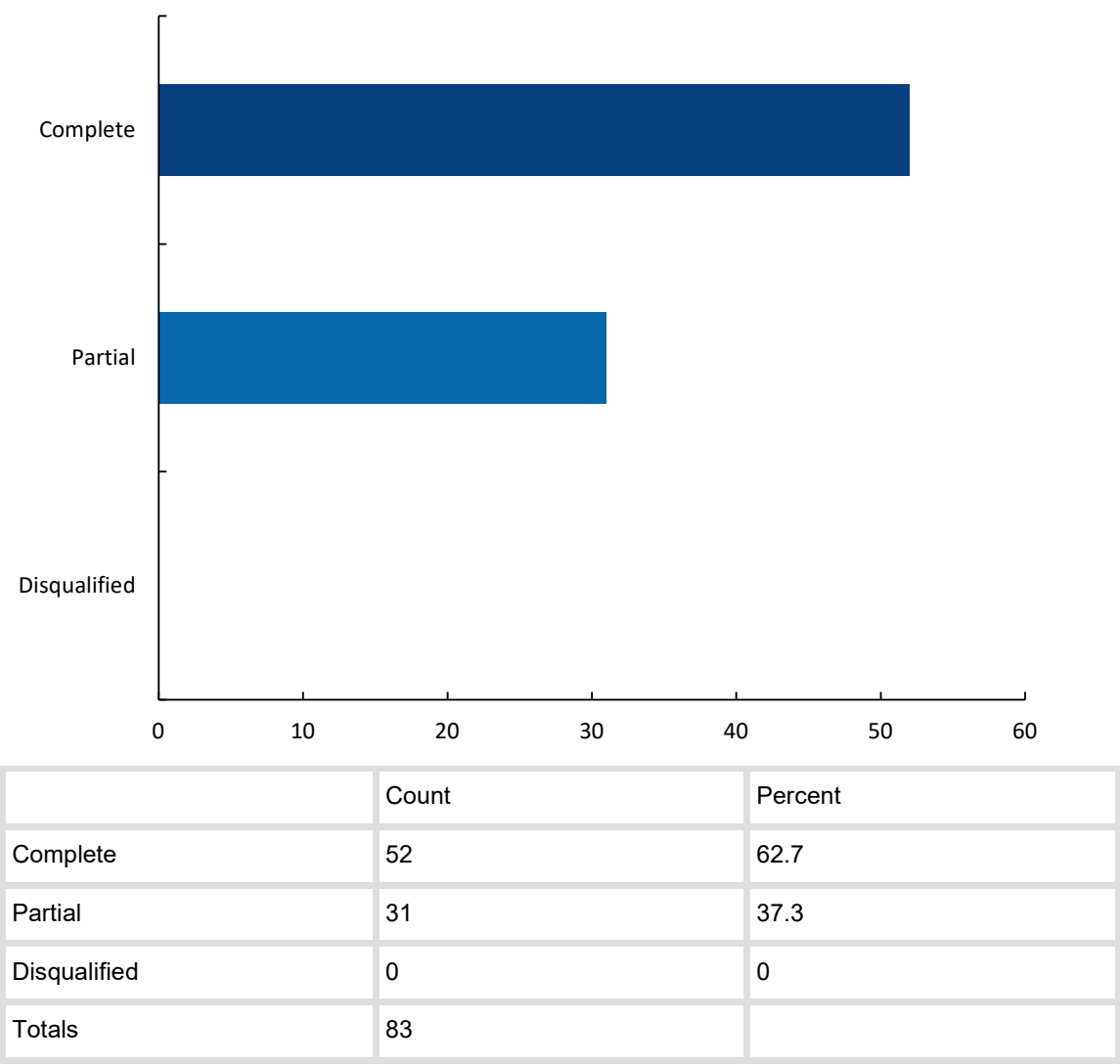
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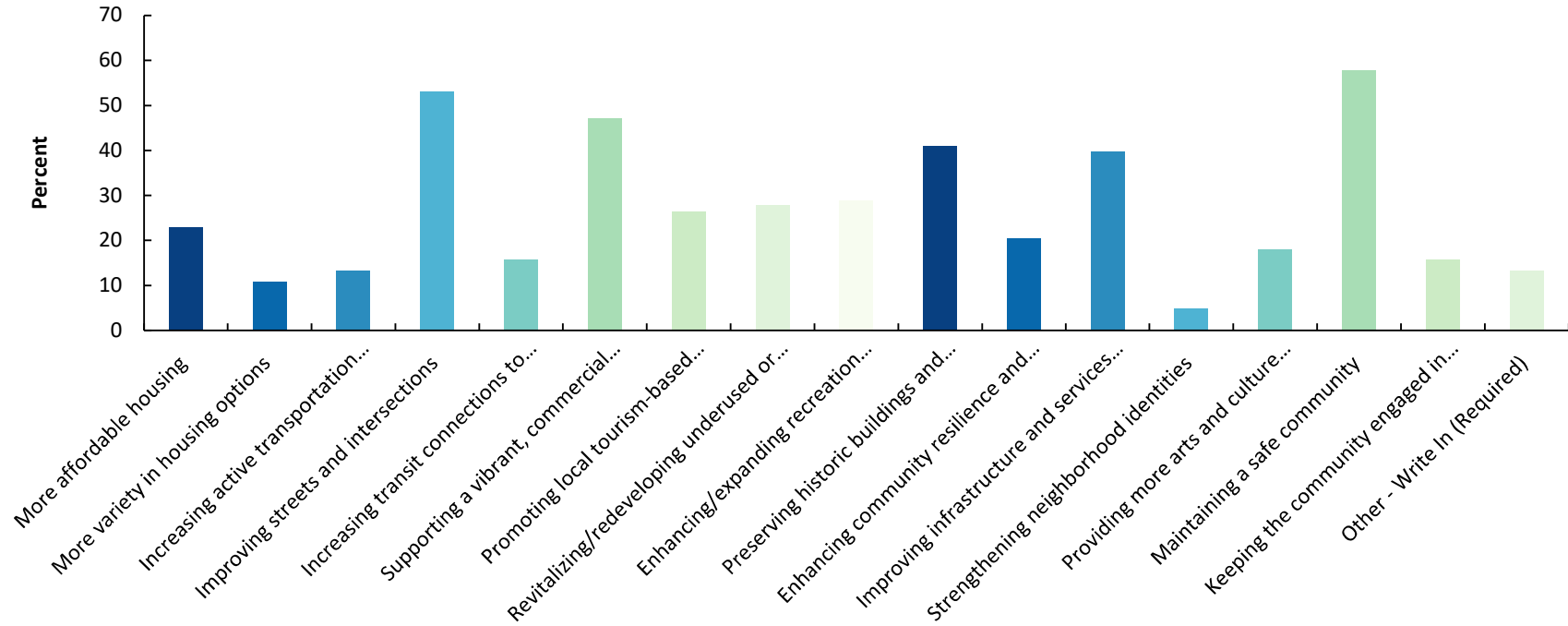
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Response Statistics



1.What do you think Tenino's top five priorities should be in the next 20 years? (select up to 5)



Value	Percent	Count
More affordable housing	22.9%	19
More variety in housing options	10.8%	9
Increasing active transportation connections (walking, biking, etc)	13.3%	11
Improving streets and intersections	53.0%	44
Increasing transit connections to regional centers	15.7%	13

Supporting a vibrant, commercial downtown	47.0%	39
Promoting local tourism-based businesses and opportunities	26.5%	22
Revitalizing/redeveloping underused or vacant sites	27.7%	23
Enhancing/expanding recreation opportunities	28.9%	24
Preserving historic buildings and promoting historic character in new commercial development	41.0%	34
Enhancing community resilience and preparedness (the ability to respond to and recover from a disaster)	20.5%	17
Improving infrastructure and services (utilities, broadband, emergency response, schools, transit, etc.)	39.8%	33
Strengthening neighborhood identities	4.8%	4
Providing more arts and culture opportunities	18.1%	15
Maintaining a safe community	57.8%	48
Keeping the community engaged in local issues	15.7%	13
Other - Write In (Required)	13.3%	11
Other - Write In (Required)		
Bringing additional internet options- I love tenino telephone but the service is not fast/reliable enough to support me working from him or in the community regularly.		
Community Food Gardens		
Eliminating debt, cutting taxes (or at least not increasing them), replacing chlorine with UV light in the water treatment. Chlorine is poisonous and more expensive over time		
Get the water and sewage chepper		

Improving the intersections of 507 (Bucoda Hwy) & Old Hwy 99, and Sussex & Old Hwy 99. Traffic backs up frequently because there's no traffic control. I think two traffic lights in town would be nice.

Keeping our community the way it used to be, stop new growth before it becomes over grown and we can't support it. We struggle now with not affording our police, schools and other government. We need to focus on what we have and stop trying to build more, and let more growth happen.

Lowering taxes as far as possible.

Please put a roundabout where 99 and Sussex by market fresh!

Promoting & recruiting stronger economic opportunity

bring in more restaurants and stores beyond antique stores

employment / industry

2.What do you think are the biggest barriers to accomplishing these priorities?

Response
Money
The debt right now the city has and then on top of that taxes and prices of everything is crazy high. We need to pass savings on to residents of Tenino in someway
Too many opinions. Should just come up with a 5 year, 10 year and 20 year plan.
Money
Tourism could increase sales tax revenue and help with other areas of need in the city. However, synergy of businesses is needed to really become a tourism destination. Need investment in hotels, and incentives for doing business.
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Not sure
Funding, staffing, community support.
Money
Tenino has tourism potential that would bring in revenue for infrastructure but need hotel infrastructure to support tourism. How can we incentivize doing business in Tenino?
mismanagement of funds
Bureaucracy, greed, and greedy bureaucrats.
Greed
People in the community that don't want anything to change.

Balancing a budget and eliminating waste in government.
Conflicting opinions
Money
Need staff who do not over spend and keep running us into financial crisis
Govt poor planning we are rural town not Olympia or Tumwater! Keep it small
People refusing to embrace growth and the community not supporting local small businesses (we don't need more Edward Jones, we need a sit down espresso shop, paint and fire pottery shop, bakery, etc). Make Tenino a destination not a thru way.
Funding and a bad economy.
Funding
Funding, specifically for improving streets and adding sidewalks.
Mayor, funds
Money and people's willingness to help
Funding Community participation
Money
Lack of community participation.
The "good old boy" mentality that some people have.
People wanting to get free things from the city government, people not wanting to change
Politicians
Money, understanding priorities of the community not just what the highest bidder will pay - no chains, no insurance buildings - think local businesses that

families can support, take classes at, etc

Funding

Not having the best interests of the community and not allowing the community to have a say.

The deficit budget. We should not be spending money we do not have. Stop spending unnecessary money and focus on paying the debt off.

A lack of available funding.

Unity and finances

Funding

Budget. Long term structure with inevitable major role changes are hard to sustain a 20 year plan.

I'm unsure

Leadership

Money, lack of vision

Lack of vision and interest from leadership.

Funding

Funding

Spending money on stuff that it shouldn't be spent on

Funding and the Sussex Ave being a main travel road - we need north and south town to be easier to cross on the eastside

Tourism needs more infrastructure. High Cost of street upgrades

Time any money? Would love to clean up some of the shaggy businesses on the main strip. Keep Tenino safe and clean place for our children and elders!

Counsel
Cost probably?
Budgetary issues
our mayor
Funding and lack of interest.
Local participation
Unsure
Budget, permits, staff
poor government and planning the town government does not appear to support businesses starting out. No gas service and water and sewer prices way to high
Budget, economic, and political realities.
We are a rural town- Xfinity services in town but just less than a mile past the elementary school they can't serve the homes off the road- in bad weather we have no cell service no internet and during good weather the internet is not strong enough/stable enough to work from home. Housing is more expensive in tenino period there is not many rental opportunities for families due to the cost and my father in law is ready to quit driving but is still very active however any bus options take all day or are in reliable
Our priorities have been focused on other things in the last few years, where they should have been focused on these things to begin with. Our communities safety, should have been top priority in our budget.
I'm unsure, I'd say the biggest barrier would be lack of available finances.
Funding. A state agency transportation improvement board used to help small communities with projects like this. Not sure if they still have funding given recent federal cuts.
Poor city leadership

Cash
Less public involvement
Na
Lack of funding. Socioeconomic status.
Making them priorities.
Money
Revenue
Budget?
Finding ways to engage residents with city/downtown events and issues. City budget issues.
Obviously budget constraints are a difficulty, plus disruption of services when construction is happening. The side streets opposite the park side of Sussex are the main arteries when Sussex is blocked (Lincoln Ave). We need our sidewalks repaired and useable for all.
Incentfizing people to get involved and contribute to decisionmaking.
Poor management.
Marketing. Tenino has all the charm and character of a nestled New England town, but lacks the marketing and advertising to draw in tourists, attract new businesses, and thus stimulate revenue for town improvements, such as building renovations. The town seems to lack the kind of aesthetic cohesion that would make it a destination for visitors and tourists. Some parts feel "preserved," other parts feel "old," and still other parts feel like there cars parked on the front lawn. Tenino has good bones, but is sorely in need of revitalization and moderate renovation to increase, not only its curb appeal, but also its sense of identity as something more than another Washington town that used to be relevant. Tenino has an interesting and solid history, and a charming layout. But it gives more the impression of a town you'd like to drive through, but doesn't entice you to stop. It just looks dingy and run-down. I'm not insinuating uniformity, but rather aesthetic cohesion. Clean and fix the buildings, decide on an actual identity for which Tenino can be known (Skagit has tulips, Leavenworth has the German thing, Issaquah has the salmon run, etc) which will draw attention (and revenue) to the locale. Tenino can be *known* for something beyond a quarry swimming hole. Figure out what that is, lean into it, make it enticing, and market it. Seasonal festivals? Larger farmers market? We have master stone carvers and master woodworkers, why not be an artisan hub? We have a fantastic Main Street, where's

the huge Christmas Market every weekend in December? We used to make railroad ties right? Where's our lumberjack games and chainsaw carving in the summer? Clean the place up, revitalize it, and give the people a reason to stop and spend.

Money.

Politics of being a small community and not wanting to grow. We can keep our small niche community while also finding ways to responsibly grow housing and economy.

Money

city council

Funding; frequent transit routes to destinations

Funding, staffing, community engagement.

3. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well does this statement reflect your vision for Tenino's future? In 2045, Tenino is a vibrant small town that celebrates its artisanal history. Our community is integrated with the natural landscape and carefully stewards its resources. Our lively, walkable downtown supports local entrepreneurs and provides the retail, services, and amenities our residents need. Our community is welcoming to all.

	1 (This does not reflect my vision for Tenino)		2 (There are elements of this statement that I agree with, however this does not reflect my vision for Tenino)		3 (There are elements of this statement that reflect my vision for Tenino, but it needs some work)		4 (This largely reflects my vision for Tenino, but is missing a part of my vision)		5 (This perfectly reflects my vision for Tenino)		Responses
	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	
Rating	4.2%	3	9.9%	7	29.6%	21	32.4%	23	23.9%	17	71
Totals						71					

4. In a few words, what makes Tenino great today?

Response
The people the ones born raised here the ones with roots here those are the best!
Self-sufficient, small
The people
History, sense of community, fantastic park and nature areas.
small town kindness
History, small size, and greenery.
Location
The citizens are the best part of Tenino. They are dependable, honest, and hard working. If you want to keep Tenino great, listen to the citizens and don't push political agendas or personal beliefs.
It hasn't been ruined yet... no corporations
The people
Small quiet rural city
That Olympia is close.
I think the community is what makes tenino great today.
Small town strong community feel
Low crime and most folks and businesses seem to take pride in the area they live in.
Community
Small town, community,
The historical character and the antique shops
Small community feel with people helping each other
Community based food production.
The small town feel.
No stop lights, low crime, good neighbors, green spaces
No stop lights. No round a bouts.
Community atmosphere and recreation
B
The community and its small town feel.

Not the tavern nazi bar

Tenino has something for everyone.

Small town with friendly atmosphere and clean streets and alleys

Small town, safe and appreciate the clean streets and ensuring homeless camps do not move in

Our park, the history, close knit community, clean downtown

Great community and town.

Local law enforcement, vibrant business community, excellent parks and school

Our police Department, our schools, the people

Community, rural character and nature

The small community feel we maintain.

Family friendly events

Charming, artsy, family and kid friendly, close to nature, agriculture

Strong sense of community. Safe. History.

The park, clean walking trail, Don Juan's&Daves, responsible speed limits through town with good sidewalks.

Not much

How the community rallies for events like Oregon Trail Days and the art markets

History. The close knit community.

the community

Historic feel with modern touches such as the paved trail, play grounds, and baseball fields.

Small town feel, history.

Community members that stop to chat and care about one another, small town feel, no big chain businesses, low crime, safety, small classroom sizes

safety for the most part

History, community, recreation, park and natural areas

The inclusive, diverse and accepting atmosphere create a safe place for all. The utilization of a local theatre has brought many people to this town and provided a positive outlet for many community members. The town needs access to better internet and cell phone coverage

It is a small town and in a world of fast paced growth, this a town that still has that charm and feel of a small town. No fast food, shopping centers and street lights. We have a wonderful community that cares for one another.

I enjoy being able to walk to everything in town from our home. The streets are nice, and I feel safe walking. There are some properties that don't pick up dog poop but other than that it's great.

We enjoy the quiet small town vibe, that welcomes diversity.

Unfortunately the days of Tenino being great are few and far between, between lack luster leadership at the city and state level. The city and surrounding area is taking a big downturn. The one bright spot is the city is still small and somewhat tight nit in some old school ways.

Community activities & park & walking trails

Community

Small town community that is willing to go above and beyond for each other

My community and ease of doing business

Small town!

The park

The passion for growth and community connection by several community leaders.

Community support for the schools is amazing.

George Sharp and the initiative he has brought through the EDC. Our business must be supported in order for the downtown core to be visited thereby increasing vitality for all.

Not much

Don Juan's

It's small town character.

The community & access to open space & people

The lively downtown area and kindness from everyone.

small, close knit community

Cultural events. Venues. Entertainment.

Safe, friendly, great location

5.What do you think would make Tenino even better 20 years from now?

Response

If we had more activities things to do in town that won't break the bank

I don't know...

Tenino needs to be a go to place like Leavenworth, WA, Solvang CA or Niles Canyon, CA. We should work towards celebrating our history.

A hotel. Promoting cute shops in the downtown. A theater and a Senior Center. More things to do. Might need the ability to build up more than two stories.

Bigger and better community events - bring back the musket shoots, the giant shopping carts and horses in the parade, keep the pool open more days, fix the potholes, figure out a solution for lease barriers for businesses.

Hard to say. Repairing the rutted, potholed, crumbling streets would be good.

Growth

Continued small growth, it's inevitable. Maintain conservative fiscal beliefs but acknowledging a percentage of change in social settings.

Some affordable housing but nothing too overboard. It is the highest priority to protect the large farms surrounding tenino

Better tourism attractions and more parking options downtown.

Slow growth make due with what's here don't ruin history of town with aggressive government growth plans

Embracing growth and supporting small businesses that draw people to the community.

More reasonable businesses downtown. Things the community can actually afford.

Continuing to support schools and local businesses, providing more family friendly activities, continue to preserve historical buildings, keep the small town community

Mixed use buildings downtown that better integrates visually with it's more historic buildings, while also adding housing opportunities. It would make that area more vibrant by increasing foot traffic and commercial opportunities, and make it more visually appealing.

Make it so I don't have to leave town. A bigger store, more dining options, activities, etc.

Better roads, more small business

A lively arts community

build on it and bring people together.

Low-income housing.

More activites/recreation for children of all ages in our town. Updated schools and continued public transportation to connect with other cities/towns.

No city debt, an updated water treatment facility that uses UV light instead of chlorine, low taxes

No stop lights. No roundabouts. Teachers that don't let the kids know their political views or sexual orientation. Schools that don't promote gender changes. Schools that are transparent and keep parents informed.

Control traffic, have more local businesses and restaurants, plenty of natural spaces, limit growth

B

Preservation of the past and not destroying it for money and growth.

More diversity in ethnicity and culture!

A renewed commitment to maintaining Tenino's infrastructure. Better walkability and transit connections.

Preserved history with functional modern vibe

Expand school properties to support housing growth, improve side streets, add digital speed check signs coming into town

More draw to Tenino to keep our local businesses thriving. I think our town is great just improving the we have established.

Better more affordable utilities.

Continued investments in economic and cultural development

Bringing in people who want to invest in our economy, getting more citizens involved and having better transparency

Leveraging outdoor recreation to draw in more people for tourism

Cleaning up our neighborhood streets. (Sidewalks, paving etc). Revived historical buildings. Larger more vibrant seasonal activities. More locally owned, thriving businesses, more variety in those.

Safe, family friendly community

More restaurants, night life, more walkable on the Eastside, slower traffic from Yelm, different transportation to Centralia and Oly

Maintain the unique flavor (no urban sprawl). Maintain history. Natural areas

Cleaning up old businesses. Loving the flowers around town! Keeping our park clean and growing! Would love to see another really solid food choice that was higher end. We have lots of so-so places but no clean bar (missing 1776!) and would love something that compliments runs clean and quality like Don Juans. We love the community events and keeping the library clean and available is important.

New management

Better walkability (sidewalks), better streets

A larger focus on the history of the quarries. Restoration of historical structures. Revitalization of

downtown.

to keep tenino a small town

More businesses such as restaurants or shops.

Business that stay, more community connection, people who want to help improve Tenino instead of cut each other down.

Walkable downtown with outdoor seating for meals, desserts, coffee, and visiting with each other. Community gathering spaces for all ages, especially dry spaces for young families to gather and connect. Opportunities for older kids to mentor younger kids. More opportunities for creating new adult friendships.

as stated earlier more restaurants and stores beyond antique stores bring in natural gas and lower water and sewer cost. Property and levee taxes are killing homeowners

Historical character, natural spaces, and recreational opportunities maintained/enhanced while infill in and around city center are developed including some affordable multifamily instead of cookie cutter single family developments on outskirts. And disaster resilience plans developed and actionable.

Families want to spend more time at home many work places have adapted a hybrid or work from home option however due to xfinities inability to move up driveways or provide service off the main strip many secure large income Families are drawn away from this beautiful area

Keeping our town small and not allowing growth. This gives us a unique character that other towns are lacking in this modern age.

More sidewalks and more use of vacant properties.

Improvements to schools. New buildings off main roads.

Embrace the fact that growth is going to happen and being prepared for it. Work on having an actual police force and strong infrastructure and schools.

Better maintenance of roads & better Restricted to keep trash from outside of houses in town.

More things for our youth to occupy themselves that is free

Promotion of small businesses, supporting the unique demographic that is Tenino. Very different from thurston county as a whole and people like it that way

Strong community

?

Dog park

Affordable, events, activities and thing to do for residents and visitors every day of the week.

Tenino is already a highly walkable community. Repairing sidewalks on Lincoln and away from the park side of town would help families that live on that side thrive and be able to walk to the activities. Right now, the sidewalks on Lincoln are terribly broken and not walkable unless you are surefooted. No one with disabilities could navigate the sidewalks with a wheelchair or cane.

Upgraded school buildings.

Viable businesses that the population could support.

Repair, renovation, revitalization. See previous comment.

Being able to drive through it without the headaches of waiting for yields/turns backed up in mornings and afternoons.

More economic opportunities & strengthen the access to trails in the park. The park is amazing and is unlike any others. We also need to focus on walkability of the city. We cannot reduce the car trips simply just across town if we do not have safe sidewalks & cross walks.

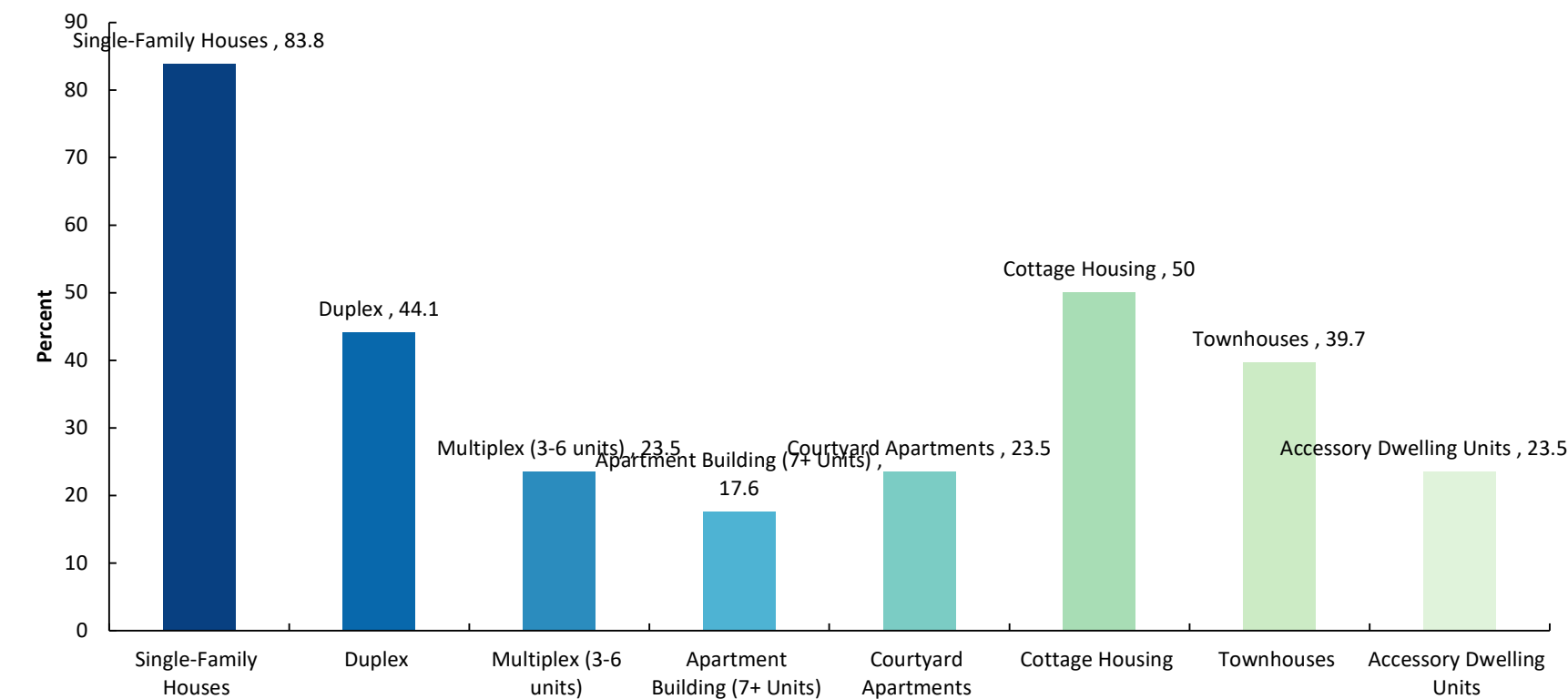
Updated schools and more community involvement activities.

jobs

More tourist attractions, founded on our rich, fascinating history.

More diversity of amenities, retaining its historical charm

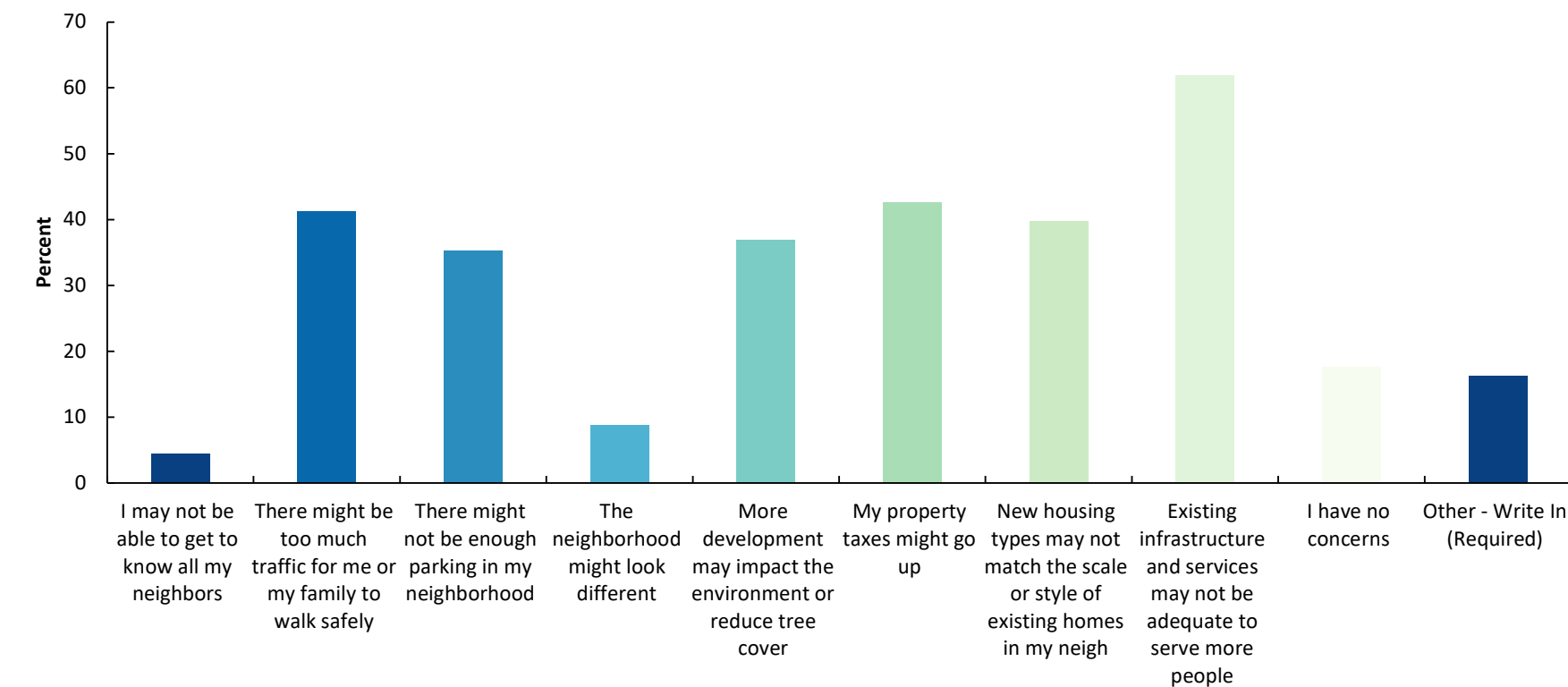
6.Which housing types do you think would fit in with existing residential development? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
Single-Family Houses	83.8%	57

Duplex	44.1%	30
Multiplex (3-6 units)	23.5%	16
Apartment Building (7+ Units)	17.6%	12
Courtyard Apartments	23.5%	16
Cottage Housing	50.0%	34
Townhouses	39.7%	27
Accessory Dwelling Units	23.5%	16

7.What are your biggest concerns related to allowing different housing types? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
I may not be able to get to know all my neighbors	4.4%	3

There might be too much traffic for me or my family to walk safely	41.2%	28
There might not be enough parking in my neighborhood	35.3%	24
The neighborhood might look different	8.8%	6
More development may impact the environment or reduce tree cover	36.8%	25
My property taxes might go up	42.6%	29
New housing types may not match the scale or style of existing homes in my neighborhood	39.7%	27
Existing infrastructure and services may not be adequate to serve more people	61.8%	42
I have no concerns	17.6%	12
Other - Write In (Required)	16.2%	11

Other - Write In (Required)
Cost of available houses
It would be horrendous for Tenino to become the next Yelm. No more green, just large apartment complexes and postage stamp houses crammed together
Lack of actual planning for impact.
More city spending when the government is already too far in debt and passing that cost onto taxpayers
More housing and people as long as it is affordable and accessible
Our city can't handle more growth. We don't have the means to.

School capacity
Size and access of schools. Things we're seeing impact Yelm like water and traffic.
Too inexpensive/subsidized housing attracts more crime.
We ❤️ T90!
decreasing property value
Totals

8.What are your thoughts on the current height limit of 35 feet in all of Tenino?

Response
I think it's smart no one wants skyscrapers here it's a small town that's all it needs to be
Agree
For single family homes this is fine. But anything above 35 feet should be apartments for our veterans or senior citizens only.
There isn't the real estate to support this. Building up makes sense and can still feel old fashioned.
approve
I approve.
Effects change and growth
It keeps a small town feel to the town which is why many residents have moved here.
Raise it to 500 so the rednecks can have extra tall tree stands
No concerns, OK to go higher.
Again govt stay out leave in place no high density housing
I think that it's a reasonable limit
I think it's important to ensure new developments blend in with existing architecture and preserve the overall aesthetic of a community.
No concern
For downtown area, it really limits growth. Higher buildings downtown capped at maybe 3 stories would be great for mixed use development.
No point
It keeps the town vide the same. Less Tumwater-ish
High rise buildings above 35 feet will be out of character with the historic town.
get rid of height limits. People should be able to build how they see fit.
No Higher
If too tall, views would be blocked.
Good. It keeps the look of a small town and allows for scenic views of surrounding greenery
It should remain.
Excellent, keep it!
I think it needs to stay

Na
I like it!
Keep it
Don't care
No issues
It should be raised downtown to allow for second and third story residential in our commercial zone
We need to allow for higher density and ability to go up
None
I'm ok with this. We are a small community. Seeing the trees and sky at night is the point of living in a smaller town like Tenino.
I think it helps keep our community personal
It's adds to the look of a small town but I don't care as long as it adds to the affordable housing in town
Silly. There isn't the real estate to restrict height.
Great!
Ridiculous
Seems like a good limit
Appropriate
don't know that was a thing
No thoughts.
Great!
ok
That's plenty tall. Appropriate height limit.
If the reasoning is current i agree however if it is a limit out in place years ago with no thought to how many more people could be served then it needs to be re evaluated
I like it, we don't need anything bigger.
I don't have any preference. Although, it is kind of add to the small town feel having no buildings over 35 feet.
Agree
This needs to be updated to allow better access and better balance of building to be built

Am good with it
Nobody should be told what they can and can't do on their own property within reason straight out
No thoughts
I agree with this
Perfect, no higher
None
None
No concens
I like it
It's fine, no reason to go taller
It's dumb. Literally stunting growth.
The height limit should stay in place to keep the small town character.
I think downtown is tall enough. Could maybe see a taller building at the edges of town if they are tucked in and blend
I think it's great for downtown to not block the beautiful views.
could be negotiated w industrial uses
I think we need to build more housing up, than out. The height limit needs to increase.
I like that

9.What other comments would you like to share about housing in Tenino?

Response
Try to help the 3x the rent it's out of a lot of people's reach
No more trailers. Unless it is a tiny home community for veterans or senior citizens.
Don't be like tumwater, grandmound
Keep big city planning out we are historical small town with growth limits
We need more.
Fiscal impacts of developing new housing will affect the low income community of tenino. Property taxes are already outlandish.
Expand housing
Collective Developments
Homes should be built more solid and not so close together.
No multi plexes or large condos
It's over priced
We don't allow for enough multifamily in areas where it would likely develop
There's very few options for people in their 20's
There is lots of opportunity for infill development in city limits.
I love the old housing in Tenino. I would love to see our streets cleaned up....in terms of addition of sidewalks, repaved streets etc. I would love to see our in town neighborhoods with safer walking paths that would be provided by this. Kids have no sidewalks, so biking, skateboarding, walking is done on narrow streets. As a family with children, near the downtown area, this is something I see being a necessity to facilitate safety. For kids and families, for not only school access, but other local community and activity access.
None
Needs to be more affordable and people need incentives to develop ADUs to help with multi generational housing
Not a lot of opinions. Just want to keep our community clean and our schools and rec areas a safe place to be.
We have lots of big properties with spacing between neighbors, which I love, but we need more opportunities to gather and get to know each other. Also, as our kids grow up, will they be able to buy a home in their hometown?
some houses need to remove old cars and rubble from their yards, but never have HOA
I dislike lots smaller than quarter acre. The newer developments are all house and no yard. We live in a rural community, those neighbors have less space to garden, play, plant trees that benefit wildlife,

etc.. I suggest decreasing density slightly to 4 lots per acre.

What housing is here is unattainable to most families- the cost is high to get sub par utility coverage (phone and internet) and what is available for a family with 2 kids is not realistic in its requirements. We want our schools and business to thrive but we are pushing out the newer generation of families by not offering decent high speed internet cell towers and bus service

Keep our town small, please

I don't like the ideas of apartments or shared units because I don't think we need to add to the population. I believe we should prioritize using vacant properties rather than tearing down and replacing or adding anymore housing.

The city needs to look at ways to attract builders, if the housing is built the people will come.

People should be allowed to live in RVs on their own property in city limits if it's not obstruction of peace or environment

In general, housing in Tenino is limited, mostly due to Tenino being smaller. However, there are multiple vacant or condemned houses on the Lincoln Ave side of Sussex that the city could utilize for housing.

The small town look is important.

Enforce the existing codes and make people clean up the derelict properties around town

The houses are old and poorly maintained. They lack really any curb appeal, giving a dingy apathetic impression of the town as a whole.

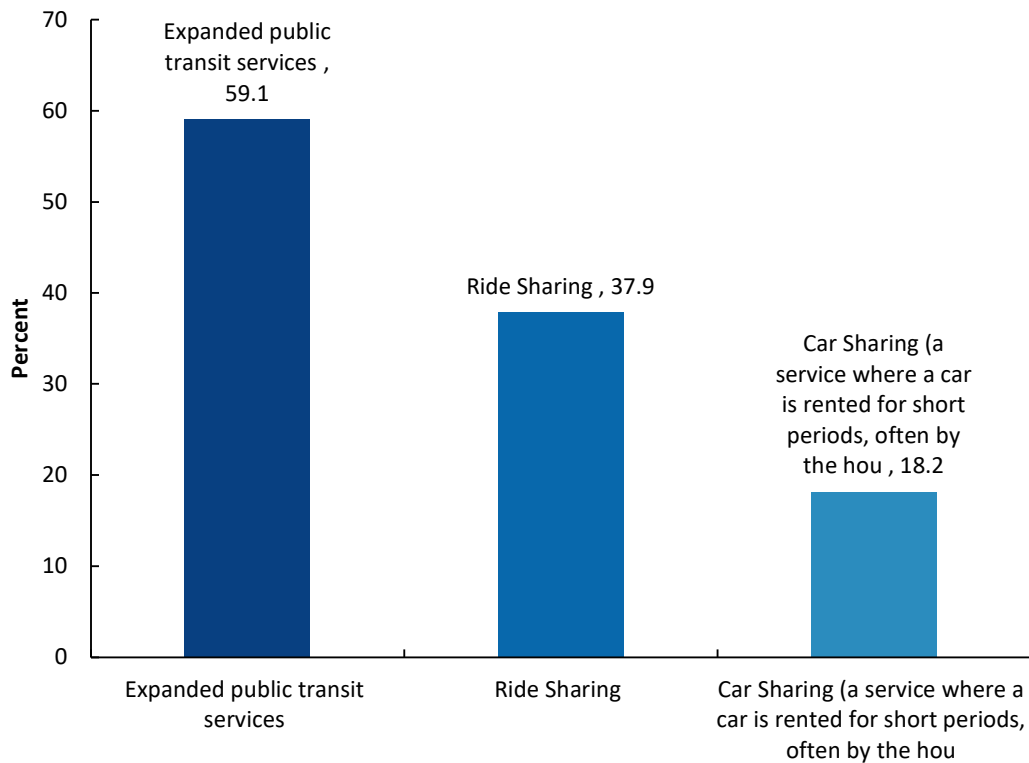
Townhouses and/or cheaply-built compact housing does not match the character of Tenino.

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10. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well does Tenino's transportation/road network meets your needs: 1: It doesn't meet my needs at all – I don't feel safe and I can't get where I want to go very easily 5: It's perfect for me - it feels safe, well-connected, and efficient

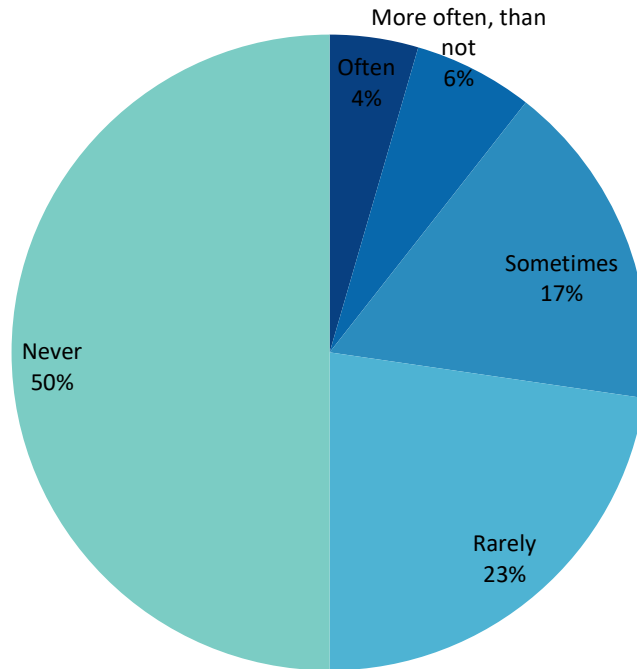
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	Not Applicable	0
As a pedestrian or bicyclist?	Count	66
	Not Applicable	0

11.If any of the following public transportation options were available, which would you use?



Value	Percent	Count
Expanded public transit services	59.1%	39
Ride Sharing	37.9%	25
Car Sharing (a service where a car is rented for short periods, often by the hour, rather than for a longer duration like a traditional rental)	18.2%	12

12.If public transit was available how frequently would you use it?



Value	Percent	Count
Often	4.5%	3
More often, than not	6.1%	4
Sometimes	16.7%	11
Rarely	22.7%	15
Never	50.0%	33
	Totals	66

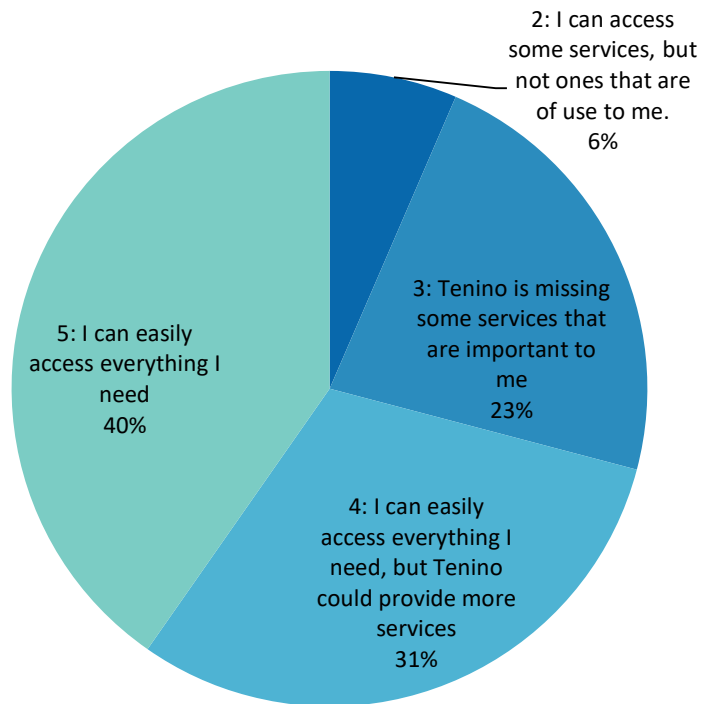
13.What do you think Tenino’s transportation/road system needs? Is there anything missing?

Response
Sidewalks and roads for smooth riding for all
Better areas for crossing
Sidewalks. Oh and the trestle needs to be widened
Round about at crucial intersection. Turn lanes at Tenino Elementary School. Hard to cross the street in downtown. Traffic calming features on Park Street
I think the roads need serious help, and the school bus situation is sad
Pavement. Repairs. Maintenance.
No
Just normal road repair is always needed.
Train
Roundabouts
Police enforcement of speed limits
Actually offering public transit
No.
No
Sidewalks! And half the road missing from the corner of W 6th Ave and 507/OldHwy99
No
Potholes fixed,
I drive everywhere so I don't use public transport but I do think its important to have.
Main drag needs to be flattened so driveways are smoother. The center arc of the road is too high. Rais the speed limit back to 30. 25 means everyone drives at 15-20 now.
Collective Ride Share - Car Sharing
Covered, lighted, bus stops.
Better surfacing on existing streets
Pot holes
Connecting bike trail to rural areas
To be better maintained

No opinion
Speed bumps around the school properties particularly behind baseball fields and park entrance
Not sure
Some side streets need repaving
More sidewalks
Uber
More bike paths
No
A cross walk from the market across the main street going through Tenino. School kids and many others cross there but there is no cross walk in the area
Eastside crossing for Sussex (near the welcome sign)
Roundabouts. Traffic calming features on Park street. People go fast and don't stop for pedestrians.
Just road maintenance upkeep for pot holes. Love safe sidewalks.
Good roads
The turn from Sussex to Wichman needs to be a roundabout or light or something. That is a difficult spot. Also there are a lot of potholes that need to be addressed on side streets
More frequent busses to Olympia
no
Sidewalks! At least from marketfresh to Bowen Way before the turn.
It's great for me as a driver. Potholes suck, but the city fixes them fast. Access to public transit for youth would be great. Things to get them from rural properties to their friends and Oly life.
NA
Traffic circle at the NAPA.
Public transportation- turn lanes at intersections that do not have lights (near the store ect)
City bus service to and from Olympia
More sidewalks and crosswalks with lights to encourage drivers to slow down or stop for pedestrians
Round about 507 where 99 intersects with Sussex
A better maintenance program
Better maintenance of roads. Some are good where so many are not maintained
Less potholes

Other options beside one main artery of traffic through downtown
None
?
Idk. Maybe a roundabout
N/A
The sidewalks on the Lincoln Ave side of Sussex are terrible!
I'm happy with the layout and traffic signage. Keep the pothole filled in a timely manner to prevent bigger repairs.
Better crosswalks and driveable streets
Road maintenance, possible widening, traffic signals so you're not waiting on a gap in the constant flow of cars to make a turn or merge.
Two traffic lights. 507 & Old Hwy 99, both sides of town!
We need roundabouts by the parts store and by the grocery store. We need to fix the flooding by black bear. We need to fix the backup by the elementary school during pick up and drop off. We need more crosswalks by the park especially. Sidewalks are lacking and I think the city needs to find a way to fund them without waiting for redevelopment of the properties.
No they're just fine
build for the future
A roundabout on SR 507 instead of the Y in town. More sidewalks on side streets. More barriers between the roads and sidewalks.
I am happy with it.

14. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well are you able to access the services you need? Think about utilities, telecommunications, emergency services, schools, recreational opportunities, senior services and other public services.



Value	Percent	Count
2: I can access some services, but not ones that are of use to me.	6.5%	4
3: Tenino is missing some services that are important to me	22.6%	14
4: I can easily access everything I need, but Tenino could provide more services	30.6%	19
5: I can easily access everything I need	40.3%	25
	Totals	62

15.Are there services or facilities missing in Tenino? If so, which ones?

Response
A public restroom near downtown
Safe Walking paths.
I do go elsewhere for most healthcare. I know seniors could use more community.
arcades/youth areas bowling! :) I mean... we seriously need teriyaki
More police. As the community grows, the current arrangement will be less and less adequate.
None
Marijuana dispensary
Community Center
None
Good medical care, espresso shop (sit down), Asian food, arts and crafts opportunities, various restaurants (not more Mexican food).
No
Emergency or urgent care
We need a basketball court at the park and also tennis or pickleball.
Yes. Get more specialized medical care. A hair salon.
Internet
An auditorium for local theatre groups, productions, special screenings of movies, art exhibitions etc.
Teriyaki restaurant
Car Sharing
No, I can access everything.
No
I don't know right now
More baseball/soccer fields
A community center
None
Not sure
None

Not really
No
No
None
Music venue, affordable groceries, nursery
Senior Center. A place for youth to hang out. Could use better health care.
We have young kids and really enjoy the park and community events for their ages at this time. The music festival in the summer is fun too. Great job Tenino!
More police
N/a
Local police
well if we lose our police we won't have that
Younger kids recreational activities
Community gathering for young families, especially during rainy months and for families with 2 working parents. Gathering space for youth (arcade, ymca, etc). A coffee shop to sit and meet a friend.
food service is very limited
Overnight lodging.
Decent high speed internet Senior services or programs Reliable cell phone service Affordable grocery option Community center of some kind
Public transportation
Not that I can think of off the top of my head.
Auto Repair shop
As the city grows, I believe more food options will need to be available. This will also add opportunity for youth to get jobs locally.
Lower water/sewer bills
Youth services! A community youth center!
No comment
Not sure
?
Internet

N/A

None that I can think of

I live in unincorporated Thurston County and I would have skipped the previous question if I could have. It is my perception though that infrastructure services already available to City residents.

No

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N/a

Expansion of available services and opportunity for residents to pick better cost effective services. Also sewer is way too expensive for me.

jobs

Not that I can think of.

More recreational activities or more diverse activities.

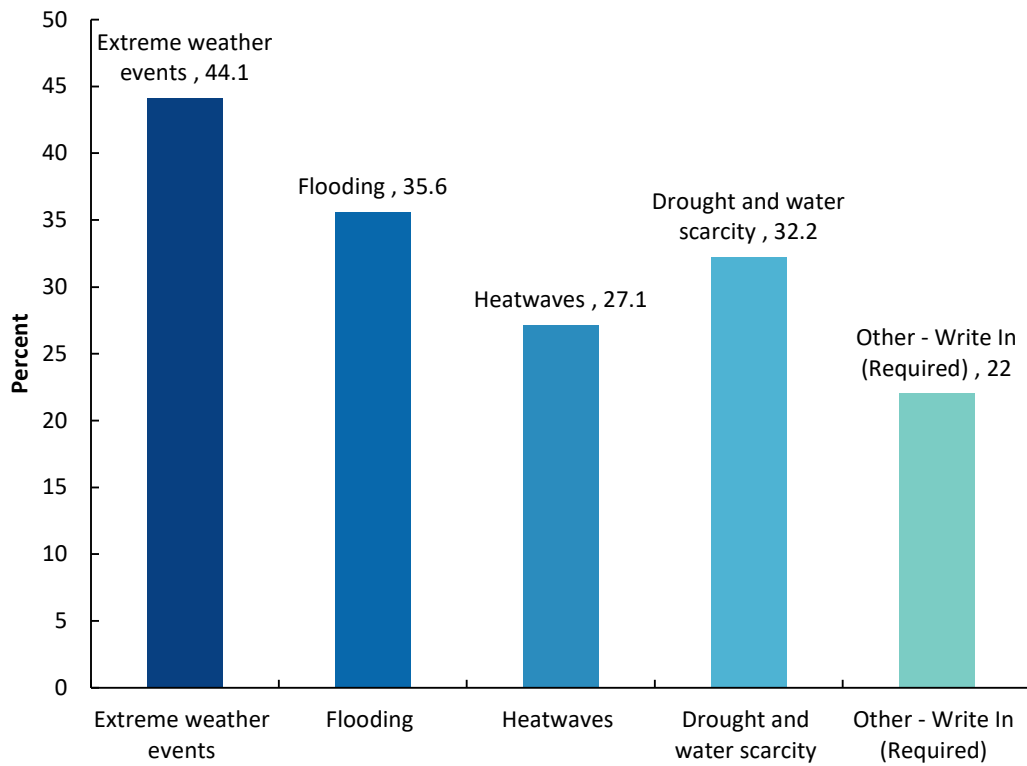
16. What other comments would you like to share about infrastructure, or public facilities and services in Tenino?

Response
Nothing
Have a way for kids to earn a day at the pool.
Places for family to stay when visiting the area.
Please keep the old town feel - love the architecture and how Sandstone and 1776 and Kodiak and Edward Jones have managed to honor it.
Public bathrooms.
None
School zone by the middle school needs work
N/A
Take care of residents here and don't be influenced by crazy growth plans of surrounding cities >>> they are a nightmare with traffic crime high density housing etc
N/A
None
None
I think maintenance does a fantastic job of keeping things working and looking nice.
None are useful to me
None
I love Tenino!
NA
Home repair collective coordinating aid and equipment
None
Only that the flow of traffic is good because there are no stop signs or traffic lights on the main road.
None
Urgent care?
The food bank needs a new building. It serves so many in our community and they need more space.
None
None

Sewage is way too expensive
Continued local Law Enforcement services need to be maintained at proper levels
Our Police Dept needs continued support
Again....better paved neighborhood streets and sidewalks
None
Teens need a place to hang out
na
None
Need to hire more police
N/a
Historical restoration
hdjd
N/a
None. I love our town and appreciate the care you all put into doing it well. Look at other cities and their development for clues. Things like growing sustainably, building cohesive neighborhoods that flow together, managing traffic, and ensuring resources are available for the population.
nothing
Staff to maintain things is a challenge as I understand it. We have a lot of resources that go underutilized as a result. Park bathrooms, the pool, campgrounds, etc. The staff we do have do so much and we appreciate them.
I love tenino however I am unable to work from home or stay in town as much as I want due to the unreliable internet (it high speed) and lack of cellular connection- I can fix the phone with WiFi but cannot work from home and have my phone on the internet reliably. These Two issues are stopping younger families from relocating to our amazing town as more and more Biden ss are offering hybrid and work from home options
Public transportation would be the only nice thing to have
N/A
NA
Not just Tenino but all surrounding areas need to do a better job on infrastructure. Especially maintaining stripping of roadways.
None
Na
No comment

None
?
None
N/A
The city is very walkable and accessible to all, except some of the sidewalks are in need of major repair. The whole town is not on the park side. Other people live on the other side of town and want to walk too.
Tenino is the best little city. Thanks for investing in the quarry pool, the holiday decor, summer flowers, and metal markers along Sussex. All this enhances our presentation and invites people to stay awhile and spend money.
None
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N/a
Expanding the sewer needs to not make it more expensive
jobs
Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into Tenino's right future.
I would like more diversity with food options and more recreational activities.

17. In your opinion, what are the most critical climate-related risks facing this community? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
Extreme weather events	44.1%	26
Flooding	35.6%	21
Heatwaves	27.1%	16
Drought and water scarcity	32.2%	19
Other - Write In (Required)	22.0%	13

Other - Write In (Required)

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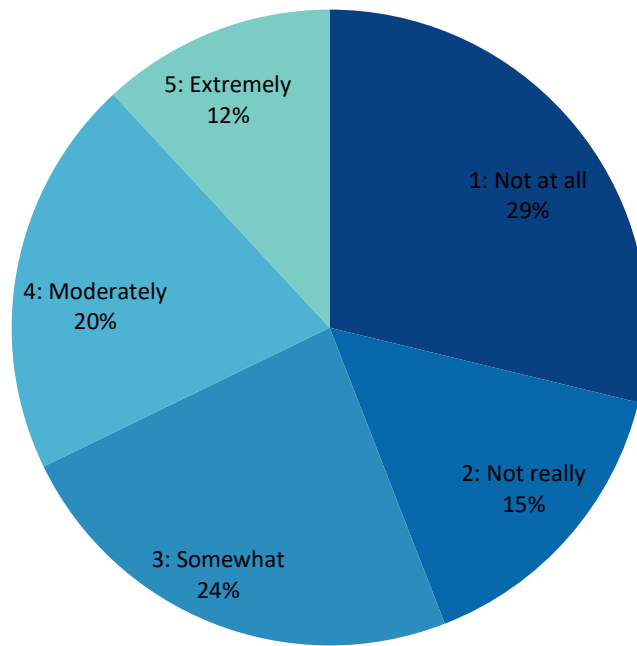
Fire

Fires

Fires

I don't believe in climate change
Loss of native plants, destabilization of soil, large evergreens falling, need to replace natural trees with those that are more drought tolerant.
None
None, really.
None. Tenino is in an extremely safe area.
Seriously?
There are none
Wild Fires
nothing climate related most likely poor management of water sources
Totals

18. On a scale of 1 to 5, how concerned are you about the potential impacts of climate change in Tenino?



Value	Percent	Count
1: Not at all	28.8%	17
2: Not really	15.3%	9
3: Somewhat	23.7%	14
4: Moderately	20.3%	12
5: Extremely	11.9%	7
	Totals	59

19. What community assets in Tenino (e.g. natural areas, buildings/landmarks, infrastructure, cultural resources, etc.) should be protected against climate impacts and/or natural disasters?

Response
All
Downtown, the pool, the depot/quarry house
All of them if possible...historic buildings (historic district and museum), forests/park, homes.
downtown should be protected against flooding
Skookumchuck Dam needs maintenance and monitoring. Flood events happen. They should be planned for.
Protect the quarry pool.
The old ones on Sussex
Downtown buildings
Can't think of any
The forested area south of the Tenino/Yelm trail, the structures in Tenino's park
Not sure
Downtown and the park when it comes to drought and the potential for wild fires.
The swimming area and historic buildings
Historic landmarks
Parks and historical buildings along with Schools. Grocery store and gas stations.
Natural Areas
The schools and the grocery store.
Protect green spaces from development
All
The quarry and the main downtown strip
Unsure
Not sure
Unsure
Historic buildings
Don't know

All
None
Water access, food access, shelter for people
Historic downtown, Museum. Homes. City Park
Historical buildings and schools
Quarry
The historic buildings/museum
All
jsns
Personal homes and schools.
Parks, homes, roads, schools, businesses.
people and their homes and property
Historic downtown. The park. My house!
The bridge needs to have the water flow fixed before it destroys the road and causes collapse of the overpass killing people
Buildings
Anything historical to the town
All
I'm all for preserving the old town look and feel but at what cost. Putting thousands of \$\$ into the face of a building to look nice as the road and curbside are falling apart doesn't make sense.
Dirt parking lot near park
Na
No comment
Not sure
Landscape from development
?
Tenino City Park/Quarry Pool area
The quarry and historical buildings
City Park, quarry pool, drinking water reservoirs/aquifer.
None, climate change is a joke

The huge bloody forests that surround us and may be vulnerable to wildfires.

N/a

I think that flooding has posed a large threat to Tenino for years and has been ignored and needs to be fixed because it will destroy our roads. Our community assets are our roads, our park, our school, and the historic downtown.

Depot museum. Quarry and house. Downtown businesses. Schools.

The historic downtown and the park and buildings there associated with the old quarry. Necessary natural resources.

20. What other comments would you like to share climate-related vulnerabilities in Tenino?

Response
None
What do we do if there is a fire like what happened in Southern California
A fire plan is important.
none
Not much.
There are none.
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N/A
It is overstated in this state more pressing problems and making state too expensive to live in
N/A
None
none
N
What about the risk of fire during dry periods.
none
Rules limiting cutting down trees. Requirements for Trees in new development
None
None
None
None
None
None
None
N/A
Don't know
Na

None
Wind is extreme - underground our utilities if possible
Hopefully we can get more water rights.
Not too concerned.
None
I am always concerned about the fire risk in the summer, and especially with fireworks on the 4th of July. I would love if the city restricted firework use in city limits.
Green power
nsndn
N/a
We need education about how to help. In California there are days we were instructed to not water our lawns. The public needs to hear often that climate change is real and, if we work together, we can live more sustainably and be better prepared for the inevitable.
none
Solar initiatives may help energy needs in heat waves. Community center with filtered air and AC may become a necessary resource in summer smoke and heat events.
Tenino needs to be aware of pre watering and trimming trees and grass to protect from Fires
None
N/A
NA
We live in a rainy climate, make it a safer drive and put down quality roadway markings.
To keep park walkways free from moss during winter so they are not slippery when walking
Na
No comment
None
?
None
N/A
None
Whether it's climate-related disasters or natural disasters like earthquakes, I heard we are working towards an emergency plan for powering the high school during city power interruption emergencies. I

think this is a good decision for supporting our city's population.

None

I would like increased forest management for the long term health and safety of the forests and the citizenry.

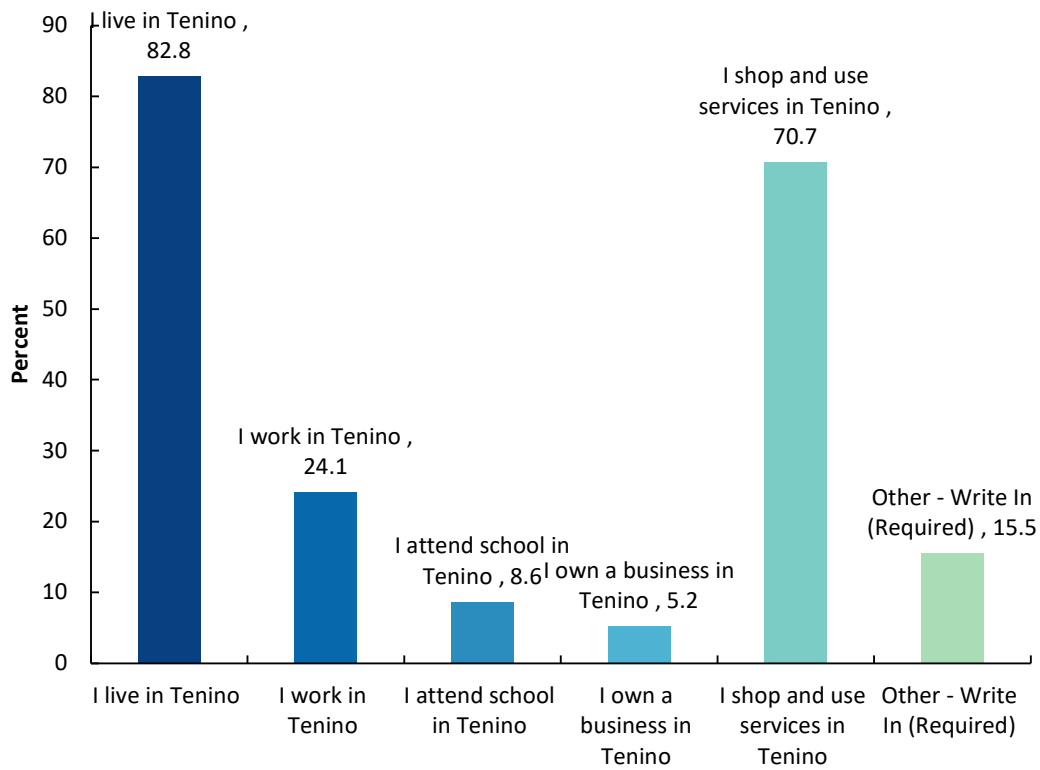
Old Hwy 99 to the west of Bucoda HWY is always flooding due to poor drainage. Even something as simple as a ditch going into Scatter Creek would be better than the way it's been for years...

Flooding needs to be fixed otherwise in a disaster we will be trapped. Every exit out of Tenino has a flooding issue. Work with the county to fix the problems outside of the city as well.

NA

None

21.What is your relationship to Tenino? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
I live in Tenino	82.8%	48
I work in Tenino	24.1%	14
I attend school in Tenino	8.6%	5
I own a business in Tenino	5.2%	3
I shop and use services in Tenino	70.7%	41
Other - Write In (Required)	15.5%	9

Other - Write In (Required)

Children attend Tenino schools

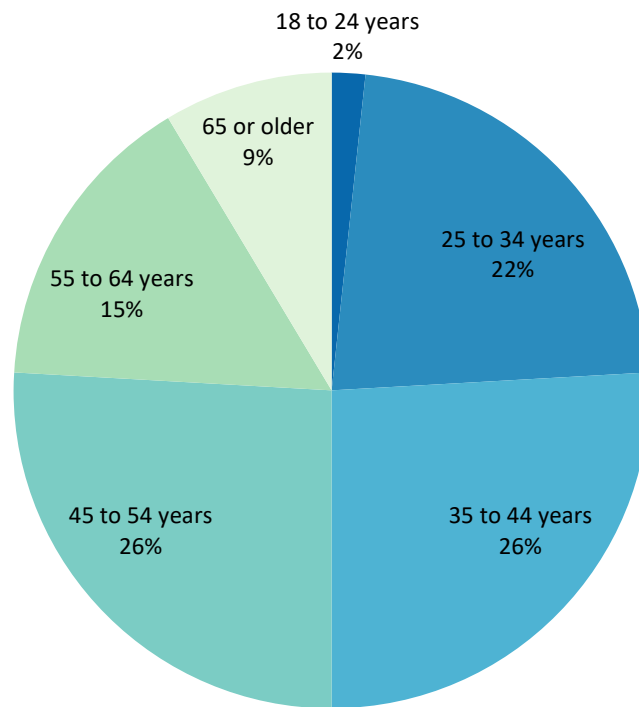
GENERATIONS of us live here

I live just outside of city limits.

I live walking distance of Tenino

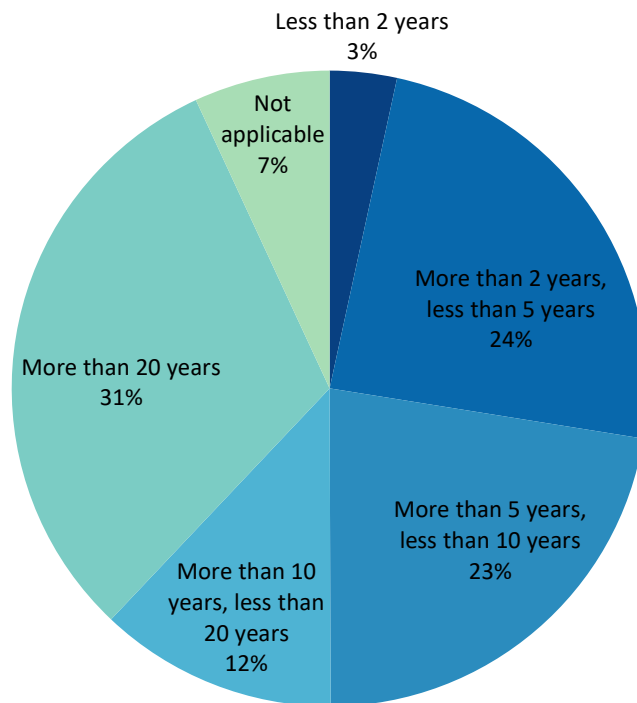
My child attends school in Tenino
My children will attend school here
My grandchildren attend school in tenino and I performed in local theatre in tenino
Past residents
attend events/volunteer
Totals

22.What is your age range?



Value	Percent	Count
18 to 24 years	1.7%	1
25 to 34 years	22.4%	13
35 to 44 years	25.9%	15
45 to 54 years	25.9%	15
55 to 64 years	15.5%	9
65 or older	8.6%	5
	Totals	58

23.How long have you lived in Tenino?



Value	Percent	Count
Less than 2 years	3.4%	2
More than 2 years, less than 5 years	24.1%	14
More than 5 years, less than 10 years	22.4%	13
More than 10 years, less than 20 years	12.1%	7
More than 20 years	31.0%	18
Not applicable	6.9%	4
	Totals	58

24. How long do you plan on staying in Tenino, and what is influencing your decision?

Response
For life; age
I will be staying in Tenino until I am taken out of my house feet first.
possibly moving soon due to political climate
The rest of my life, if we don't have to sell due to high taxes.
Although I don't currently live in city limits (I'm about 7 minutes outside) I did live in town for almost a years. I have worked in town for almost 30 years now. I plan on staying until I retire and may move back inside city limits at any time. I love Tenino for it's small town values and feel.
I plan to leave soon, nothing against tenino it's a Washington problem
Nice community
Forever
Want to move away soon. Small town mentalities don't work for me.
Forever. Love the small town community!
As long as possible. Property taxes and cost of living are making me consider other options though.
I moved away due to the schools
I don't intend to move at all. The best of rural living, beauty of nature and a great community all round me.
until i die. I have a nice place where I am at.
Forever....
I hope a long time. I own my home.
Indefinitely; proximity to job
Forever, unless property taxes force me out. My land has been in the family since 1950
Don't know. Depends on if the state taxes me out of living here.
20 years, small schools, small community, no homelessness, great neighbors
Always have a home base in tenino
Many years, bought home in 2023
Undecided
For a long time
As long as we can afford WA state (taxes are insane) We love the community feel as a family. We

enjoy a small town feel and schools for our kids while also seeing diversity in the community. Having close access to activities for family.

We just moved to bucoda last year but still use Tenino on a weekly basis

Forever - raising my babies here

forever

Never moving. EVER! Ha!

Death

Undetermined, we have no plans to move though.

Indefinitely. The area has potential

bsbsjeje

I want to stay in Tenino for the next 5 years, at least. I love the small town feel with the convenience of a grocery store and gas station. I love the opportunities for my kids to play at several play grounds and to walk on the paved trail. I consider leaving because of the reputations of the schools and the lack of housing available.

At least until I retire. I love it here. Not sure if we'll be able to afford to stay once we retire though.

depends on what the washington government does regarding property taxes and all the taxes they are trying to force on taxpayers

We may stay forever.

Rest of my life

I plan on living in Tenino the rest of my life as long as it doesn't get grow

We just purchased our home in 07/2024. We love it here and plan to be here for at least 5-7 years, if not more. Biggest influence is the quiet town, being able to walk around and explore, and the short commute to work.

20 we love it here. It's a great community

I live just outside of Tenino, just go into Tenino frequently for shops and visiting family. I will be around for sometime.

Don't know

My life

Will send our kids to school in Tenino for many years

Forever

Trying to move back but housing options are limited. Keep my kids in the schools

Forever. I bought property. I don't plan on selling it

No plans to change

I plan on staying in Tenino at least until my child graduates HS in about 10 years

To the extent of my lifetime.

Unsure

It's where I live now.

As long as the small town stays small, I'll live here.

I cannot afford a house in Tenino so I will be looking elsewhere very soon

depends on tax rates

50 years. My daughter is being raised here. I like the city and accessible services.

I would like to continue living here possibly forever! My boyfriend and I really like Tenino! Perfect small town that's nearby all amenities. Great location, safe neighborhood, love the park and walking trails, nice community events, farmers market, etc.

25.The answers you've provided will help inform Tenino's Comprehensive Plan update. Please share any other thoughts you'd like to contribute:

Response
I hope this actually helps
City has to stop being influenced by cities around us. Tenino is small rural historical town there is no reason to buy into high density housing to bring elements to town which will not be positive for current residents!
Thanks for putting this surgery together. Hoping Tenino can grow and improve.
I think the city should work on improving the downtown area as much as possible by adding mixed use development on Sussex to increase both housing available and commercial opportunities. Revitalization efforts should also focus on styling new structures (and incentivize existing structures - eg. tax reduction) to meet a general design esthetic. For instance, exterior facing stone facades and styled signage. Right now its a strange mix of structures (pole buildings, craftsman, stone, etc.) and the city lacks identity because of it. It would need be well planned to make it work. The contact info question below is missing the text entry block, but please add my email to it: Joe Stone Sr joestonesr@pm.me Thanks!
none
None
As the upgrades to the park are made including the ball fields, please consider leaving these available to be used without reservation or cost.
Nothing
Thank you so much for doing this! I hope you get a good response rate. This survey was quite long with lots of required fields. I'd recommend shorter more frequent surveys, especially those that can be run on Facebook.
none
Thank you to the Planning Commission for volunteering your time to do this work with diligence and care. You are appreciated!
Tenino is amazing but we need to continue to bring in young vibrant families in order to support our schools sports and business
Please don't allow this town to become a Yelm
I think Tenino needs to lean hard on its partner, county/state and have them help support them in grants and funding for roads and maintenance. 507 is a well used hwy and the state needs to do a better job making sure the community of Tenino is safe for travel.
Na
None
I urge the planning committee to think of the other side of town opposite the park side where the sidewalks are in dire need of repairs. The families on this side want to enjoy the town too!

Somehow as a team we all have to figure out how to fund improvements to our school buildings which are aging out. Though very important, bonds are difficult to pass. The ability to provide to our students and their families, facilities that are desirable to attend is a huge factor in attracting people to move and live here.

Please try to keep the Tenino police. With more people coming in, and more societal problems here lately, we really need them to stay in our community.

26.If you would like to be notified of future updates, please include your contact information below (optional):

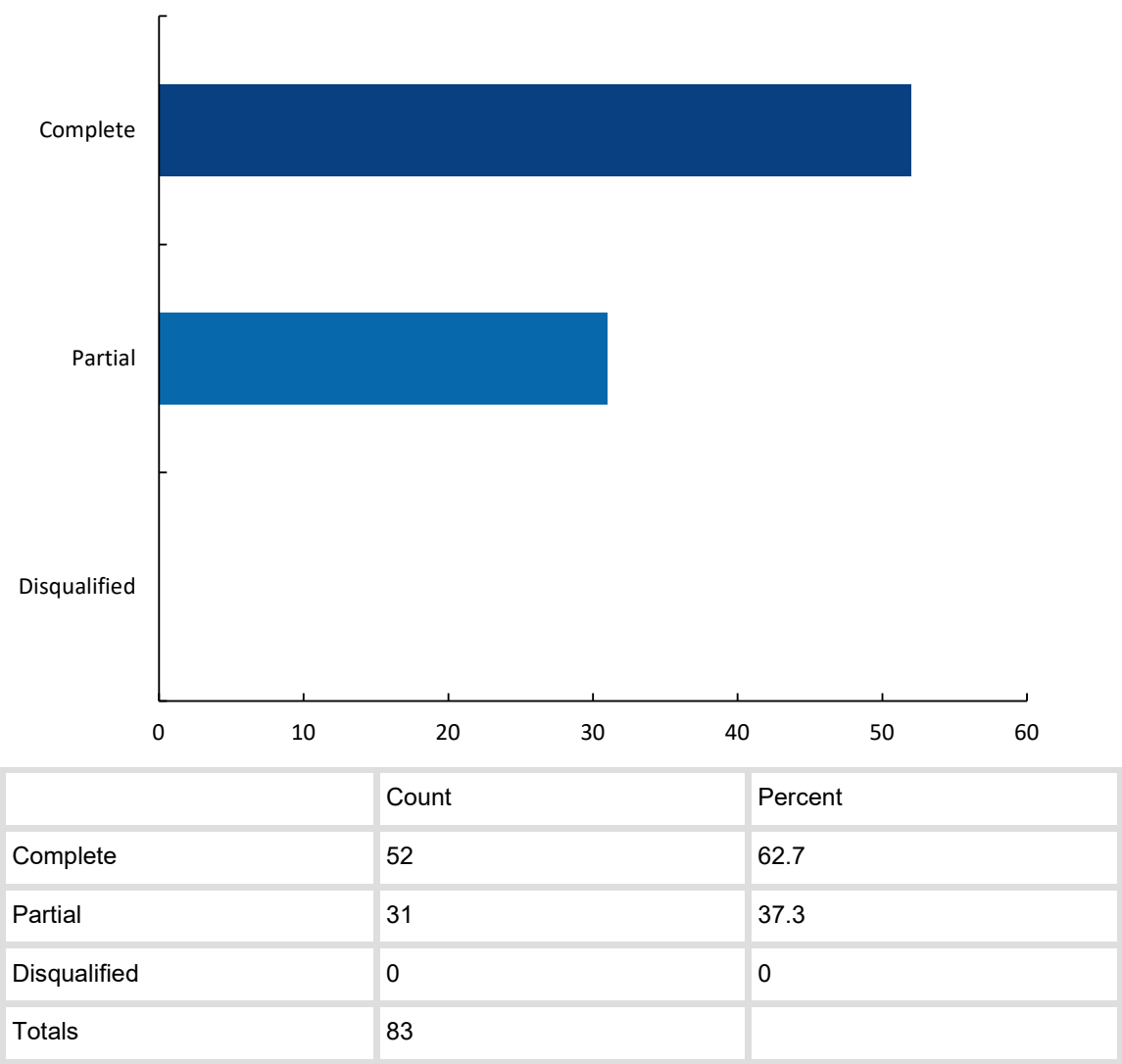
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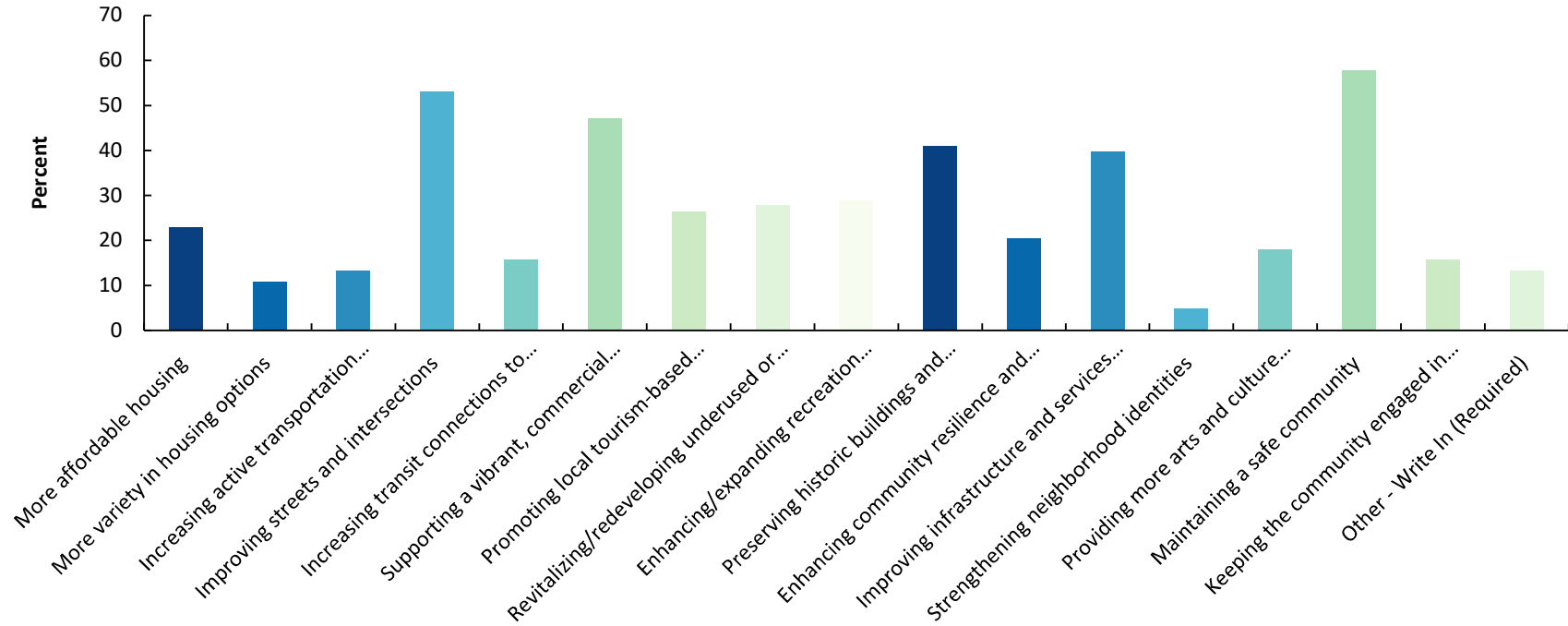
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Response Statistics



1.What do you think Tenino's top five priorities should be in the next 20 years? (select up to 5)



Value	Percent	Count
More affordable housing	22.9%	19
More variety in housing options	10.8%	9
Increasing active transportation connections (walking, biking, etc)	13.3%	11
Improving streets and intersections	53.0%	44
Increasing transit connections to regional centers	15.7%	13

Supporting a vibrant, commercial downtown	47.0%	39
Promoting local tourism-based businesses and opportunities	26.5%	22
Revitalizing/redeveloping underused or vacant sites	27.7%	23
Enhancing/expanding recreation opportunities	28.9%	24
Preserving historic buildings and promoting historic character in new commercial development	41.0%	34
Enhancing community resilience and preparedness (the ability to respond to and recover from a disaster)	20.5%	17
Improving infrastructure and services (utilities, broadband, emergency response, schools, transit, etc.)	39.8%	33
Strengthening neighborhood identities	4.8%	4
Providing more arts and culture opportunities	18.1%	15
Maintaining a safe community	57.8%	48
Keeping the community engaged in local issues	15.7%	13
Other - Write In (Required)	13.3%	11
Other - Write In (Required)		
Bringing additional internet options- I love tenino telephone but the service is not fast/reliable enough to support me working from him or in the community regularly.		
Community Food Gardens		
Eliminating debt, cutting taxes (or at least not increasing them), replacing chlorine with UV light in the water treatment. Chlorine is poisonous and more expensive over time		
Get the water and sewage chepper		

Improving the intersections of 507 (Bucoda Hwy) & Old Hwy 99, and Sussex & Old Hwy 99. Traffic backs up frequently because there's no traffic control. I think two traffic lights in town would be nice.

Keeping our community the way it used to be, stop new growth before it becomes over grown and we can't support it. We struggle now with not affording our police, schools and other government. We need to focus on what we have and stop trying to build more, and let more growth happen.

Lowering taxes as far as possible.

Please put a roundabout where 99 and Sussex by market fresh!

Promoting & recruiting stronger economic opportunity

bring in more restaurants and stores beyond antique stores

employment / industry

2.What do you think are the biggest barriers to accomplishing these priorities?

Response
Money
The debt right now the city has and then on top of that taxes and prices of everything is crazy high. We need to pass savings on to residents of Tenino in someway
Too many opinions. Should just come up with a 5 year, 10 year and 20 year plan.
Money
Tourism could increase sales tax revenue and help with other areas of need in the city. However, synergy of businesses is needed to really become a tourism destination. Need investment in hotels, and incentives for doing business.
Tourism could increase sales tax revenue and help with other areas of need in the city. However, synergy of businesses is needed to really become a tourism destination. Need investment in hotels, and incentives for doing business. Transportation infrastructure is expensive.
Not sure
Funding, staffing, community support.
Money
Tenino has tourism potential that would bring in revenue for infrastructure but need hotel infrastructure to support tourism. How can we incentivize doing business in Tenino?
mismanagement of funds
Bureaucracy, greed, and greedy bureaucrats.
Greed
People in the community that don't want anything to change.

Balancing a budget and eliminating waste in government.
Conflicting opinions
Money
Need staff who do not over spend and keep running us into financial crisis
Govt poor planning we are rural town not Olympia or Tumwater! Keep it small
People refusing to embrace growth and the community not supporting local small businesses (we don't need more Edward Jones, we need a sit down espresso shop, paint and fire pottery shop, bakery, etc). Make Tenino a destination not a thru way.
Funding and a bad economy.
Funding
Funding, specifically for improving streets and adding sidewalks.
Mayor, funds
Money and people's willingness to help
Funding Community participation
Money
Lack of community participation.
The "good old boy" mentality that some people have.
People wanting to get free things from the city government, people not wanting to change
Politicians
Money, understanding priorities of the community not just what the highest bidder will pay - no chains, no insurance buildings - think local businesses that

families can support, take classes at, etc

Funding

Not having the best interests of the community and not allowing the community to have a say.

The deficit budget. We should not be spending money we do not have. Stop spending unnecessary money and focus on paying the debt off.

A lack of available funding.

Unity and finances

Funding

Budget. Long term structure with inevitable major role changes are hard to sustain a 20 year plan.

I'm unsure

Leadership

Money, lack of vision

Lack of vision and interest from leadership.

Funding

Funding

Spending money on stuff that it shouldn't be spent on

Funding and the Sussex Ave being a main travel road - we need north and south town to be easier to cross on the eastside

Tourism needs more infrastructure. High Cost of street upgrades

Time any money? Would love to clean up some of the shaggy businesses on the main strip. Keep Tenino safe and clean place for our children and elders!

Counsel
Cost probably?
Budgetary issues
our mayor
Funding and lack of interest.
Local participation
Unsure
Budget, permits, staff
poor government and planning the town government does not appear to support businesses starting out. No gas service and water and sewer prices way to high
Budget, economic, and political realities.
We are a rural town- Xfinity services in town but just less than a mile past the elementary school they can't serve the homes off the road- in bad weather we have no cell service no internet and during good weather the internet is not strong enough/stable enough to work from home. Housing is more expensive in tenino period there is not many rental opportunities for families due to the cost and my father in law is ready to quit driving but is still very active however any bus options take all day or are in reliable
Our priorities have been focused on other things in the last few years, where they should have been focused on these things to begin with. Our communities safety, should have been top priority in our budget.
I'm unsure, I'd say the biggest barrier would be lack of available finances.
Funding. A state agency transportation improvement board used to help small communities with projects like this. Not sure if they still have funding given recent federal cuts.
Poor city leadership

Cash
Less public involvement
Na
Lack of funding. Socioeconomic status.
Making them priorities.
Money
Revenue
Budget?
Finding ways to engage residents with city/downtown events and issues. City budget issues.
Obviously budget constraints are a difficulty, plus disruption of services when construction is happening. The side streets opposite the park side of Sussex are the main arteries when Sussex is blocked (Lincoln Ave). We need our sidewalks repaired and useable for all.
Incentfizing people to get involved and contribute to decisionmaking.
Poor management.
Marketing. Tenino has all the charm and character of a nestled New England town, but lacks the marketing and advertising to draw in tourists, attract new businesses, and thus stimulate revenue for town improvements, such as building renovations. The town seems to lack the kind of aesthetic cohesion that would make it a destination for visitors and tourists. Some parts feel "preserved," other parts feel "old," and still other parts feel like there cars parked on the front lawn. Tenino has good bones, but is sorely in need of revitalization and moderate renovation to increase, not only its curb appeal, but also its sense of identity as something more than another Washington town that used to be relevant. Tenino has an interesting and solid history, and a charming layout. But it gives more the impression of a town you'd like to drive through, but doesn't entice you to stop. It just looks dingy and run-down. I'm not insinuating uniformity, but rather aesthetic cohesion. Clean and fix the buildings, decide on an actual identity for which Tenino can be known (Skagit has tulips, Leavenworth has the German thing, Issaquah has the salmon run, etc) which will draw attention (and revenue) to the locale. Tenino can be *known* for something beyond a quarry swimming hole. Figure out what that is, lean into it, make it enticing, and market it. Seasonal festivals? Larger farmers market? We have master stone carvers and master woodworkers, why not be an artisan hub? We have a fantastic Main Street, where's

the huge Christmas Market every weekend in December? We used to make railroad ties right? Where's our lumberjack games and chainsaw carving in the summer? Clean the place up, revitalize it, and give the people a reason to stop and spend.

Money.

Politics of being a small community and not wanting to grow. We can keep our small niche community while also finding ways to responsibly grow housing and economy.

Money

city council

Funding; frequent transit routes to destinations

Funding, staffing, community engagement.

3. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well does this statement reflect your vision for Tenino's future? In 2045, Tenino is a vibrant small town that celebrates its artisanal history. Our community is integrated with the natural landscape and carefully stewards its resources. Our lively, walkable downtown supports local entrepreneurs and provides the retail, services, and amenities our residents need. Our community is welcoming to all.

	1 (This does not reflect my vision for Tenino)		2 (There are elements of this statement that I agree with, however this does not reflect my vision for Tenino)		3 (There are elements of this statement that reflect my vision for Tenino, but it needs some work)		4 (This largely reflects my vision for Tenino, but is missing a part of my vision)		5 (This perfectly reflects my vision for Tenino)		Responses
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Rating	4.2%	3	9.9%	7	29.6%	21	32.4%	23	23.9%	17	71
Totals						71					

4. In a few words, what makes Tenino great today?

Response
The people the ones born raised here the ones with roots here those are the best!
Self-sufficient, small
The people
History, sense of community, fantastic park and nature areas.
small town kindness
History, small size, and greenery.
Location
The citizens are the best part of Tenino. They are dependable, honest, and hard working. If you want to keep Tenino great, listen to the citizens and don't push political agendas or personal beliefs.
It hasn't been ruined yet... no corporations
The people
Small quiet rural city
That Olympia is close.
I think the community is what makes tenino great today.
Small town strong community feel
Low crime and most folks and businesses seem to take pride in the area they live in.
Community
Small town, community,
The historical character and the antique shops
Small community feel with people helping each other
Community based food production.
The small town feel.
No stop lights, low crime, good neighbors, green spaces
No stop lights. No round a bouts.
Community atmosphere and recreation
B
The community and its small town feel.

Not the tavern nazi bar
Tenino has something for everyone.
Small town with friendly atmosphere and clean streets and alleys
Small town, safe and appreciate the clean streets and ensuring homeless camps do not move in
Our park, the history, close knit community, clean downtown
Great community and town.
Local law enforcement, vibrant business community, excellent parks and school
Our police Department, our schools, the people
Community, rural character and nature
The small community feel we maintain.
Family friendly events
Charming, artsy, family and kid friendly, close to nature, agriculture
Strong sense of community. Safe. History.
The park, clean walking trail, Don Juan's&Daves, responsible speed limits through town with good sidewalks.
Not much
How the community rallies for events like Oregon Trail Days and the art markets
History. The close knit community.
the community
Historic feel with modern touches such as the paved trail, play grounds, and baseball fields.
Small town feel, history.
Community members that stop to chat and care about one another, small town feel, no big chain businesses, low crime, safety, small classroom sizes
safety for the most part
History, community, recreation, park and natural areas
The inclusive, diverse and accepting atmosphere create a safe place for all. The utilization of a local theatre has brought many people to this town and provided a positive outlet for many community members. The town needs access to better internet and cell phone coverage
It is a small town and in a world of fast paced growth, this a town that still has that charm and feel of a small town. No fast food, shopping centers and street lights. We have a wonderful community that cares for one another.

I enjoy being able to walk to everything in town from our home. The streets are nice, and I feel safe walking. There are some properties that don't pick up dog poop but other than that it's great.

We enjoy the quiet small town vibe, that welcomes diversity.

Unfortunately the days of Tenino being great are few and far between, between lack luster leadership at the city and state level. The city and surrounding area is taking a big downturn. The one bright spot is the city is still small and somewhat tight nit in some old school ways.

Community activities & park & walking trails

Community

Small town community that is willing to go above and beyond for each other

My community and ease of doing business

Small town!

The park

The passion for growth and community connection by several community leaders.

Community support for the schools is amazing.

George Sharp and the initiative he has brought through the EDC. Our business must be supported in order for the downtown core to be visited thereby increasing vitality for all.

Not much

Don Juan's

It's small town character.

The community & access to open space & people

The lively downtown area and kindness from everyone.

small, close knit community

Cultural events. Venues. Entertainment.

Safe, friendly, great location

5.What do you think would make Tenino even better 20 years from now?

Response

If we had more activities things to do in town that won't break the bank

I don't know...

Tenino needs to be a go to place like Leavenworth, WA, Solvang CA or Niles Canyon, CA. We should work towards celebrating our history.

A hotel. Promoting cute shops in the downtown. A theater and a Senior Center. More things to do. Might need the ability to build up more than two stories.

Bigger and better community events - bring back the musket shoots, the giant shopping carts and horses in the parade, keep the pool open more days, fix the potholes, figure out a solution for lease barriers for businesses.

Hard to say. Repairing the rutted, potholed, crumbling streets would be good.

Growth

Continued small growth, it's inevitable. Maintain conservative fiscal beliefs but acknowledging a percentage of change in social settings.

Some affordable housing but nothing too overboard. It is the highest priority to protect the large farms surrounding tenino

Better tourism attractions and more parking options downtown.

Slow growth make due with what's here don't ruin history of town with aggressive government growth plans

Embracing growth and supporting small businesses that draw people to the community.

More reasonable businesses downtown. Things the community can actually afford.

Continuing to support schools and local businesses, providing more family friendly activities, continue to preserve historical buildings, keep the small town community

Mixed use buildings downtown that better integrates visually with it's more historic buildings, while also adding housing opportunities. It would make that area more vibrant by increasing foot traffic and commercial opportunities, and make it more visually appealing.

Make it so I don't have to leave town. A bigger store, more dining options, activities, etc.

Better roads, more small business

A lively arts community

build on it and bring people together.

Low-income housing.

More activites/recreation for children of all ages in our town. Updated schools and continued public transportation to connect with other cities/towns.

No city debt, an updated water treatment facility that uses UV light instead of chlorine, low taxes

No stop lights. No round a bouts. Teachers that don't let the kids know their political views or sexual orientation. Schools that don't promote gender changes. Schools that are transparent and keep parents informed.

Control traffic, have more local businesses and restaurants, plenty of natural spaces, limit growth

B

Preservation of the past and not destroying it for money and growth.

More diversity in ethnicity and culture!

A renewed commitment to maintaining Tenino's infrastructure. Better walk ability and transit connections.

Preserved history with functional modern vibe

Expand school properties to support housing growth, improve side streets, add digital speed check signs coming into town

More draw to Tenino to keep our local businesses thriving. I think our town is great just improving the we have established.

Better more affordable utilities.

Continued investments in economic and cultural development

Bringing in people who want to invest in our economy, getting more citizens involved and having better transparency

Leveraging outdoor recreation to draw in more people for tourism

Cleaning up our neighborhood streets. (Sidewalks, paving etc). Revived historical buildings. Larger more vibrant seasonal activities. More locally owned, thriving businesses, more variety in those.

Safe, family friendly community

More restaurants, night life, more walkable on the Eastside, slower traffic from Yelm, different transportation to Centralia and Oly

Maintain the unique flavor (no urban sprawl). Maintain history. Natural areas

Cleaning up old businesses. Loving the flowers around town! Keeping our park clean and growing! Would love to see another really solid food choice that was higher end. We have lots of so-so places but no clean bar (missing 1776!) and would love something that compliments runs clean and quality like Don Juans. We love the community events and keeping the library clean and available is important.

New management

Better walkability (sidewalks), better streets

A larger focus on the history of the quarries. Restoration of historical structures. Revitalization of

downtown.

to keep tenino a small town

More businesses such as restaurants or shops.

Business that stay, more community connection, people who want to help improve Tenino instead of cut each other down.

Walkable downtown with outdoor seating for meals, desserts, coffee, and visiting with each other. Community gathering spaces for all ages, especially dry spaces for young families to gather and connect. Opportunities for older kids to mentor younger kids. More opportunities for creating new adult friendships.

as stated earlier more restaurants and stores beyond antique stores bring in natural gas and lower water and sewer cost. Property and levee taxes are killing homeowners

Historical character, natural spaces, and recreational opportunities maintained/enhanced while infill in and around city center are developed including some affordable multifamily instead of cookie cutter single family developments on outskirts. And disaster resilience plans developed and actionable.

Families want to spend more time at home many work places have adapted a hybrid or work from home option however due to xfinities inability to move up driveways or provide service off the main strip many secure large income Families are drawn away from this beautiful area

Keeping our town small and not allowing growth. This gives us a unique character that other towns are lacking in this modern age.

More sidewalks and more use of vacant properties.

Improvements to schools. New buildings off main roads.

Embrace the fact that growth is going to happen and being prepared for it. Work on having an actual police force and strong infrastructure and schools.

Better maintenance of roads & better Restricted to keep trash from outside of houses in town.

More things for our youth to occupy themselves that is free

Promotion of small businesses, supporting the unique demographic that is Tenino. Very different from thurston county as a whole and people like it that way

Strong community

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Dog park

Affordable, events, activities and thing to do for residents and visitors every day of the week.

Tenino is already a highly walkable community. Repairing sidewalks on Lincoln and away from the park side of town would help families that live on that side thrive and be able to walk to the activities. Right now, the sidewalks on Lincoln are terribly broken and not walkable unless you are surefooted. No one with disabilities could navigate the sidewalks with a wheelchair or cane.

Upgraded school buildings.

Viable businesses that the population could support.

Repair, renovation, revitalization. See previous comment.

Being able to drive through it without the headaches of waiting for yields/turns backed up in mornings and afternoons.

More economic opportunities & strengthen the access to trails in the park. The park is amazing and is unlike any others. We also need to focus on walkability of the city. We cannot reduce the car trips simply just across town if we do not have safe sidewalks & cross walks.

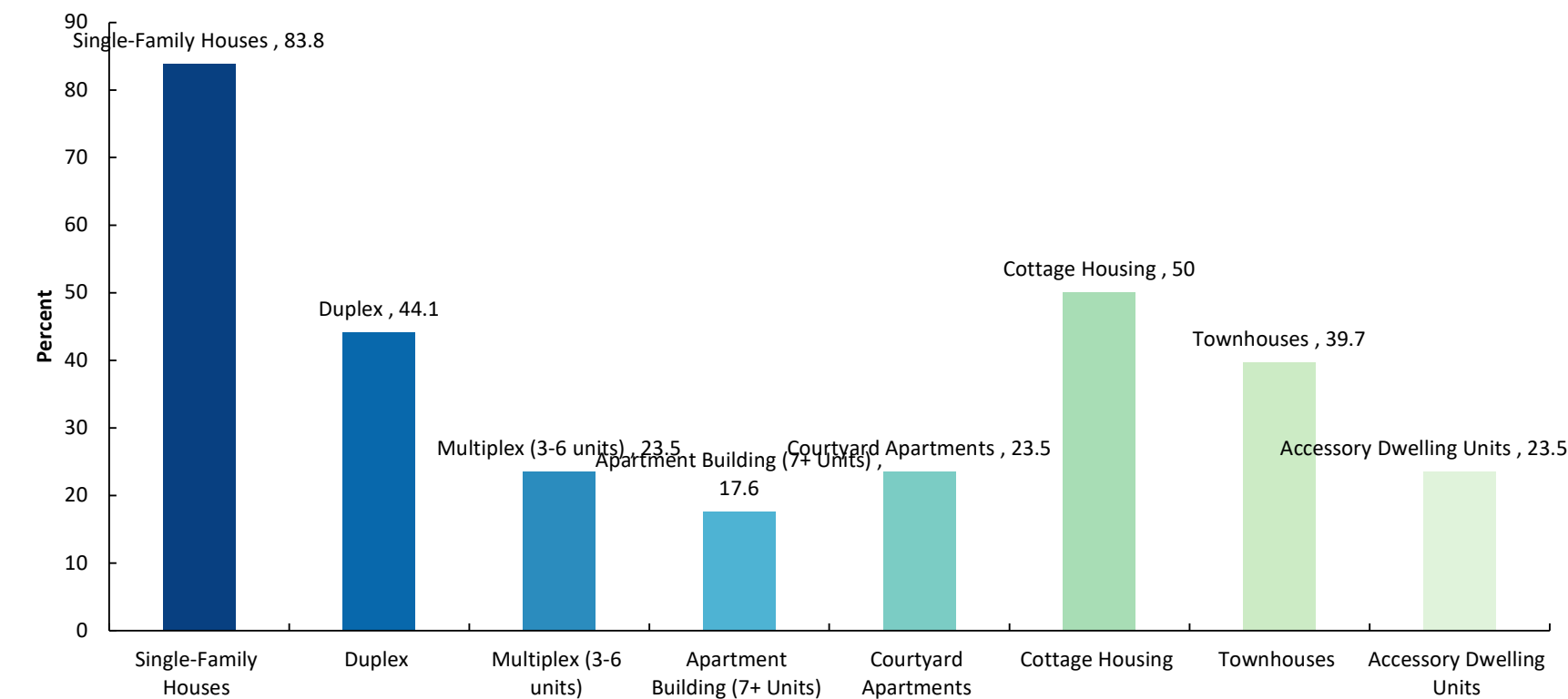
Updated schools and more community involvement activities.

jobs

More tourist attractions, founded on our rich, fascinating history.

More diversity of amenities, retaining its historical charm

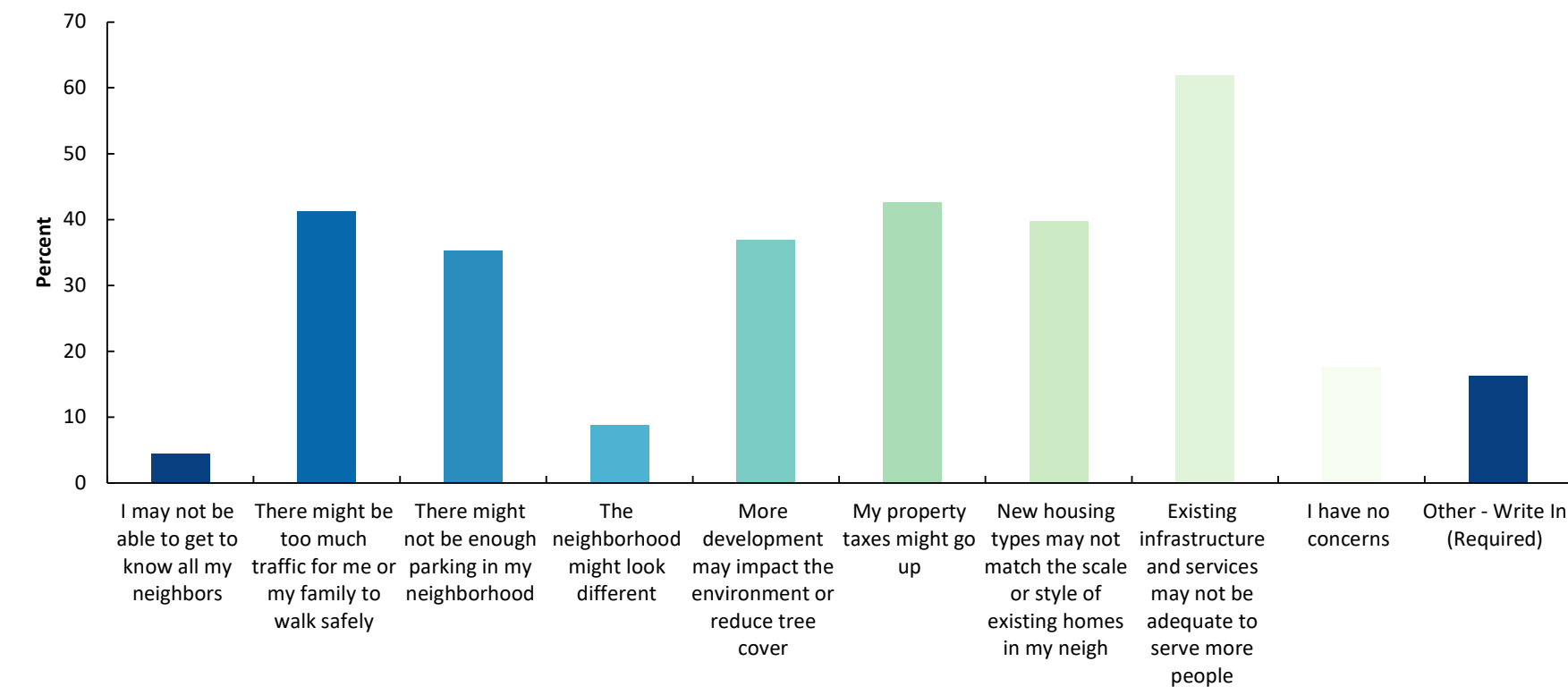
6.Which housing types do you think would fit in with existing residential development? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
Single-Family Houses	83.8%	57

Duplex	44.1%	30
Multiplex (3-6 units)	23.5%	16
Apartment Building (7+ Units)	17.6%	12
Courtyard Apartments	23.5%	16
Cottage Housing	50.0%	34
Townhouses	39.7%	27
Accessory Dwelling Units	23.5%	16

7.What are your biggest concerns related to allowing different housing types? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
I may not be able to get to know all my neighbors	4.4%	3

There might be too much traffic for me or my family to walk safely	41.2%	28
There might not be enough parking in my neighborhood	35.3%	24
The neighborhood might look different	8.8%	6
More development may impact the environment or reduce tree cover	36.8%	25
My property taxes might go up	42.6%	29
New housing types may not match the scale or style of existing homes in my neighborhood	39.7%	27
Existing infrastructure and services may not be adequate to serve more people	61.8%	42
I have no concerns	17.6%	12
Other - Write In (Required)	16.2%	11

Other - Write In (Required)
Cost of available houses
It would be horrendous for Tenino to become the next Yelm. No more green, just large apartment complexes and postage stamp houses crammed together
Lack of actual planning for impact.
More city spending when the government is already too far in debt and passing that cost onto taxpayers
More housing and people as long as it is affordable and accessible
Our city can't handle more growth. We don't have the means to.

School capacity
Size and access of schools. Things we're seeing impact Yelm like water and traffic.
Too inexpensive/subsidized housing attracts more crime.
We ❤️ T90!
decreasing property value
Totals

8.What are your thoughts on the current height limit of 35 feet in all of Tenino?

Response
I think it's smart no one wants skyscrapers here it's a small town that's all it needs to be
Agree
For single family homes this is fine. But anything above 35 feet should be apartments for our veterans or senior citizens only.
There isn't the real estate to support this. Building up makes sense and can still feel old fashioned.
approve
I approve.
Effects change and growth
It keeps a small town feel to the town which is why many residents have moved here.
Raise it to 500 so the rednecks can have extra tall tree stands
No concerns, OK to go higher.
Again govt stay out leave in place no high density housing
I think that it's a reasonable limit
I think it's important to ensure new developments blend in with existing architecture and preserve the overall aesthetic of a community.
No concern
For downtown area, it really limits growth. Higher buildings downtown capped at maybe 3 stories would be great for mixed use development.
No point
It keeps the town vide the same. Less Tumwater-ish
High rise buildings above 35 feet will be out of character with the historic town.
get rid of height limits. People should be able to build how they see fit.
No Higher
If too tall, views would be blocked.
Good. It keeps the look of a small town and allows for scenic views of surrounding greenery
It should remain.
Excellent, keep it!
I think it needs to stay

Na
I like it!
Keep it
Don't care
No issues
It should be raised downtown to allow for second and third story residential in our commercial zone
We need to allow for higher density and ability to go up
None
I'm ok with this. We are a small community. Seeing the trees and sky at night is the point of living in a smaller town like Tenino.
I think it helps keep our community personal
It's adds to the look of a small town but I don't care as long as it adds to the affordable housing in town
Silly. There isn't the real estate to restrict height.
Great!
Ridiculous
Seems like a good limit
Appropriate
don't know that was a thing
No thoughts.
Great!
ok
That's plenty tall. Appropriate height limit.
If the reasoning is current i agree however if it is a limit out in place years ago with no thought to how many more people could be served then it needs to be re evaluated
I like it, we don't need anything bigger.
I don't have any preference. Although, it is kind of add to the small town feel having no buildings over 35 feet.
Agree
This needs to be updated to allow better access and better balance of building to be built

Am good with it
Nobody should be told what they can and can't do on their own property within reason straight out
No thoughts
I agree with this
Perfect, no higher
None
None
No concens
I like it
It's fine, no reason to go taller
It's dumb. Literally stunting growth.
The height limit should stay in place to keep the small town character.
I think downtown is tall enough. Could maybe see a taller building at the edges of town if they are tucked in and blend
I think it's great for downtown to not block the beautiful views.
could be negotiated w industrial uses
I think we need to build more housing up, than out. The height limit needs to increase.
I like that

9.What other comments would you like to share about housing in Tenino?

Response
Try to help the 3x the rent it's out of a lot of people's reach
No more trailers. Unless it is a tiny home community for veterans or senior citizens.
Don't be like tumwater, grandmound
Keep big city planning out we are historical small town with growth limits
We need more.
Fiscal impacts of developing new housing will affect the low income community of tenino. Property taxes are already outlandish.
Expand housing
Collective Developments
Homes should be built more solid and not so close together.
No multi plexes or large condos
It's over priced
We don't allow for enough multifamily in areas where it would likely develop
There's very few options for people in their 20's
There is lots of opportunity for infill development in city limits.
I love the old housing in Tenino. I would love to see our streets cleaned up....in terms of addition of sidewalks, repaved streets etc. I would love to see our in town neighborhoods with safer walking paths that would be provided by this. Kids have no sidewalks, so biking, skateboarding, walking is done on narrow streets. As a family with children, near the downtown area, this is something I see being a necessity to facilitate safety. For kids and families, for not only school access, but other local community and activity access.
None
Needs to be more affordable and people need incentives to develop ADUs to help with multi generational housing
Not a lot of opinions. Just want to keep our community clean and our schools and rec areas a safe place to be.
We have lots of big properties with spacing between neighbors, which I love, but we need more opportunities to gather and get to know each other. Also, as our kids grow up, will they be able to buy a home in their hometown?
some houses need to remove old cars and rubble from their yards, but never have HOA
I dislike lots smaller than quarter acre. The newer developments are all house and no yard. We live in a rural community, those neighbors have less space to garden, play, plant trees that benefit wildlife,

etc.. I suggest decreasing density slightly to 4 lots per acre.

What housing is here is unattainable to most families- the cost is high to get sub par utility coverage (phone and internet) and what is available for a family with 2 kids is not realistic in its requirements. We want our schools and business to thrive but we are pushing out the newer generation of families by not offering decent high speed internet cell towers and bus service

Keep our town small, please

I don't like the ideas of apartments or shared units because I don't think we need to add to the population. I believe we should prioritize using vacant properties rather than tearing down and replacing or adding anymore housing.

The city needs to look at ways to attract builders, of the housing is built the people will come.

People should be allowed to live in RVs on their own property in city limits if it's not obstruction of peace or environment

In general, housing in Tenino is limited, mostly due to Tenino being smaller. However, there are multiple vacant or condemned houses on the Lincoln Ave side of Sussex that the city could utilize for housing.

The small town look is important.

Enforce the existing codes and make people clean up the derelict properties around town

The houses are old and poorly maintained. They lack really any curb appeal, giving a dingy apathetic impression of the town as a whole.

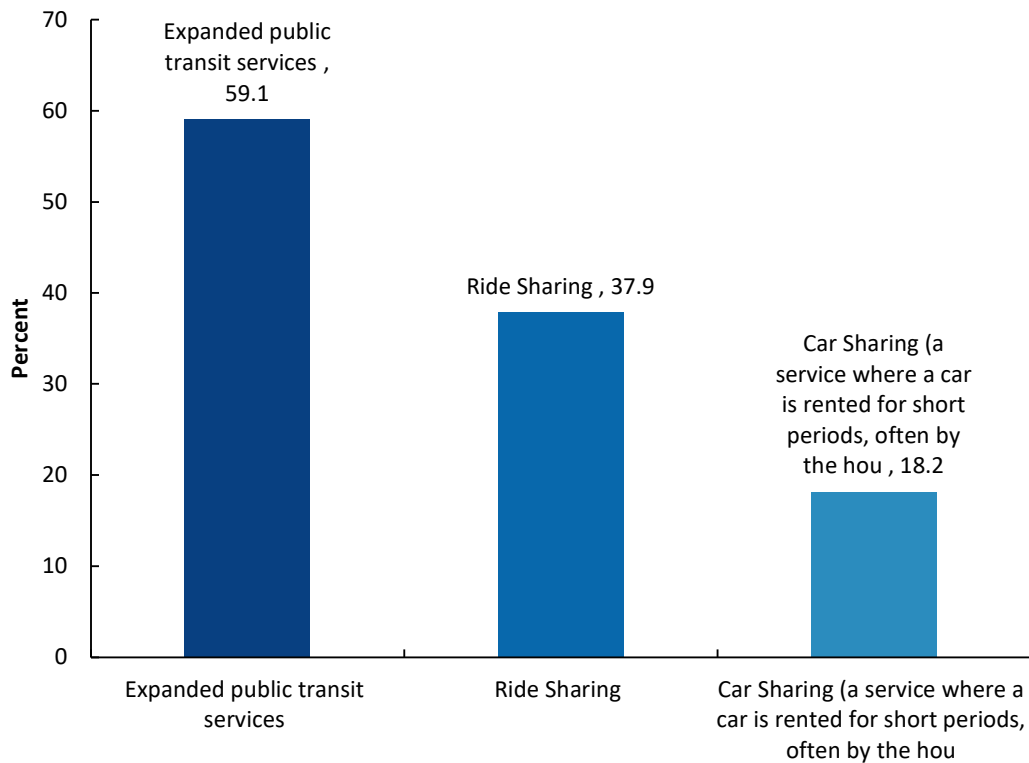
Townhouses and/or cheaply-built compact housing does not match the character of Tenino.

buildbuildbuild

10. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well does Tenino's transportation/road network meets your needs: 1: It doesn't meet my needs at all – I don't feel safe and I can't get where I want to go very easily 5: It's perfect for me - it feels safe, well-connected, and efficient

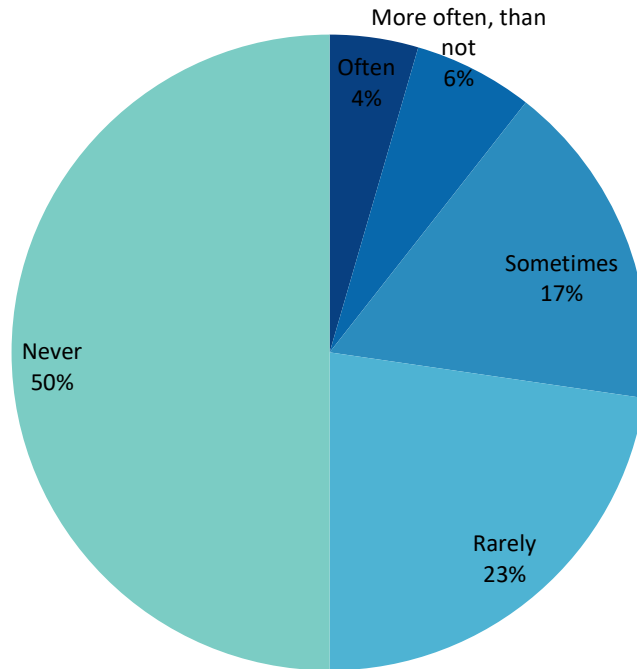
		Rating
As a Driver?	Count	66
	Not Applicable	0
As a pedestrian or bicyclist?	Count	66
	Not Applicable	0

11.If any of the following public transportation options were available, which would you use?



Value	Percent	Count
Expanded public transit services	59.1%	39
Ride Sharing	37.9%	25
Car Sharing (a service where a car is rented for short periods, often by the hour, rather than for a longer duration like a traditional rental)	18.2%	12

12.If public transit was available how frequently would you use it?



Value	Percent	Count
Often	4.5%	3
More often, than not	6.1%	4
Sometimes	16.7%	11
Rarely	22.7%	15
Never	50.0%	33
	Totals	66

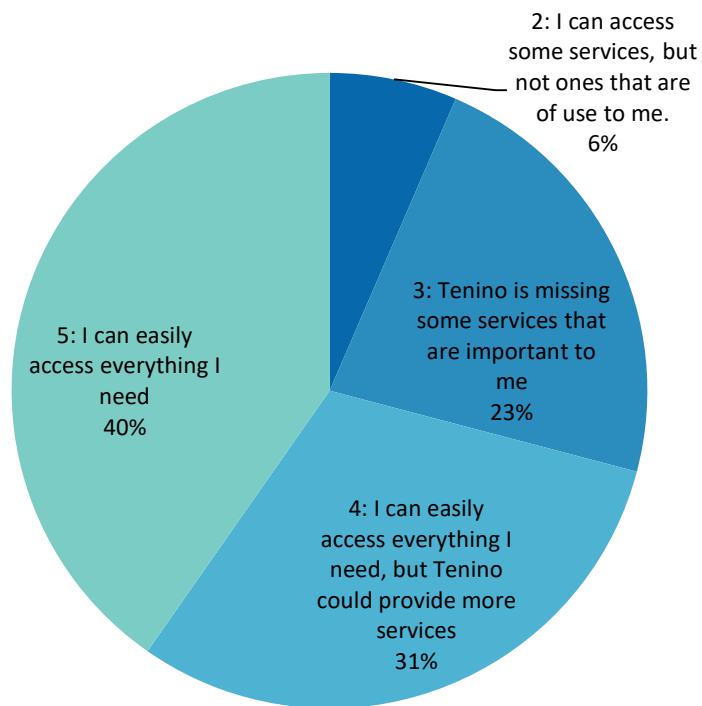
13.What do you think Tenino’s transportation/road system needs? Is there anything missing?

Response
Sidewalks and roads for smooth riding for all
Better areas for crossing
Sidewalks. Oh and the trestle needs to be widened
Round about at crucial intersection. Turn lanes at Tenino Elementary School. Hard to cross the street in downtown. Traffic calming features on Park Street
I think the roads need serious help, and the school bus situation is sad
Pavement. Repairs. Maintenance.
No
Just normal road repair is always needed.
Train
Roundabouts
Police enforcement of speed limits
Actually offering public transit
No.
No
Sidewalks! And half the road missing from the corner of W 6th Ave and 507/OldHwy99
No
Potholes fixed,
I drive everywhere so I don't use public transport but I do think its important to have.
Main drag needs to be flattened so driveways are smoother. The center arc of the road is too high. Rais the speed limit back to 30. 25 means everyone drives at 15-20 now.
Collective Ride Share - Car Sharing
Covered, lighted, bus stops.
Better surfacing on existing streets
Pot holes
Connecting bike trail to rural areas
To be better maintained

No opinion
Speed bumps around the school properties particularly behind baseball fields and park entrance
Not sure
Some side streets need repaving
More sidewalks
Uber
More bike paths
No
A cross walk from the market across the main street going through Tenino. School kids and many others cross there but there is no cross walk in the area
Eastside crossing for Sussex (near the welcome sign)
Roundabouts. Traffic calming features on Park street. People go fast and don't stop for pedestrians.
Just road maintenance upkeep for pot holes. Love safe sidewalks.
Good roads
The turn from Sussex to Wichman needs to be a roundabout or light or something. That is a difficult spot. Also there are a lot of potholes that need to be addressed on side streets
More frequent busses to Olympia
no
Sidewalks! At least from marketfresh to Bowen Way before the turn.
It's great for me as a driver. Potholes suck, but the city fixes them fast. Access to public transit for youth would be great. Things to get them from rural properties to their friends and Oly life.
NA
Traffic circle at the NAPA.
Public transportation- turn lanes at intersections that do not have lights (near the store ect)
City bus service to and from Olympia
More sidewalks and crosswalks with lights to encourage drivers to slow down or stop for pedestrians
Round about 507 where 99 intersects with Sussex
A better maintenance program
Better maintenance of roads. Some are good where so many are not maintained
Less potholes

Other options beside one main artery of traffic through downtown
None
?
Idk. Maybe a roundabout
N/A
The sidewalks on the Lincoln Ave side of Sussex are terrible!
I'm happy with the layout and traffic signage. Keep the pothole filled in a timely manner to prevent bigger repairs.
Better crosswalks and driveable streets
Road maintenance, possible widening, traffic signals so you're not waiting on a gap in the constant flow of cars to make a turn or merge.
Two traffic lights. 507 & Old Hwy 99, both sides of town!
We need roundabouts by the parts store and by the grocery store. We need to fix the flooding by black bear. We need to fix the backup by the elementary school during pick up and drop off. We need more crosswalks by the park especially. Sidewalks are lacking and I think the city needs to find a way to fund them without waiting for redevelopment of the properties.
No they're just fine
build for the future
A roundabout on SR 507 instead of the Y in town. More sidewalks on side streets. More barriers between the roads and sidewalks.
I am happy with it.

14. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well are you able to access the services you need? Think about utilities, telecommunications, emergency services, schools, recreational opportunities, senior services and other public services.



Value	Percent	Count
2: I can access some services, but not ones that are of use to me.	6.5%	4
3: Tenino is missing some services that are important to me	22.6%	14
4: I can easily access everything I need, but Tenino could provide more services	30.6%	19
5: I can easily access everything I need	40.3%	25
	Totals	62

15.Are there services or facilities missing in Tenino? If so, which ones?

Response
A public restroom near downtown
Safe Walking paths.
I do go elsewhere for most healthcare. I know seniors could use more community.
arcades/youth areas bowling! :) I mean... we seriously need teriyaki
More police. As the community grows, the current arrangement will be less and less adequate.
None
Marijuana dispensary
Community Center
None
Good medical care, espresso shop (sit down), Asian food, arts and crafts opportunities, various restaurants (not more Mexican food).
No
Emergency or urgent care
We need a basketball court at the park and also tennis or pickleball.
Yes. Get more specialized medical care. A hair salon.
Internet
An auditorium for local theatre groups, productions, special screenings of movies, art exhibitions etc.
Teriyaki restaurant
Car Sharing
No, I can access everything.
No
I don't know right now
More baseball/soccer fields
A community center
None
Not sure
None

Not really
No
No
None
Music venue, affordable groceries, nursery
Senior Center. A place for youth to hang out. Could use better health care.
We have young kids and really enjoy the park and community events for their ages at this time. The music festival in the summer is fun too. Great job Tenino!
More police
N/a
Local police
well if we lose our police we won't have that
Younger kids recreational activities
Community gathering for young families, especially during rainy months and for families with 2 working parents. Gathering space for youth (arcade, ymca, etc). A coffee shop to sit and meet a friend.
food service is very limited
Overnight lodging.
Decent high speed internet Senior services or programs Reliable cell phone service Affordable grocery option Community center of some kind
Public transportation
Not that I can think of off the top of my head.
Auto Repair shop
As the city grows, I believe more food options will need to be available. This will also add opportunity for youth to get jobs locally.
Lower water/sewer bills
Youth services! A community youth center!
No comment
Not sure
?
Internet

N/A

None that I can think of

I live in unincorporated Thurston County and I would have skipped the previous question if I could have. It is my perception though that infrastructure services already available to City residents.

No

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N/a

Expansion of available services and opportunity for residents to pick better cost effective services. Also sewer is way too expensive for me.

jobs

Not that I can think of.

More recreational activities or more diverse activities.

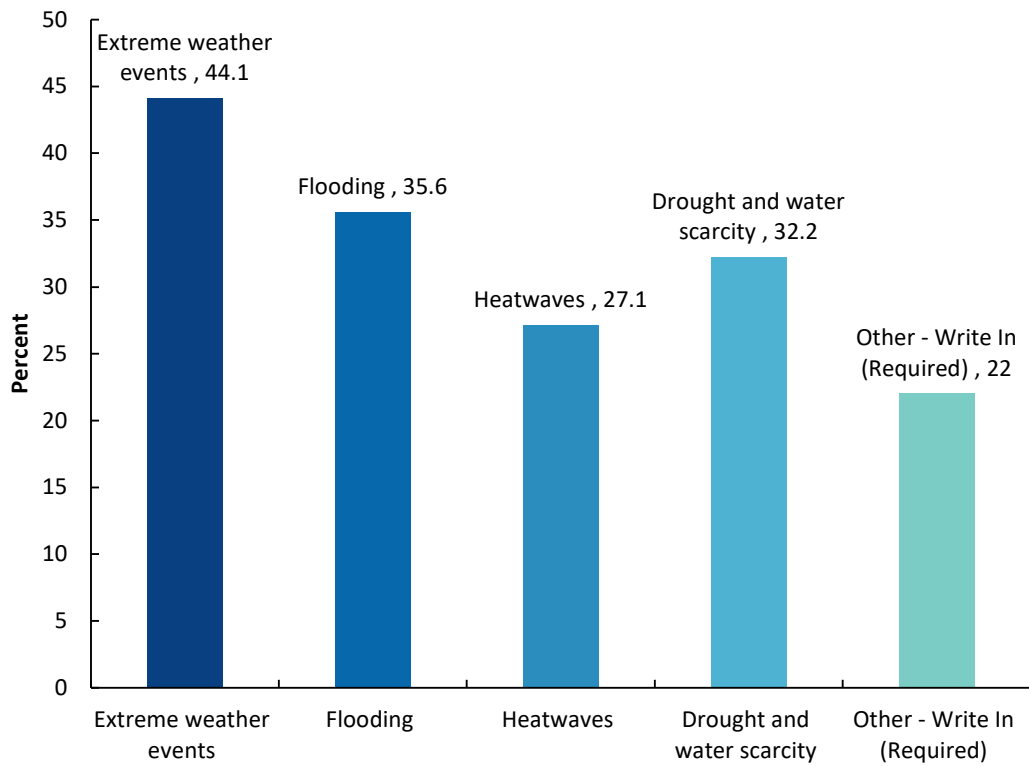
16. What other comments would you like to share about infrastructure, or public facilities and services in Tenino?

Response
Nothing
Have a way for kids to earn a day at the pool.
Places for family to stay when visiting the area.
Please keep the old town feel - love the architecture and how Sandstone and 1776 and Kodiak and Edward Jones have managed to honor it.
Public bathrooms.
None
School zone by the middle school needs work
N/A
Take care of residents here and don't be influenced by crazy growth plans of surrounding cities >>> they are a nightmare with traffic crime high density housing etc
N/A
None
None
I think maintenance does a fantastic job of keeping things working and looking nice.
None are useful to me
None
I love Tenino!
NA
Home repair collective coordinating aid and equipment
None
Only that the flow of traffic is good because there are no stop signs or traffic lights on the main road.
None
Urgent care?
The food bank needs a new building. It serves so many in our community and they need more space.
None
None

Sewage is way too expensive
Continued local Law Enforcement services need to be maintained at proper levels
Our Police Dept needs continued support
Again....better paved neighborhood streets and sidewalks
None
Teens need a place to hang out
na
None
Need to hire more police
N/a
Historical restoration
hdjd
N/a
None. I love our town and appreciate the care you all put into doing it well. Look at other cities and their development for clues. Things like growing sustainably, building cohesive neighborhoods that flow together, managing traffic, and ensuring resources are available for the population.
nothing
Staff to maintain things is a challenge as I understand it. We have a lot of resources that go underutilized as a result. Park bathrooms, the pool, campgrounds, etc. The staff we do have do so much and we appreciate them.
I love tenino however I am unable to work from home or stay in town as much as I want due to the unreliable internet (it high speed) and lack of cellular connection- I can fix the phone with WiFi but cannot work from home and have my phone on the internet reliably. These Two issues are stopping younger families from relocating to our amazing town as more and more Biden ss are offering hybrid and work from home options
Public transportation would be the only nice thing to have
N/A
NA
Not just Tenino but all surrounding areas need to do a better job on infrastructure. Especially maintaining stripping of roadways.
None
Na
No comment

None
?
None
N/A
The city is very walkable and accessible to all, except some of the sidewalks are in need of major repair. The whole town is not on the park side. Other people live on the other side of town and want to walk too.
Tenino is the best little city. Thanks for investing in the quarry pool, the holiday decor, summer flowers, and metal markers along Sussex. All this enhances our presentation and invites people to stay awhile and spend money.
None
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N/a
Expanding the sewer needs to not make it more expensive
jobs
Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into Tenino's right future.
I would like more diversity with food options and more recreational activities.

17. In your opinion, what are the most critical climate-related risks facing this community? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
Extreme weather events	44.1%	26
Flooding	35.6%	21
Heatwaves	27.1%	16
Drought and water scarcity	32.2%	19
Other - Write In (Required)	22.0%	13

Other - Write In (Required)

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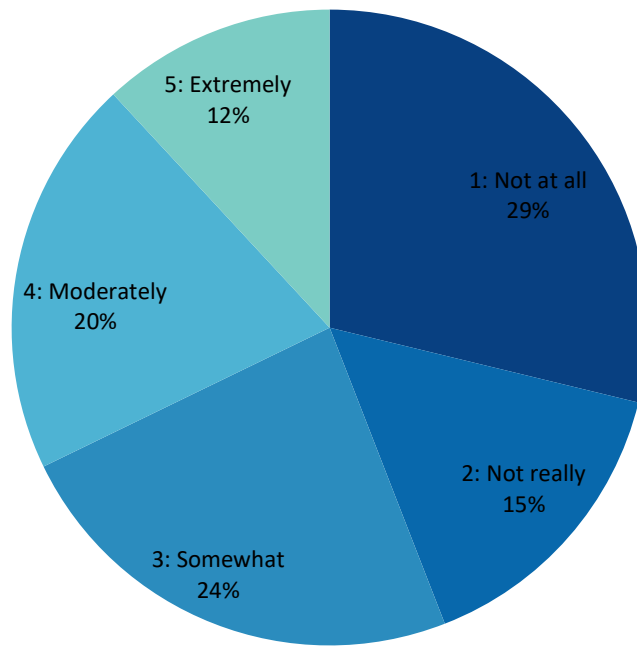
Fire

Fires

Fires

I don't believe in climate change
Loss of native plants, destabilization of soil, large evergreens falling, need to replace natural trees with those that are more drought tolerant.
None
None, really.
None. Tenino is in an extremely safe area.
Seriously?
There are none
Wild Fires
nothing climate related most likely poor management of water sources
Totals

18. On a scale of 1 to 5, how concerned are you about the potential impacts of climate change in Tenino?



Value	Percent	Count
1: Not at all	28.8%	17
2: Not really	15.3%	9
3: Somewhat	23.7%	14
4: Moderately	20.3%	12
5: Extremely	11.9%	7
	Totals	59

19. What community assets in Tenino (e.g. natural areas, buildings/landmarks, infrastructure, cultural resources, etc.) should be protected against climate impacts and/or natural disasters?

Response
All
Downtown, the pool, the depot/quarry house
All of them if possible...historic buildings (historic district and museum), forests/park, homes.
downtown should be protected against flooding
Skookumchuck Dam needs maintenance and monitoring. Flood events happen. They should be planned for.
Protect the quarry pool.
The old ones on Sussex
Downtown buildings
Can't think of any
The forested area south of the Tenino/Yelm trail, the structures in Tenino's park
Not sure
Downtown and the park when it comes to drought and the potential for wild fires.
The swimming area and historic buildings
Historic landmarks
Parks and historical buildings along with Schools. Grocery store and gas stations.
Natural Areas
The schools and the grocery store.
Protect green spaces from development
All
The quarry and the main downtown strip
Unsure
Not sure
Unsure
Historic buildings
Don't know

All
None
Water access, food access, shelter for people
Historic downtown, Museum. Homes. City Park
Historical buildings and schools
Quarry
The historic buildings/museum
All
jsns
Personal homes and schools.
Parks, homes, roads, schools, businesses.
people and their homes and property
Historic downtown. The park. My house!
The bridge needs to have the water flow fixed before it destroys the road and causes collapse of the overpass killing people
Buildings
Anything historical to the town
All
I'm all for preserving the old town look and feel but at what cost. Putting thousands of \$\$ into the face of a building to look nice as the road and curbside are falling apart doesn't make sense.
Dirt parking lot near park
Na
No comment
Not sure
Landscape from development
?
Tenino City Park/Quarry Pool area
The quarry and historical buildings
City Park, quarry pool, drinking water reservoirs/aquifer.
None, climate change is a joke

The huge bloody forests that surround us and may be vulnerable to wildfires.

N/a

I think that flooding has posed a large threat to Tenino for years and has been ignored and needs to be fixed because it will destroy our roads. Our community assets are our roads, our park, our school, and the historic downtown.

Depot museum. Quarry and house. Downtown businesses. Schools.

The historic downtown and the park and buildings there associated with the old quarry. Necessary natural resources.

20. What other comments would you like to share climate-related vulnerabilities in Tenino?

Response
None
What do we do if there is a fire like what happened in Southern California
A fire plan is important.
none
Not much.
There are none.
.
N/A
It is overstated in this state more pressing problems and making state too expensive to live in
N/A
None
none
N
What about the risk of fire during dry periods.
none
Rules limiting cutting down trees. Requirements for Trees in new development
None
None
None
None
None
None
None
N/A
Don't know
Na

None
Wind is extreme - underground our utilities if possible
Hopefully we can get more water rights.
Not too concerned.
None
I am always concerned about the fire risk in the summer, and especially with fireworks on the 4th of July. I would love if the city restricted firework use in city limits.
Green power
nsndn
N/a
We need education about how to help. In California there are days we were instructed to not water our lawns. The public needs to hear often that climate change is real and, if we work together, we can live more sustainably and be better prepared for the inevitable.
none
Solar initiatives may help energy needs in heat waves. Community center with filtered air and AC may become a necessary resource in summer smoke and heat events.
Tenino needs to be aware of pre watering and trimming trees and grass to protect from Fires
None
N/A
NA
We live in a rainy climate, make it a safer drive and put down quality roadway markings.
To keep park walkways free from moss during winter so they are not slippery when walking
Na
No comment
None
?
None
N/A
None
Whether it's climate-related disasters or natural disasters like earthquakes, I heard we are working towards an emergency plan for powering the high school during city power interruption emergencies. I

think this is a good decision for supporting our city's population.

None

I would like increased forest management for the long term health and safety of the forests and the citizenry.

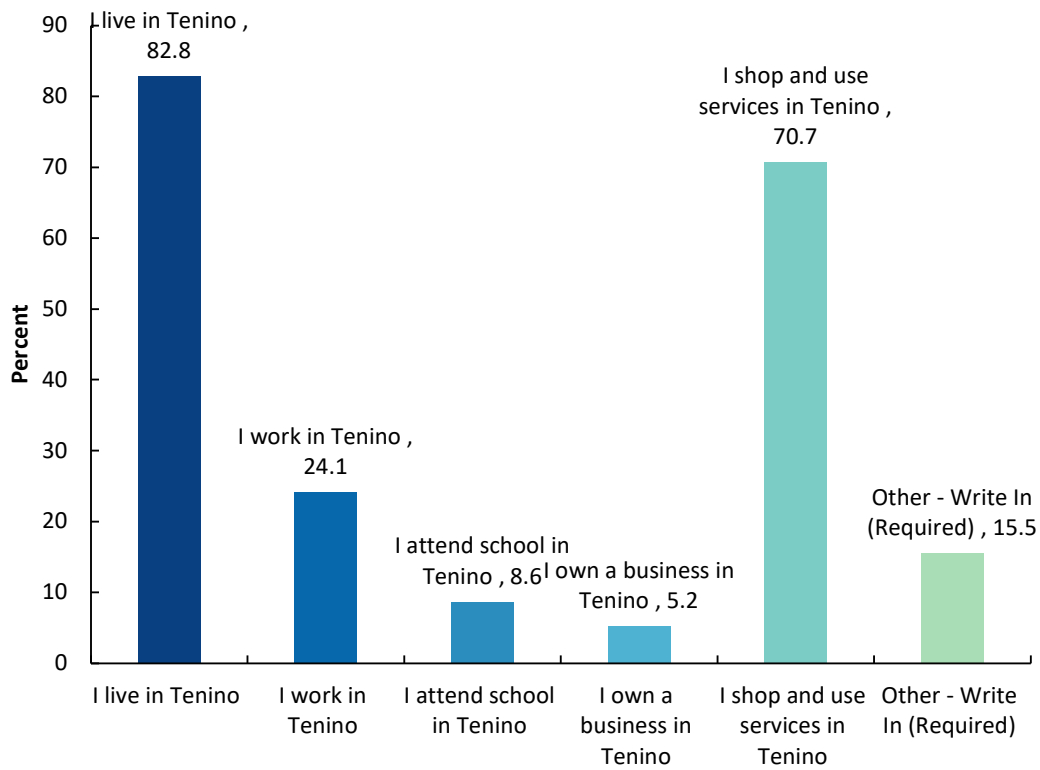
Old Hwy 99 to the west of Bucoda HWY is always flooding due to poor drainage. Even something as simple as a ditch going into Scatter Creek would be better than the way it's been for years...

Flooding needs to be fixed otherwise in a disaster we will be trapped. Every exit out of Tenino has a flooding issue. Work with the county to fix the problems outside of the city as well.

NA

None

21.What is your relationship to Tenino? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
I live in Tenino	82.8%	48
I work in Tenino	24.1%	14
I attend school in Tenino	8.6%	5
I own a business in Tenino	5.2%	3
I shop and use services in Tenino	70.7%	41
Other - Write In (Required)	15.5%	9

Other - Write In (Required)

Children attend Tenino schools

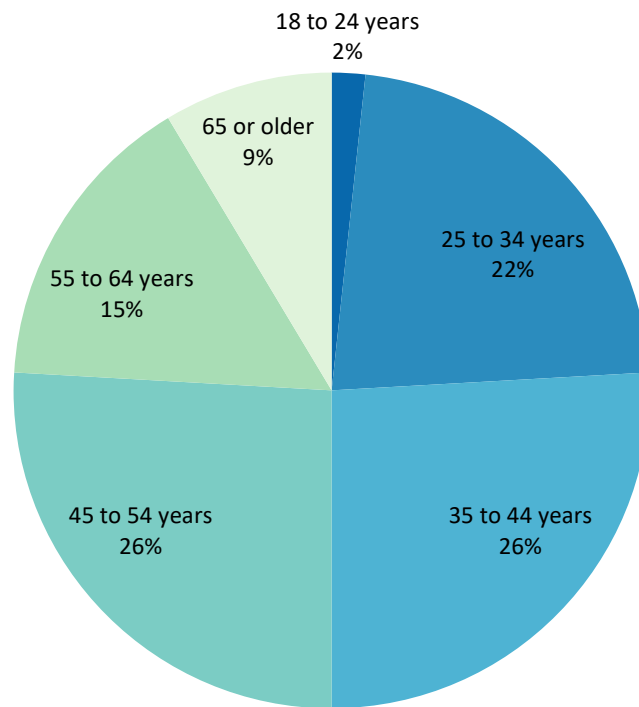
GENERATIONS of us live here

I live just outside of city limits.

I live walking distance of Tenino

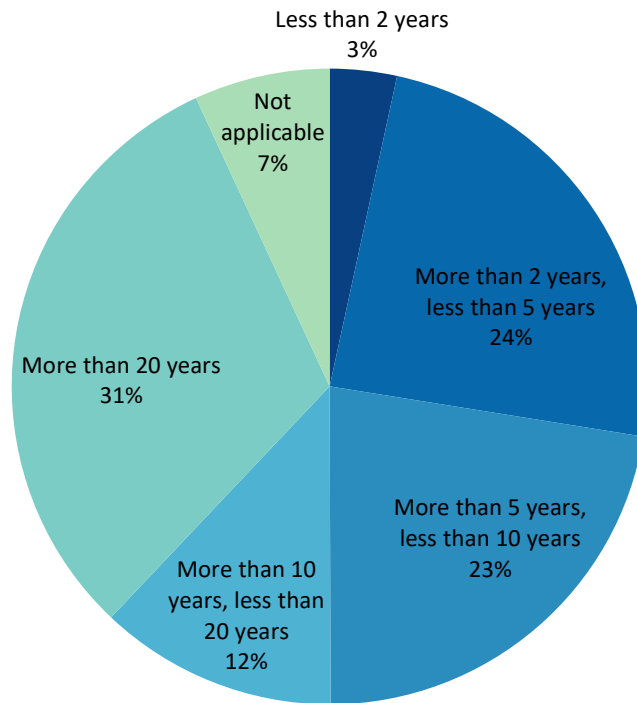
My child attends school in Tenino
My children will attend school here
My grandchildren attend school in tenino and I performed in local theatre in tenino
Past residents
attend events/volunteer
Totals

22.What is your age range?



Value	Percent	Count
18 to 24 years	1.7%	1
25 to 34 years	22.4%	13
35 to 44 years	25.9%	15
45 to 54 years	25.9%	15
55 to 64 years	15.5%	9
65 or older	8.6%	5
	Totals	58

23.How long have you lived in Tenino?



Value	Percent	Count
Less than 2 years	3.4%	2
More than 2 years, less than 5 years	24.1%	14
More than 5 years, less than 10 years	22.4%	13
More than 10 years, less than 20 years	12.1%	7
More than 20 years	31.0%	18
Not applicable	6.9%	4
	Totals	58

24. How long do you plan on staying in Tenino, and what is influencing your decision?

Response
For life; age
I will be staying in Tenino until I am taken out of my house feet first.
possibly moving soon due to political climate
The rest of my life, if we don't have to sell due to high taxes.
Although I don't currently live in city limits (I'm about 7 minutes outside) I did live in town for almost a years. I have worked in town for almost 30 years now. I plan on staying until I retire and may move back inside city limits at any time. I love Tenino for it's small town values and feel.
I plan to leave soon, nothing against tenino it's a Washington problem
Nice community
Forever
Want to move away soon. Small town mentalities don't work for me.
Forever. Love the small town community!
As long as possible. Property taxes and cost of living are making me consider other options though.
I moved away due to the schools
I don't intend to move at all. The best of rural living, beauty of nature and a great community all round me.
until i die. I have a nice place where I am at.
Forever....
I hope a long time. I own my home.
Indefinitely; proximity to job
Forever, unless property taxes force me out. My land has been in the family since 1950
Don't know. Depends on if the state taxes me out of living here.
20 years, small schools, small community, no homelessness, great neighbors
Always have a home base in tenino
Many years, bought home in 2023
Undecided
For a long time
As long as we can afford WA state (taxes are insane) We love the community feel as a family. We

enjoy a small town feel and schools for our kids while also seeing diversity in the community. Having close access to activities for family.

We just moved to bucoda last year but still use Tenino on a weekly basis

Forever - raising my babies here

forever

Never moving. EVER! Ha!

Death

Undetermined, we have no plans to move though.

Indefinitely. The area has potential

bsbsjeje

I want to stay in Tenino for the next 5 years, at least. I love the small town feel with the convenience of a grocery store and gas station. I love the opportunities for my kids to play at several play grounds and to walk on the paved trail. I consider leaving because of the reputations of the schools and the lack of housing available.

At least until I retire. I love it here. Not sure if we'll be able to afford to stay once we retire though.

depends on what the washington government does regarding property taxes and all the taxes they are trying to force on taxpayers

We may stay forever.

Rest of my life

I plan on living in Tenino the rest of my life as long as it doesn't get grow

We just purchased our home in 07/2024. We love it here and plan to be here for at least 5-7 years, if not more. Biggest influence is the quiet town, being able to walk around and explore, and the short commute to work.

20 we love it here. It's a great community

I live just outside of Tenino, just go into Tenino frequently for shops and visiting family. I will be around for sometime.

Don't know

My life

Will send our kids to school in Tenino for many years

Forever

Trying to move back but housing options are limited. Keep my kids in the schools

Forever. I bought property. I don't plan on selling it

No plans to change

I plan on staying in Tenino at least until my child graduates HS in about 10 years

To the extent of my lifetime.

Unsure

It's where I live now.

As long as the small town stays small, I'll live here.

I cannot afford a house in Tenino so I will be looking elsewhere very soon

depends on tax rates

50 years. My daughter is being raised here. I like the city and accessible services.

I would like to continue living here possibly forever! My boyfriend and I really like Tenino! Perfect small town that's nearby all amenities. Great location, safe neighborhood, love the park and walking trails, nice community events, farmers market, etc.

25.The answers you've provided will help inform Tenino's Comprehensive Plan update. Please share any other thoughts you'd like to contribute:

Response
I hope this actually helps
City has to stop being influenced by cities around us. Tenino is small rural historical town there is no reason to buy into high density housing to bring elements to town which will not be positive for current residents!
Thanks for putting this surgery together. Hoping Tenino can grow and improve.
I think the city should work on improving the downtown area as much as possible by adding mixed use development on Sussex to increase both housing available and commercial opportunities. Revitalization efforts should also focus on styling new structures (and incentivize existing structures - eg. tax reduction) to meet a general design esthetic. For instance, exterior facing stone facades and styled signage. Right now its a strange mix of structures (pole buildings, craftsman, stone, etc.) and the city lacks identity because of it. It would need be well planned to make it work. The contact info question below is missing the text entry block, but please add my email to it: Joe Stone Sr joestonesr@pm.me Thanks!
none
None
As the upgrades to the park are made including the ball fields, please consider leaving these available to be used without reservation or cost.
Nothing
Thank you so much for doing this! I hope you get a good response rate. This survey was quite long with lots of required fields. I'd recommend shorter more frequent surveys, especially those that can be run on Facebook.
none
Thank you to the Planning Commission for volunteering your time to do this work with diligence and care. You are appreciated!
Tenino is amazing but we need to continue to bring in young vibrant families in order to support our schools sports and business
Please don't allow this town to become a Yelm
I think Tenino needs to lean hard on its partner, county/state and have them help support them in grants and funding for roads and maintenance. 507 is a well used hwy and the state needs to do a better job making sure the community of Tenino is safe for travel.
Na
None
I urge the planning committee to think of the other side of town opposite the park side where the sidewalks are in dire need of repairs. The families on this side want to enjoy the town too!

Somehow as a team we all have to figure out how to fund improvements to our school buildings which are aging out. Though very important, bonds are difficult to pass. The ability to provide to our students and their families, facilities that are desirable to attend is a huge factor in attracting people to move and live here.

Please try to keep the Tenino police. With more people coming in, and more societal problems here lately, we really need them to stay in our community.

26.If you would like to be notified of future updates, please include your contact information below (optional):

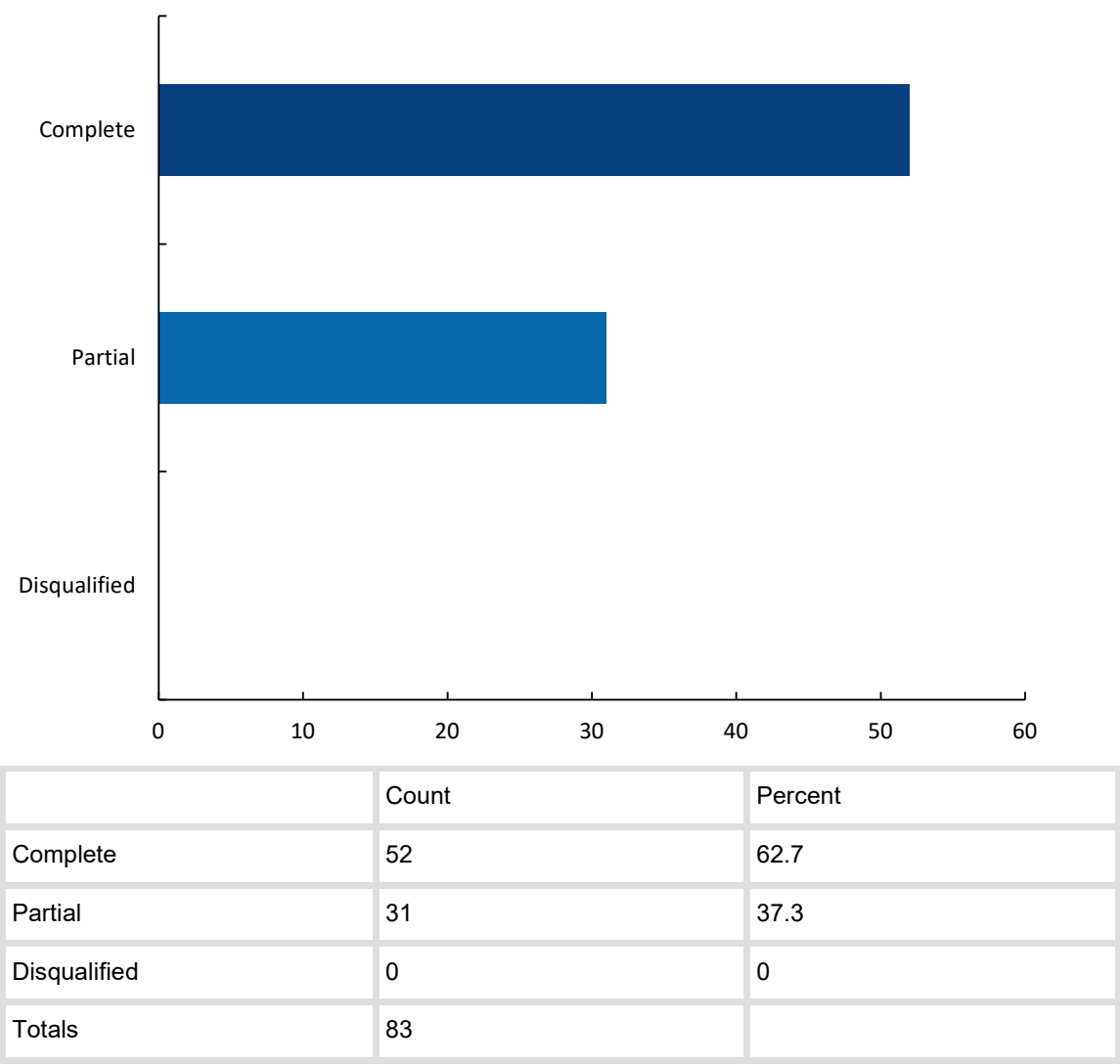
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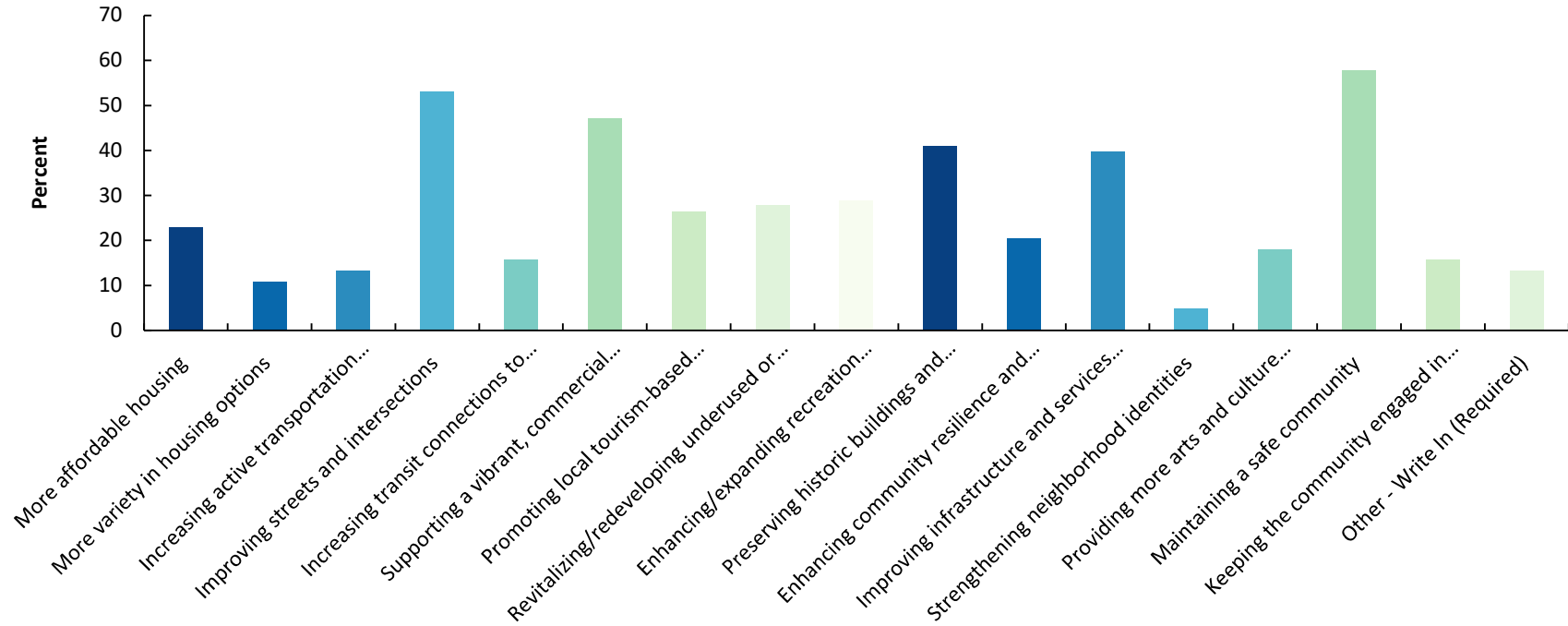
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Response Statistics



1.What do you think Tenino's top five priorities should be in the next 20 years? (select up to 5)



Value	Percent	Count
More affordable housing	22.9%	19
More variety in housing options	10.8%	9
Increasing active transportation connections (walking, biking, etc)	13.3%	11
Improving streets and intersections	53.0%	44
Increasing transit connections to regional centers	15.7%	13

Supporting a vibrant, commercial downtown	47.0%	39
Promoting local tourism-based businesses and opportunities	26.5%	22
Revitalizing/redeveloping underused or vacant sites	27.7%	23
Enhancing/expanding recreation opportunities	28.9%	24
Preserving historic buildings and promoting historic character in new commercial development	41.0%	34
Enhancing community resilience and preparedness (the ability to respond to and recover from a disaster)	20.5%	17
Improving infrastructure and services (utilities, broadband, emergency response, schools, transit, etc.)	39.8%	33
Strengthening neighborhood identities	4.8%	4
Providing more arts and culture opportunities	18.1%	15
Maintaining a safe community	57.8%	48
Keeping the community engaged in local issues	15.7%	13
Other - Write In (Required)	13.3%	11
Other - Write In (Required)		
Bringing additional internet options- I love tenino telephone but the service is not fast/reliable enough to support me working from him or in the community regularly.		
Community Food Gardens		
Eliminating debt, cutting taxes (or at least not increasing them), replacing chlorine with UV light in the water treatment. Chlorine is poisonous and more expensive over time		
Get the water and sewage chepper		

Improving the intersections of 507 (Bucoda Hwy) & Old Hwy 99, and Sussex & Old Hwy 99. Traffic backs up frequently because there's no traffic control. I think two traffic lights in town would be nice.

Keeping our community the way it used to be, stop new growth before it becomes over grown and we can't support it. We struggle now with not affording our police, schools and other government. We need to focus on what we have and stop trying to build more, and let more growth happen.

Lowering taxes as far as possible.

Please put a roundabout where 99 and Sussex by market fresh!

Promoting & recruiting stronger economic opportunity

bring in more restaurants and stores beyond antique stores

employment / industry

2.What do you think are the biggest barriers to accomplishing these priorities?

Response
Money
The debt right now the city has and then on top of that taxes and prices of everything is crazy high. We need to pass savings on to residents of Tenino in someway
Too many opinions. Should just come up with a 5 year, 10 year and 20 year plan.
Money
Tourism could increase sales tax revenue and help with other areas of need in the city. However, synergy of businesses is needed to really become a tourism destination. Need investment in hotels, and incentives for doing business.
Tourism could increase sales tax revenue and help with other areas of need in the city. However, synergy of businesses is needed to really become a tourism destination. Need investment in hotels, and incentives for doing business. Transportation infrastructure is expensive.
Not sure
Funding, staffing, community support.
Money
Tenino has tourism potential that would bring in revenue for infrastructure but need hotel infrastructure to support tourism. How can we incentivize doing business in Tenino?
mismanagement of funds
Bureaucracy, greed, and greedy bureaucrats.
Greed
People in the community that don't want anything to change.

Balancing a budget and eliminating waste in government.
Conflicting opinions
Money
Need staff who do not over spend and keep running us into financial crisis
Govt poor planning we are rural town not Olympia or Tumwater! Keep it small
People refusing to embrace growth and the community not supporting local small businesses (we don't need more Edward Jones, we need a sit down espresso shop, paint and fire pottery shop, bakery, etc). Make Tenino a destination not a thru way.
Funding and a bad economy.
Funding
Funding, specifically for improving streets and adding sidewalks.
Mayor, funds
Money and people's willingness to help
Funding Community participation
Money
Lack of community participation.
The "good old boy" mentality that some people have.
People wanting to get free things from the city government, people not wanting to change
Politicians
Money, understanding priorities of the community not just what the highest bidder will pay - no chains, no insurance buildings - think local businesses that

families can support, take classes at, etc

Funding

Not having the best interests of the community and not allowing the community to have a say.

The deficit budget. We should not be spending money we do not have. Stop spending unnecessary money and focus on paying the debt off.

A lack of available funding.

Unity and finances

Funding

Budget. Long term structure with inevitable major role changes are hard to sustain a 20 year plan.

I'm unsure

Leadership

Money, lack of vision

Lack of vision and interest from leadership.

Funding

Funding

Spending money on stuff that it shouldn't be spent on

Funding and the Sussex Ave being a main travel road - we need north and south town to be easier to cross on the eastside

Tourism needs more infrastructure. High Cost of street upgrades

Time any money? Would love to clean up some of the shaggy businesses on the main strip. Keep Tenino safe and clean place for our children and elders!

Counsel
Cost probably?
Budgetary issues
our mayor
Funding and lack of interest.
Local participation
Unsure
Budget, permits, staff
poor government and planning the town government does not appear to support businesses starting out. No gas service and water and sewer prices way to high
Budget, economic, and political realities.
We are a rural town- Xfinity services in town but just less than a mile past the elementary school they can't serve the homes off the road- in bad weather we have no cell service no internet and during good weather the internet is not strong enough/stable enough to work from home. Housing is more expensive in tenino period there is not many rental opportunities for families due to the cost and my father in law is ready to quit driving but is still very active however any bus options take all day or are in reliable
Our priorities have been focused on other things in the last few years, where they should have been focused on these things to begin with. Our communities safety, should have been top priority in our budget.
I'm unsure, I'd say the biggest barrier would be lack of available finances.
Funding. A state agency transportation improvement board used to help small communities with projects like this. Not sure if they still have funding given recent federal cuts.
Poor city leadership

Cash
Less public involvement
Na
Lack of funding. Socioeconomic status.
Making them priorities.
Money
Revenue
Budget?
Finding ways to engage residents with city/downtown events and issues. City budget issues.
Obviously budget constraints are a difficulty, plus disruption of services when construction is happening. The side streets opposite the park side of Sussex are the main arteries when Sussex is blocked (Lincoln Ave). We need our sidewalks repaired and useable for all.
Incentfizing people to get involved and contribute to decisionmaking.
Poor management.
Marketing. Tenino has all the charm and character of a nestled New England town, but lacks the marketing and advertising to draw in tourists, attract new businesses, and thus stimulate revenue for town improvements, such as building renovations. The town seems to lack the kind of aesthetic cohesion that would make it a destination for visitors and tourists. Some parts feel "preserved," other parts feel "old," and still other parts feel like there cars parked on the front lawn. Tenino has good bones, but is sorely in need of revitalization and moderate renovation to increase, not only its curb appeal, but also its sense of identity as something more than another Washington town that used to be relevant. Tenino has an interesting and solid history, and a charming layout. But it gives more the impression of a town you'd like to drive through, but doesn't entice you to stop. It just looks dingy and run-down. I'm not insinuating uniformity, but rather aesthetic cohesion. Clean and fix the buildings, decide on an actual identity for which Tenino can be known (Skagit has tulips, Leavenworth has the German thing, Issaquah has the salmon run, etc) which will draw attention (and revenue) to the locale. Tenino can be *known* for something beyond a quarry swimming hole. Figure out what that is, lean into it, make it enticing, and market it. Seasonal festivals? Larger farmers market? We have master stone carvers and master woodworkers, why not be an artisan hub? We have a fantastic Main Street, where's

the huge Christmas Market every weekend in December? We used to make railroad ties right? Where's our lumberjack games and chainsaw carving in the summer? Clean the place up, revitalize it, and give the people a reason to stop and spend.

Money.

Politics of being a small community and not wanting to grow. We can keep our small niche community while also finding ways to responsibly grow housing and economy.

Money

city council

Funding; frequent transit routes to destinations

Funding, staffing, community engagement.

3. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well does this statement reflect your vision for Tenino's future? In 2045, Tenino is a vibrant small town that celebrates its artisanal history. Our community is integrated with the natural landscape and carefully stewards its resources. Our lively, walkable downtown supports local entrepreneurs and provides the retail, services, and amenities our residents need. Our community is welcoming to all.

	1 (This does not reflect my vision for Tenino)		2 (There are elements of this statement that I agree with, however this does not reflect my vision for Tenino)		3 (There are elements of this statement that reflect my vision for Tenino, but it needs some work)		4 (This largely reflects my vision for Tenino, but is missing a part of my vision)		5 (This perfectly reflects my vision for Tenino)		Responses
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Rating	4.2%	3	9.9%	7	29.6%	21	32.4%	23	23.9%	17	71
Totals						71					

4. In a few words, what makes Tenino great today?

Response
The people the ones born raised here the ones with roots here those are the best!
Self-sufficient, small
The people
History, sense of community, fantastic park and nature areas.
small town kindness
History, small size, and greenery.
Location
The citizens are the best part of Tenino. They are dependable, honest, and hard working. If you want to keep Tenino great, listen to the citizens and don't push political agendas or personal beliefs.
It hasn't been ruined yet... no corporations
The people
Small quiet rural city
That Olympia is close.
I think the community is what makes tenino great today.
Small town strong community feel
Low crime and most folks and businesses seem to take pride in the area they live in.
Community
Small town, community,
The historical character and the antique shops
Small community feel with people helping each other
Community based food production.
The small town feel.
No stop lights, low crime, good neighbors, green spaces
No stop lights. No round a bouts.
Community atmosphere and recreation
B
The community and its small town feel.

Not the tavern nazi bar

Tenino has something for everyone.

Small town with friendly atmosphere and clean streets and alleys

Small town, safe and appreciate the clean streets and ensuring homeless camps do not move in

Our park, the history, close knit community, clean downtown

Great community and town.

Local law enforcement, vibrant business community, excellent parks and school

Our police Department, our schools, the people

Community, rural character and nature

The small community feel we maintain.

Family friendly events

Charming, artsy, family and kid friendly, close to nature, agriculture

Strong sense of community. Safe. History.

The park, clean walking trail, Don Juan's&Daves, responsible speed limits through town with good sidewalks.

Not much

How the community rallies for events like Oregon Trail Days and the art markets

History. The close knit community.

the community

Historic feel with modern touches such as the paved trail, play grounds, and baseball fields.

Small town feel, history.

Community members that stop to chat and care about one another, small town feel, no big chain businesses, low crime, safety, small classroom sizes

safety for the most part

History, community, recreation, park and natural areas

The inclusive, diverse and accepting atmosphere create a safe place for all. The utilization of a local theatre has brought many people to this town and provided a positive outlet for many community members. The town needs access to better internet and cell phone coverage

It is a small town and in a world of fast paced growth, this a town that still has that charm and feel of a small town. No fast food, shopping centers and street lights. We have a wonderful community that cares for one another.

I enjoy being able to walk to everything in town from our home. The streets are nice, and I feel safe walking. There are some properties that don't pick up dog poop but other than that it's great.

We enjoy the quiet small town vibe, that welcomes diversity.

Unfortunately the days of Tenino being great are few and far between, between lack luster leadership at the city and state level. The city and surrounding area is taking a big downturn. The one bright spot is the city is still small and somewhat tight nit in some old school ways.

Community activities & park & walking trails

Community

Small town community that is willing to go above and beyond for each other

My community and ease of doing business

Small town!

The park

The passion for growth and community connection by several community leaders.

Community support for the schools is amazing.

George Sharp and the initiative he has brought through the EDC. Our business must be supported in order for the downtown core to be visited thereby increasing vitality for all.

Not much

Don Juan's

It's small town character.

The community & access to open space & people

The lively downtown area and kindness from everyone.

small, close knit community

Cultural events. Venues. Entertainment.

Safe, friendly, great location

5.What do you think would make Tenino even better 20 years from now?

Response

If we had more activities things to do in town that won't break the bank

I don't know...

Tenino needs to be a go to place like Leavenworth, WA, Solvang CA or Niles Canyon, CA. We should work towards celebrating our history.

A hotel. Promoting cute shops in the downtown. A theater and a Senior Center. More things to do. Might need the ability to build up more than two stories.

Bigger and better community events - bring back the musket shoots, the giant shopping carts and horses in the parade, keep the pool open more days, fix the potholes, figure out a solution for lease barriers for businesses.

Hard to say. Repairing the rutted, potholed, crumbling streets would be good.

Growth

Continued small growth, it's inevitable. Maintain conservative fiscal beliefs but acknowledging a percentage of change in social settings.

Some affordable housing but nothing too overboard. It is the highest priority to protect the large farms surrounding tenino

Better tourism attractions and more parking options downtown.

Slow growth make due with what's here don't ruin history of town with aggressive government growth plans

Embracing growth and supporting small businesses that draw people to the community.

More reasonable businesses downtown. Things the community can actually afford.

Continuing to support schools and local businesses, providing more family friendly activities, continue to preserve historical buildings, keep the small town community

Mixed use buildings downtown that better integrates visually with it's more historic buildings, while also adding housing opportunities. It would make that area more vibrant by increasing foot traffic and commercial opportunities, and make it more visually appealing.

Make it so I don't have to leave town. A bigger store, more dining options, activities, etc.

Better roads, more small business

A lively arts community

build on it and bring people together.

Low-income housing.

More activites/recreation for children of all ages in our town. Updated schools and continued public transportation to connect with other cities/towns.

No city debt, an updated water treatment facility that uses UV light instead of chlorine, low taxes

No stop lights. No roundabouts. Teachers that don't let the kids know their political views or sexual orientation. Schools that don't promote gender changes. Schools that are transparent and keep parents informed.

Control traffic, have more local businesses and restaurants, plenty of natural spaces, limit growth

B

Preservation of the past and not destroying it for money and growth.

More diversity in ethnicity and culture!

A renewed commitment to maintaining Tenino's infrastructure. Better walkability and transit connections.

Preserved history with functional modern vibe

Expand school properties to support housing growth, improve side streets, add digital speed check signs coming into town

More draw to Tenino to keep our local businesses thriving. I think our town is great just improving the we have established.

Better more affordable utilities.

Continued investments in economic and cultural development

Bringing in people who want to invest in our economy, getting more citizens involved and having better transparency

Leveraging outdoor recreation to draw in more people for tourism

Cleaning up our neighborhood streets. (Sidewalks, paving etc). Revived historical buildings. Larger more vibrant seasonal activities. More locally owned, thriving businesses, more variety in those.

Safe, family friendly community

More restaurants, night life, more walkable on the Eastside, slower traffic from Yelm, different transportation to Centralia and Oly

Maintain the unique flavor (no urban sprawl). Maintain history. Natural areas

Cleaning up old businesses. Loving the flowers around town! Keeping our park clean and growing! Would love to see another really solid food choice that was higher end. We have lots of so-so places but no clean bar (missing 1776!) and would love something that compliments runs clean and quality like Don Juans. We love the community events and keeping the library clean and available is important.

New management

Better walkability (sidewalks), better streets

A larger focus on the history of the quarries. Restoration of historical structures. Revitalization of

downtown.

to keep tenino a small town

More businesses such as restaurants or shops.

Business that stay, more community connection, people who want to help improve Tenino instead of cut each other down.

Walkable downtown with outdoor seating for meals, desserts, coffee, and visiting with each other. Community gathering spaces for all ages, especially dry spaces for young families to gather and connect. Opportunities for older kids to mentor younger kids. More opportunities for creating new adult friendships.

as stated earlier more restaurants and stores beyond antique stores bring in natural gas and lower water and sewer cost. Property and levee taxes are killing homeowners

Historical character, natural spaces, and recreational opportunities maintained/enhanced while infill in and around city center are developed including some affordable multifamily instead of cookie cutter single family developments on outskirts. And disaster resilience plans developed and actionable.

Families want to spend more time at home many work places have adapted a hybrid or work from home option however due to xfinities inability to move up driveways or provide service off the main strip many secure large income Families are drawn away from this beautiful area

Keeping our town small and not allowing growth. This gives us a unique character that other towns are lacking in this modern age.

More sidewalks and more use of vacant properties.

Improvements to schools. New buildings off main roads.

Embrace the fact that growth is going to happen and being prepared for it. Work on having an actual police force and strong infrastructure and schools.

Better maintenance of roads & better Restricted to keep trash from outside of houses in town.

More things for our youth to occupy themselves that is free

Promotion of small businesses, supporting the unique demographic that is Tenino. Very different from thurston county as a whole and people like it that way

Strong community

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Dog park

Affordable, events, activities and thing to do for residents and visitors every day of the week.

Tenino is already a highly walkable community. Repairing sidewalks on Lincoln and away from the park side of town would help families that live on that side thrive and be able to walk to the activities. Right now, the sidewalks on Lincoln are terribly broken and not walkable unless you are surefooted. No one with disabilities could navigate the sidewalks with a wheelchair or cane.

Upgraded school buildings.

Viable businesses that the population could support.

Repair, renovation, revitalization. See previous comment.

Being able to drive through it without the headaches of waiting for yields/turns backed up in mornings and afternoons.

More economic opportunities & strengthen the access to trails in the park. The park is amazing and is unlike any others. We also need to focus on walkability of the city. We cannot reduce the car trips simply just across town if we do not have safe sidewalks & cross walks.

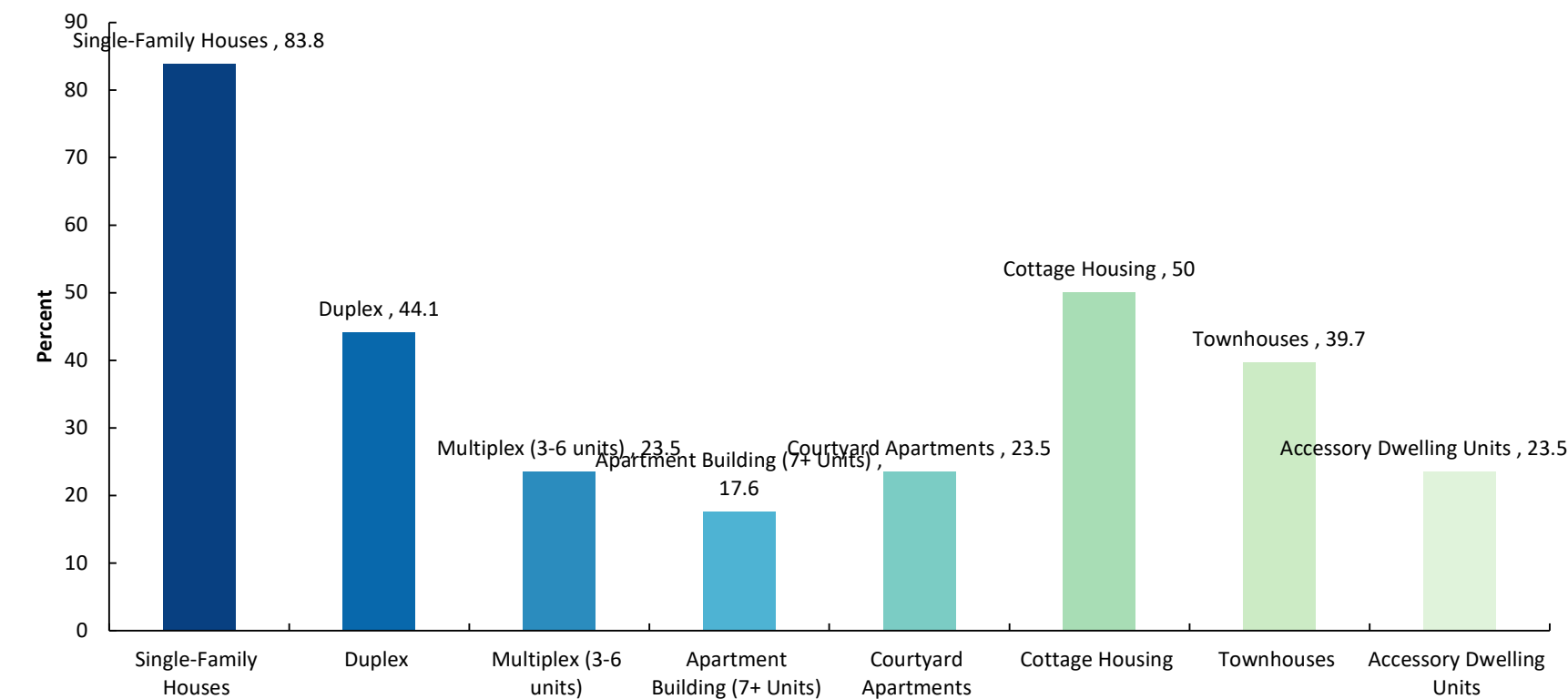
Updated schools and more community involvement activities.

jobs

More tourist attractions, founded on our rich, fascinating history.

More diversity of amenities, retaining its historical charm

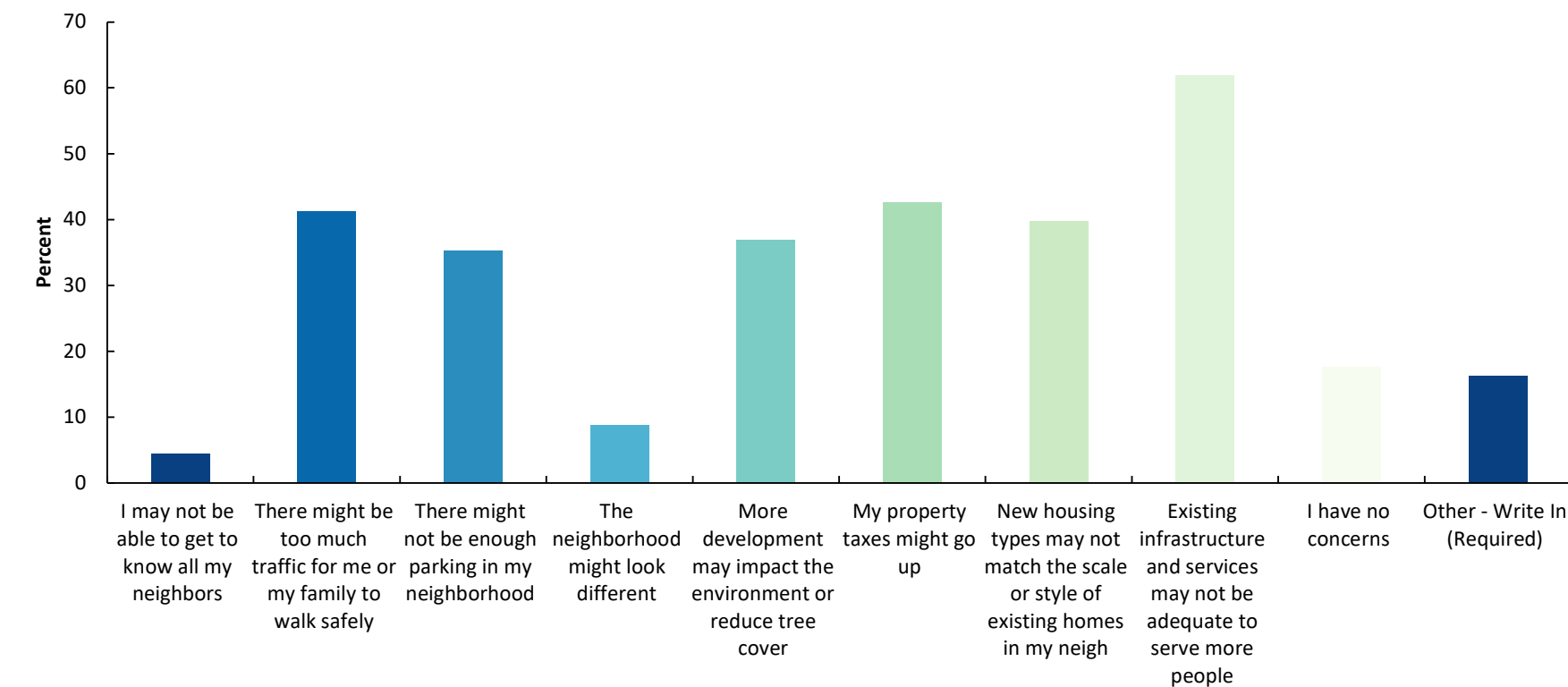
6.Which housing types do you think would fit in with existing residential development? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
Single-Family Houses	83.8%	57

Duplex	44.1%	30
Multiplex (3-6 units)	23.5%	16
Apartment Building (7+ Units)	17.6%	12
Courtyard Apartments	23.5%	16
Cottage Housing	50.0%	34
Townhouses	39.7%	27
Accessory Dwelling Units	23.5%	16

7.What are your biggest concerns related to allowing different housing types? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
I may not be able to get to know all my neighbors	4.4%	3

There might be too much traffic for me or my family to walk safely	41.2%	28
There might not be enough parking in my neighborhood	35.3%	24
The neighborhood might look different	8.8%	6
More development may impact the environment or reduce tree cover	36.8%	25
My property taxes might go up	42.6%	29
New housing types may not match the scale or style of existing homes in my neighborhood	39.7%	27
Existing infrastructure and services may not be adequate to serve more people	61.8%	42
I have no concerns	17.6%	12
Other - Write In (Required)	16.2%	11

Other - Write In (Required)
Cost of available houses
It would be horrendous for Tenino to become the next Yelm. No more green, just large apartment complexes and postage stamp houses crammed together
Lack of actual planning for impact.
More city spending when the government is already too far in debt and passing that cost onto taxpayers
More housing and people as long as it is affordable and accessible
Our city can't handle more growth. We don't have the means to.

School capacity
Size and access of schools. Things we're seeing impact Yelm like water and traffic.
Too inexpensive/subsidized housing attracts more crime.
We ❤️ T90!
decreasing property value
Totals

8.What are your thoughts on the current height limit of 35 feet in all of Tenino?

Response
I think it's smart no one wants skyscrapers here it's a small town that's all it needs to be
Agree
For single family homes this is fine. But anything above 35 feet should be apartments for our veterans or senior citizens only.
There isn't the real estate to support this. Building up makes sense and can still feel old fashioned.
approve
I approve.
Effects change and growth
It keeps a small town feel to the town which is why many residents have moved here.
Raise it to 500 so the rednecks can have extra tall tree stands
No concerns, OK to go higher.
Again govt stay out leave in place no high density housing
I think that it's a reasonable limit
I think it's important to ensure new developments blend in with existing architecture and preserve the overall aesthetic of a community.
No concern
For downtown area, it really limits growth. Higher buildings downtown capped at maybe 3 stories would be great for mixed use development.
No point
It keeps the town vide the same. Less Tumwater-ish
High rise buildings above 35 feet will be out of character with the historic town.
get rid of height limits. People should be able to build how they see fit.
No Higher
If too tall, views would be blocked.
Good. It keeps the look of a small town and allows for scenic views of surrounding greenery
It should remain.
Excellent, keep it!
I think it needs to stay

Na
I like it!
Keep it
Don't care
No issues
It should be raised downtown to allow for second and third story residential in our commercial zone
We need to allow for higher density and ability to go up
None
I'm ok with this. We are a small community. Seeing the trees and sky at night is the point of living in a smaller town like Tenino.
I think it helps keep our community personal
It's adds to the look of a small town but I don't care as long as it adds to the affordable housing in town
Silly. There isn't the real estate to restrict height.
Great!
Ridiculous
Seems like a good limit
Appropriate
don't know that was a thing
No thoughts.
Great!
ok
That's plenty tall. Appropriate height limit.
If the reasoning is current i agree however if it is a limit out in place years ago with no thought to how many more people could be served then it needs to be re evaluated
I like it, we don't need anything bigger.
I don't have any preference. Although, it is kind of add to the small town feel having no buildings over 35 feet.
Agree
This needs to be updated to allow better access and better balance of building to be built

Am good with it
Nobody should be told what they can and can't do on their own property within reason straight out
No thoughts
I agree with this
Perfect, no higher
None
None
No concens
I like it
It's fine, no reason to go taller
It's dumb. Literally stunting growth.
The height limit should stay in place to keep the small town character.
I think downtown is tall enough. Could maybe see a taller building at the edges of town if they are tucked in and blend
I think it's great for downtown to not block the beautiful views.
could be negotiated w industrial uses
I think we need to build more housing up, than out. The height limit needs to increase.
I like that

9.What other comments would you like to share about housing in Tenino?

Response
Try to help the 3x the rent it's out of a lot of people's reach
No more trailers. Unless it is a tiny home community for veterans or senior citizens.
Don't be like tumwater, grandmound
Keep big city planning out we are historical small town with growth limits
We need more.
Fiscal impacts of developing new housing will affect the low income community of tenino. Property taxes are already outlandish.
Expand housing
Collective Developments
Homes should be built more solid and not so close together.
No multi plexes or large condos
It's over priced
We don't allow for enough multifamily in areas where it would likely develop
There's very few options for people in their 20's
There is lots of opportunity for infill development in city limits.
I love the old housing in Tenino. I would love to see our streets cleaned up....in terms of addition of sidewalks, repaved streets etc. I would love to see our in town neighborhoods with safer walking paths that would be provided by this. Kids have no sidewalks, so biking, skateboarding, walking is done on narrow streets. As a family with children, near the downtown area, this is something I see being a necessity to facilitate safety. For kids and families, for not only school access, but other local community and activity access.
None
Needs to be more affordable and people need incentives to develop ADUs to help with multi generational housing
Not a lot of opinions. Just want to keep our community clean and our schools and rec areas a safe place to be.
We have lots of big properties with spacing between neighbors, which I love, but we need more opportunities to gather and get to know each other. Also, as our kids grow up, will they be able to buy a home in their hometown?
some houses need to remove old cars and rubble from their yards, but never have HOA
I dislike lots smaller than quarter acre. The newer developments are all house and no yard. We live in a rural community, those neighbors have less space to garden, play, plant trees that benefit wildlife,

etc.. I suggest decreasing density slightly to 4 lots per acre.

What housing is here is unattainable to most families- the cost is high to get sub par utility coverage (phone and internet) and what is available for a family with 2 kids is not realistic in its requirements. We want our schools and business to thrive but we are pushing out the newer generation of families by not offering decent high speed internet cell towers and bus service

Keep our town small, please

I don't like the ideas of apartments or shared units because I don't think we need to add to the population. I believe we should prioritize using vacant properties rather than tearing down and replacing or adding anymore housing.

The city needs to look at ways to attract builders, of the housing is built the people will come.

People should be allowed to live in RVs on their own property in city limits if it's not obstruction of peace or environment

In general, housing in Tenino is limited, mostly due to Tenino being smaller. However, there are multiple vacant or condemned houses on the Lincoln Ave side of Sussex that the city could utilize for housing.

The small town look is important.

Enforce the existing codes and make people clean up the derelict properties around town

The houses are old and poorly maintained. They lack really any curb appeal, giving a dingy apathetic impression of the town as a whole.

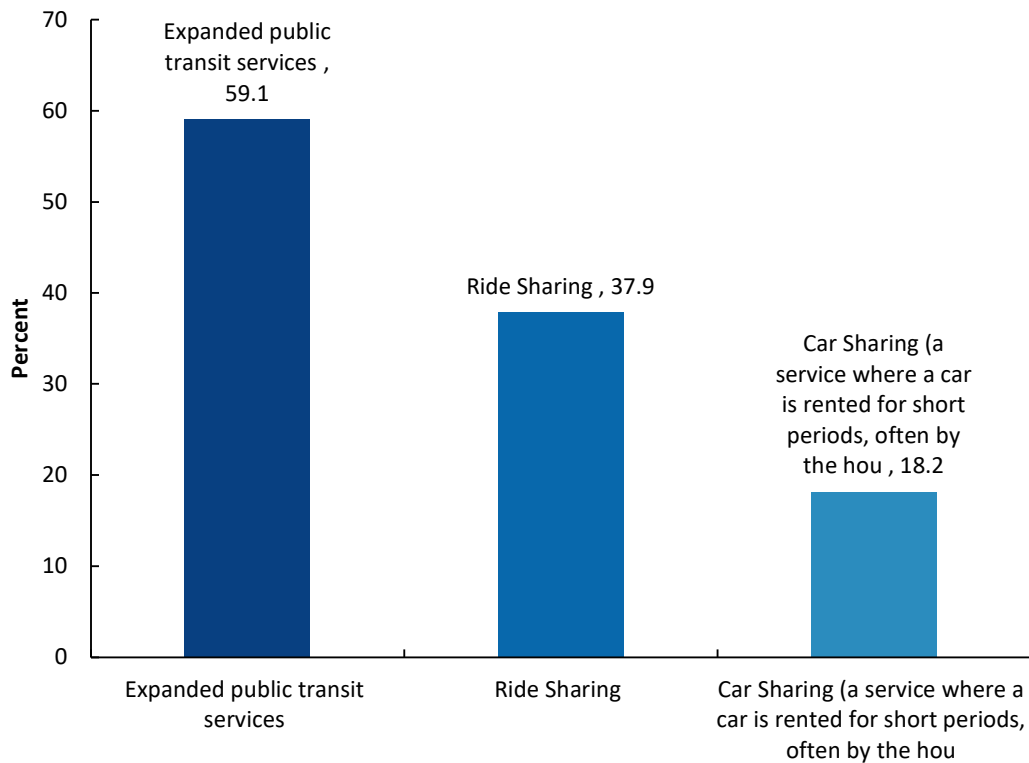
Townhouses and/or cheaply-built compact housing does not match the character of Tenino.

buildbuildbuild

10. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well does Tenino's transportation/road network meets your needs: 1: It doesn't meet my needs at all – I don't feel safe and I can't get where I want to go very easily 5: It's perfect for me - it feels safe, well-connected, and efficient

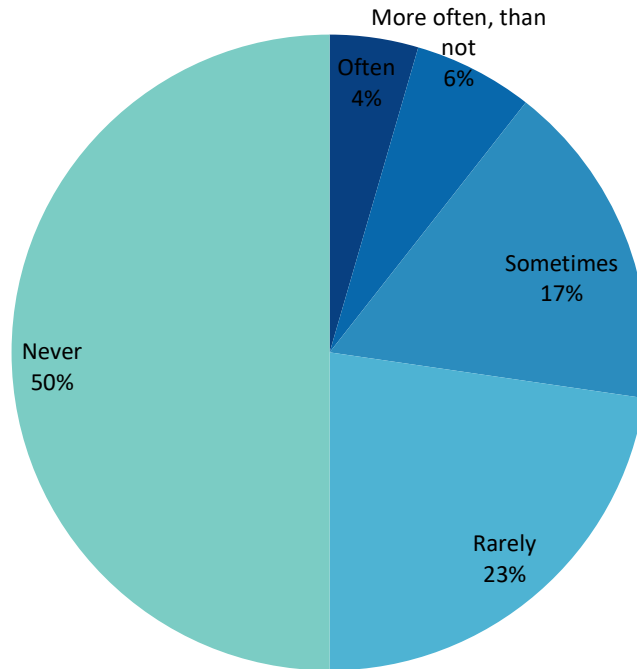
		Rating
As a Driver?	Count	66
	Not Applicable	0
As a pedestrian or bicyclist?	Count	66
	Not Applicable	0

11.If any of the following public transportation options were available, which would you use?



Value	Percent	Count
Expanded public transit services	59.1%	39
Ride Sharing	37.9%	25
Car Sharing (a service where a car is rented for short periods, often by the hour, rather than for a longer duration like a traditional rental)	18.2%	12

12.If public transit was available how frequently would you use it?



Value	Percent	Count
Often	4.5%	3
More often, than not	6.1%	4
Sometimes	16.7%	11
Rarely	22.7%	15
Never	50.0%	33
	Totals	66

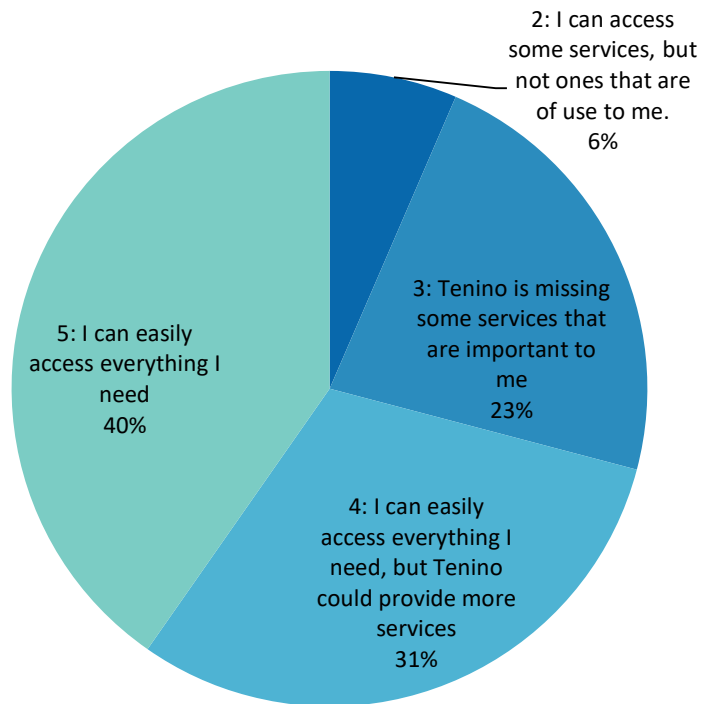
13. What do you think Tenino's transportation/road system needs? Is there anything missing?

Response
Sidewalks and roads for smooth riding for all
Better areas for crossing
Sidewalks. Oh and the trestle needs to be widened
Round about at crucial intersection. Turn lanes at Tenino Elementary School. Hard to cross the street in downtown. Traffic calming features on Park Street
I think the roads need serious help, and the school bus situation is sad
Pavement. Repairs. Maintenance.
No
Just normal road repair is always needed.
Train
Roundabouts
Police enforcement of speed limits
Actually offering public transit
No.
No
Sidewalks! And half the road missing from the corner of W 6th Ave and 507/OldHwy99
No
Potholes fixed,
I drive everywhere so I don't use public transport but I do think its important to have.
Main drag needs to be flattened so driveways are smoother. The center arc of the road is too high. Rais the speed limit back to 30. 25 means everyone drives at 15-20 now.
Collective Ride Share - Car Sharing
Covered, lighted, bus stops.
Better surfacing on existing streets
Pot holes
Connecting bike trail to rural areas
To be better maintained

No opinion
Speed bumps around the school properties particularly behind baseball fields and park entrance
Not sure
Some side streets need repaving
More sidewalks
Uber
More bike paths
No
A cross walk from the market across the main street going through Tenino. School kids and many others cross there but there is no cross walk in the area
Eastside crossing for Sussex (near the welcome sign)
Roundabouts. Traffic calming features on Park street. People go fast and don't stop for pedestrians.
Just road maintenance upkeep for pot holes. Love safe sidewalks.
Good roads
The turn from Sussex to Wichman needs to be a roundabout or light or something. That is a difficult spot. Also there are a lot of potholes that need to be addressed on side streets
More frequent busses to Olympia
no
Sidewalks! At least from marketfresh to Bowen Way before the turn.
It's great for me as a driver. Potholes suck, but the city fixes them fast. Access to public transit for youth would be great. Things to get them from rural properties to their friends and Oly life.
NA
Traffic circle at the NAPA.
Public transportation- turn lanes at intersections that do not have lights (near the store ect)
City bus service to and from Olympia
More sidewalks and crosswalks with lights to encourage drivers to slow down or stop for pedestrians
Round about 507 where 99 intersects with Sussex
A better maintenance program
Better maintenance of roads. Some are good where so many are not maintained
Less potholes

Other options beside one main artery of traffic through downtown
None
?
Idk. Maybe a roundabout
N/A
The sidewalks on the Lincoln Ave side of Sussex are terrible!
I'm happy with the layout and traffic signage. Keep the pothole filled in a timely manner to prevent bigger repairs.
Better crosswalks and driveable streets
Road maintenance, possible widening, traffic signals so you're not waiting on a gap in the constant flow of cars to make a turn or merge.
Two traffic lights. 507 & Old Hwy 99, both sides of town!
We need roundabouts by the parts store and by the grocery store. We need to fix the flooding by black bear. We need to fix the backup by the elementary school during pick up and drop off. We need more crosswalks by the park especially. Sidewalks are lacking and I think the city needs to find a way to fund them without waiting for redevelopment of the properties.
No they're just fine
build for the future
A roundabout on SR 507 instead of the Y in town. More sidewalks on side streets. More barriers between the roads and sidewalks.
I am happy with it.

14. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well are you able to access the services you need? Think about utilities, telecommunications, emergency services, schools, recreational opportunities, senior services and other public services.



Value	Percent	Count
2: I can access some services, but not ones that are of use to me.	6.5%	4
3: Tenino is missing some services that are important to me	22.6%	14
4: I can easily access everything I need, but Tenino could provide more services	30.6%	19
5: I can easily access everything I need	40.3%	25
	Totals	62

15.Are there services or facilities missing in Tenino? If so, which ones?

Response
A public restroom near downtown
Safe Walking paths.
I do go elsewhere for most healthcare. I know seniors could use more community.
arcades/youth areas bowling! :) I mean... we seriously need teriyaki
More police. As the community grows, the current arrangement will be less and less adequate.
None
Marijuana dispensary
Community Center
None
Good medical care, espresso shop (sit down), Asian food, arts and crafts opportunities, various restaurants (not more Mexican food).
No
Emergency or urgent care
We need a basketball court at the park and also tennis or pickleball.
Yes. Get more specialized medical care. A hair salon.
Internet
An auditorium for local theatre groups, productions, special screenings of movies, art exhibitions etc.
Teriyaki restaurant
Car Sharing
No, I can access everything.
No
I don't know right now
More baseball/soccer fields
A community center
None
Not sure
None

Not really
No
No
None
Music venue, affordable groceries, nursery
Senior Center. A place for youth to hang out. Could use better health care.
We have young kids and really enjoy the park and community events for their ages at this time. The music festival in the summer is fun too. Great job Tenino!
More police
N/a
Local police
well if we lose our police we won't have that
Younger kids recreational activities
Community gathering for young families, especially during rainy months and for families with 2 working parents. Gathering space for youth (arcade, ymca, etc). A coffee shop to sit and meet a friend.
food service is very limited
Overnight lodging.
Decent high speed internet Senior services or programs Reliable cell phone service Affordable grocery option Community center of some kind
Public transportation
Not that I can think of off the top of my head.
Auto Repair shop
As the city grows, I believe more food options will need to be available. This will also add opportunity for youth to get jobs locally.
Lower water/sewer bills
Youth services! A community youth center!
No comment
Not sure
?
Internet

N/A

None that I can think of

I live in unincorporated Thurston County and I would have skipped the previous question if I could have. It is my perception though that infrastructure services already available to City residents.

No

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N/a

Expansion of available services and opportunity for residents to pick better cost effective services. Also sewer is way too expensive for me.

jobs

Not that I can think of.

More recreational activities or more diverse activities.

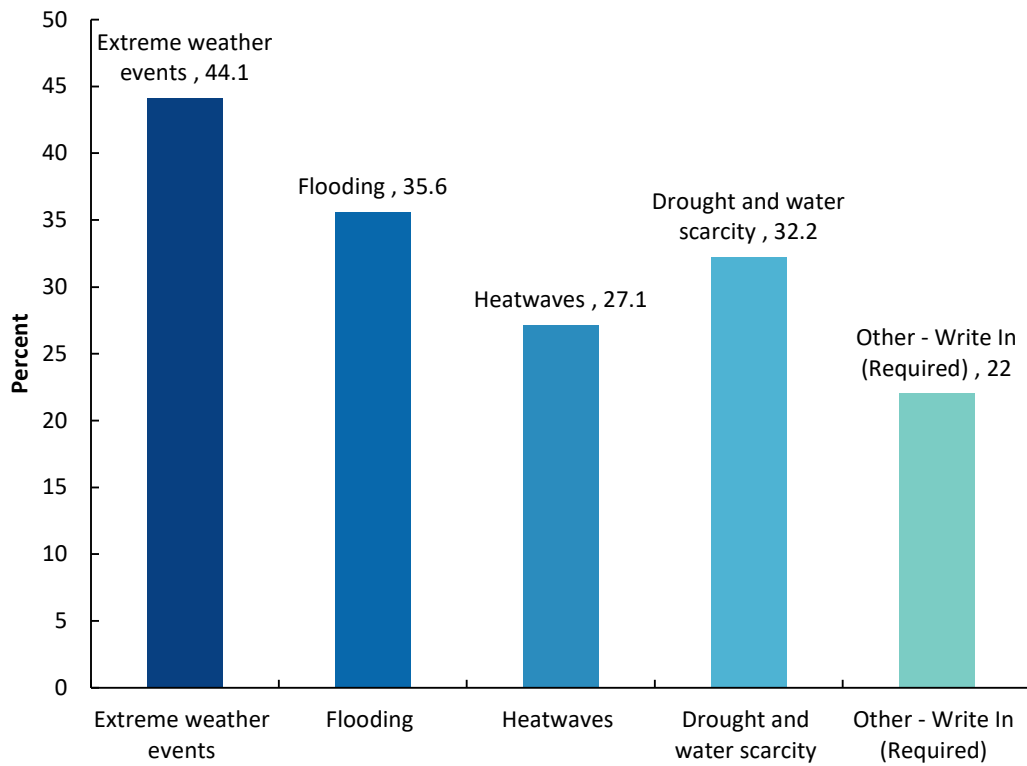
16.What other comments would you like to share about infrastructure, or public facilities and services in Tenino?

Response
Nothing
Have a way for kids to earn a day at the pool.
Places for family to stay when visiting the area.
Please keep the old town feel - love the architecture and how Sandstone and 1776 and Kodiak and Edward Jones have managed to honor it.
Public bathrooms.
None
School zone by the middle school needs work
N/A
Take care of residents here and don't be influenced by crazy growth plans of surrounding cities >>> they are a nightmare with traffic crime high density housing etc
N/A
None
None
I think maintenance does a fantastic job of keeping things working and looking nice.
None are useful to me
None
I love Tenino!
NA
Home repair collective coordinating aid and equipment
None
Only that the flow of traffic is good because there are no stop signs or traffic lights on the main road.
None
Urgent care?
The food bank needs a new building. It serves so many in our community and they need more space.
None
None

Sewage is way too expensive
Continued local Law Enforcement services need to be maintained at proper levels
Our Police Dept needs continued support
Again....better paved neighborhood streets and sidewalks
None
Teens need a place to hang out
na
None
Need to hire more police
N/a
Historical restoration
hdjd
N/a
None. I love our town and appreciate the care you all put into doing it well. Look at other cities and their development for clues. Things like growing sustainably, building cohesive neighborhoods that flow together, managing traffic, and ensuring resources are available for the population.
nothing
Staff to maintain things is a challenge as I understand it. We have a lot of resources that go underutilized as a result. Park bathrooms, the pool, campgrounds, etc. The staff we do have do so much and we appreciate them.
I love tenino however I am unable to work from home or stay in town as much as I want due to the unreliable internet (it high speed) and lack of cellular connection- I can fix the phone with WiFi but cannot work from home and have my phone on the internet reliably. These Two issues are stopping younger families from relocating to our amazing town as more and more Biden ss are offering hybrid and work from home options
Public transportation would be the only nice thing to have
N/A
NA
Not just Tenino but all surrounding areas need to do a better job on infrastructure. Especially maintaining stripping of roadways.
None
Na
No comment

None
?
None
N/A
The city is very walkable and accessible to all, except some of the sidewalks are in need of major repair. The whole town is not on the park side. Other people live on the other side of town and want to walk too.
Tenino is the best little city. Thanks for investing in the quarry pool, the holiday decor, summer flowers, and metal markers along Sussex. All this enhances our presentation and invites people to stay awhile and spend money.
None
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N/a
Expanding the sewer needs to not make it more expensive
jobs
Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into Tenino's right future.
I would like more diversity with food options and more recreational activities.

17. In your opinion, what are the most critical climate-related risks facing this community? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
Extreme weather events	44.1%	26
Flooding	35.6%	21
Heatwaves	27.1%	16
Drought and water scarcity	32.2%	19
Other - Write In (Required)	22.0%	13

Other - Write In (Required)

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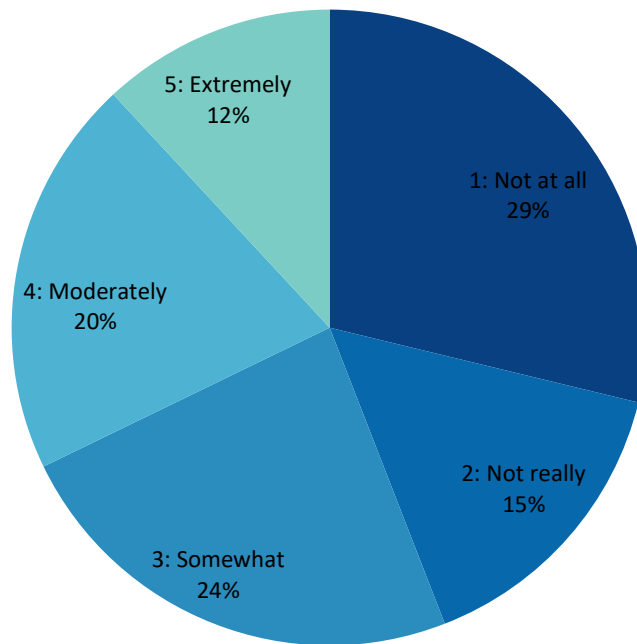
Fire

Fires

Fires

I don't believe in climate change
Loss of native plants, destabilization of soil, large evergreens falling, need to replace natural trees with those that are more drought tolerant.
None
None, really.
None. Tenino is in an extremely safe area.
Seriously?
There are none
Wild Fires
nothing climate related most likely poor management of water sources
Totals

18. On a scale of 1 to 5, how concerned are you about the potential impacts of climate change in Tenino?



Value	Percent	Count
1: Not at all	28.8%	17
2: Not really	15.3%	9
3: Somewhat	23.7%	14
4: Moderately	20.3%	12
5: Extremely	11.9%	7
	Totals	59

19. What community assets in Tenino (e.g. natural areas, buildings/landmarks, infrastructure, cultural resources, etc.) should be protected against climate impacts and/or natural disasters?

Response
All
Downtown, the pool, the depot/quarry house
All of them if possible...historic buildings (historic district and museum), forests/park, homes.
downtown should be protected against flooding
Skookumchuck Dam needs maintenance and monitoring. Flood events happen. They should be planned for.
Protect the quarry pool.
The old ones on Sussex
Downtown buildings
Can't think of any
The forested area south of the Tenino/Yelm trail, the structures in Tenino's park
Not sure
Downtown and the park when it comes to drought and the potential for wild fires.
The swimming area and historic buildings
Historic landmarks
Parks and historical buildings along with Schools. Grocery store and gas stations.
Natural Areas
The schools and the grocery store.
Protect green spaces from development
All
The quarry and the main downtown strip
Unsure
Not sure
Unsure
Historic buildings
Don't know

All
None
Water access, food access, shelter for people
Historic downtown, Museum. Homes. City Park
Historical buildings and schools
Quarry
The historic buildings/museum
All
jsns
Personal homes and schools.
Parks, homes, roads, schools, businesses.
people and their homes and property
Historic downtown. The park. My house!
The bridge needs to have the water flow fixed before it destroys the road and causes collapse of the overpass killing people
Buildings
Anything historical to the town
All
I'm all for preserving the old town look and feel but at what cost. Putting thousands of \$\$ into the face of a building to look nice as the road and curbside are falling apart doesn't make sense.
Dirt parking lot near park
Na
No comment
Not sure
Landscape from development
?
Tenino City Park/Quarry Pool area
The quarry and historical buildings
City Park, quarry pool, drinking water reservoirs/aquifer.
None, climate change is a joke

The huge bloody forests that surround us and may be vulnerable to wildfires.

N/a

I think that flooding has posed a large threat to Tenino for years and has been ignored and needs to be fixed because it will destroy our roads. Our community assets are our roads, our park, our school, and the historic downtown.

Depot museum. Quarry and house. Downtown businesses. Schools.

The historic downtown and the park and buildings there associated with the old quarry. Necessary natural resources.

20.What other comments would you like to share climate-related vulnerabilities in Tenino?

Response
None
What do we do if there is a fire like what happened in Southern California
A fire plan is important.
none
Not much.
There are none.
.
N/A
It is overstated in this state more pressing problems and making state to expensive to live in
N/A
None
none
N
What about the risk of fire during dry periods.
none
Rules limiting cutting down trees. Requirements for Trees in new development
None
None
None
None
None
None
None
N/A
Don't know
Na

None
Wind is extreme - underground our utilities if possible
Hopefully we can get more water rights.
Not too concerned.
None
I am always concerned about the fire risk in the summer, and especially with fireworks on the 4th of July. I would love if the city restricted firework use in city limits.
Green power
nsndn
N/a
We need education about how to help. In California there are days we were instructed to not water our lawns. The public needs to hear often that climate change is real and, if we work together, we can live more sustainably and be better prepared for the inevitable.
none
Solar initiatives may help energy needs in heat waves. Community center with filtered air and AC may become a necessary resource in summer smoke and heat events.
Tenino needs to be aware of pre watering and trimming trees and grass to protect from Fires
None
N/A
NA
We live in a rainy climate, make it a safer drive and put down quality roadway markings.
To keep park walkways free from moss during winter so they are not slippery when walking
Na
No comment
None
?
None
N/A
None
Whether it's climate-related disasters or natural disasters like earthquakes, I heard we are working towards an emergency plan for powering the high school during city power interruption emergencies. I

think this is a good decision for supporting our city's population.

None

I would like increased forest management for the long term health and safety of the forests and the citizenry.

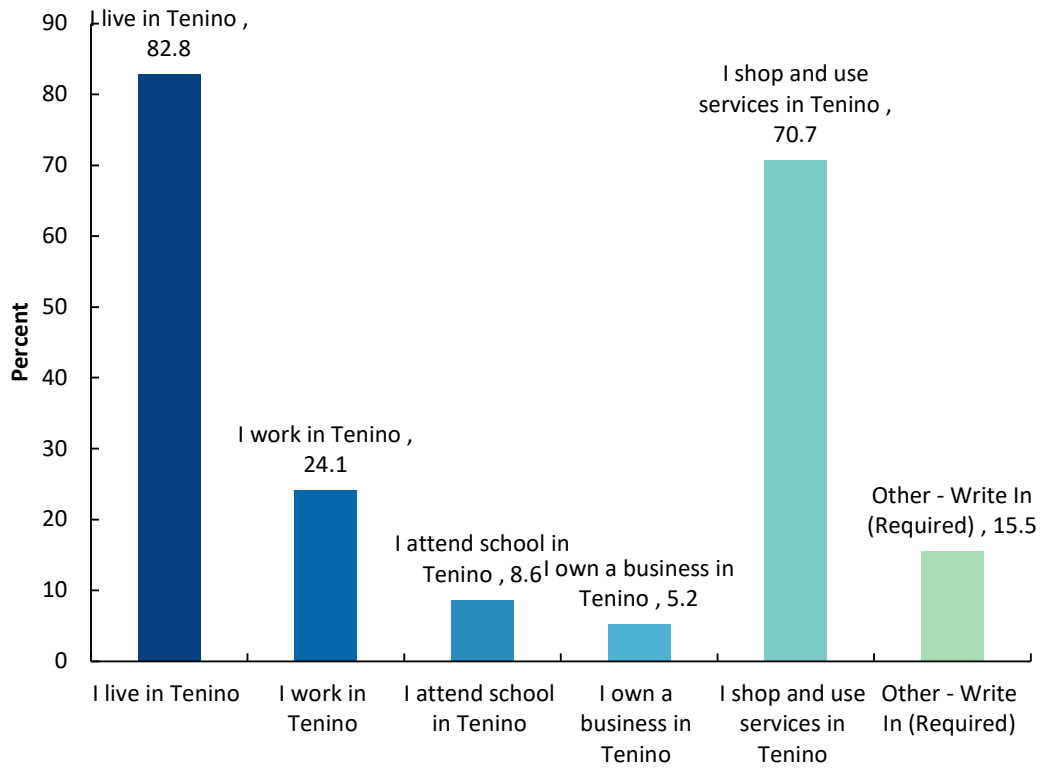
Old Hwy 99 to the west of Bucoda HWY is always flooding due to poor drainage. Even something as simple as a ditch going into Scatter Creek would be better than the way it's been for years...

Flooding needs to be fixed otherwise in a disaster we will be trapped. Every exit out of Tenino has a flooding issue. Work with the county to fix the problems outside of the city as well.

NA

None

21.What is your relationship to Tenino? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
I live in Tenino	82.8%	48
I work in Tenino	24.1%	14
I attend school in Tenino	8.6%	5
I own a business in Tenino	5.2%	3
I shop and use services in Tenino	70.7%	41
Other - Write In (Required)	15.5%	9

Other - Write In (Required)

Children attend Tenino schools

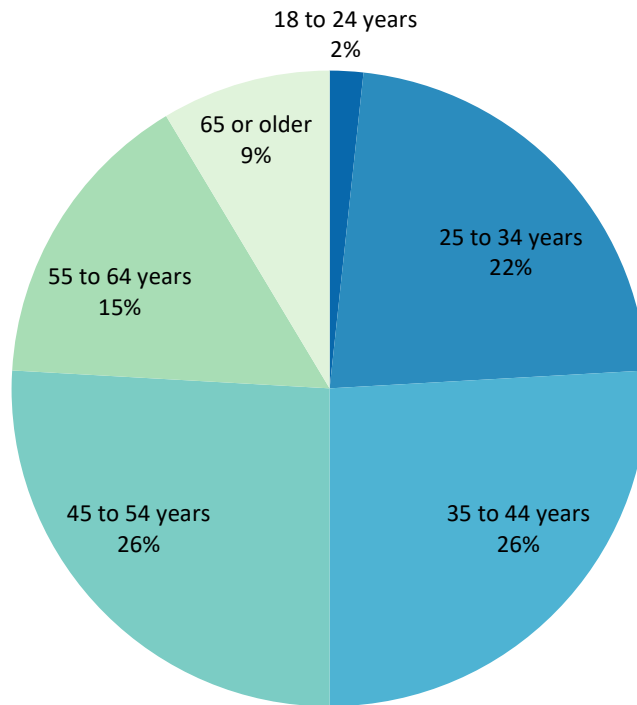
GENERATIONS of us live here

I live just outside of city limits.

I live walking distance of Tenino

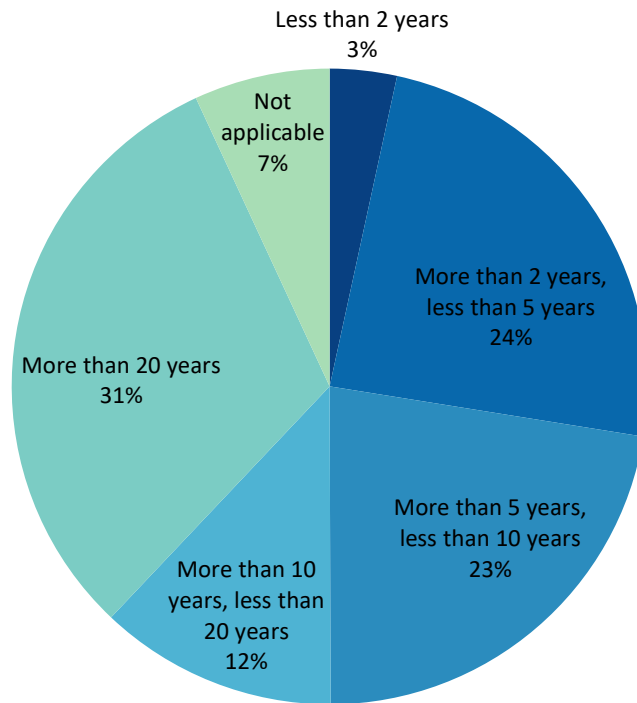
My child attends school in Tenino
My children will attend school here
My grandchildren attend school in tenino and I performed in local theatre in tenino
Past residents
attend events/volunteer
Totals

22.What is your age range?



Value	Percent	Count
18 to 24 years	1.7%	1
25 to 34 years	22.4%	13
35 to 44 years	25.9%	15
45 to 54 years	25.9%	15
55 to 64 years	15.5%	9
65 or older	8.6%	5
	Totals	58

23.How long have you lived in Tenino?



Value	Percent	Count
Less than 2 years	3.4%	2
More than 2 years, less than 5 years	24.1%	14
More than 5 years, less than 10 years	22.4%	13
More than 10 years, less than 20 years	12.1%	7
More than 20 years	31.0%	18
Not applicable	6.9%	4
	Totals	58

24. How long do you plan on staying in Tenino, and what is influencing your decision?

Response
For life; age
I will be staying in Tenino until I am taken out of my house feet first.
possibly moving soon due to political climate
The rest of my life, if we don't have to sell due to high taxes.
Although I don't currently live in city limits (I'm about 7 minutes outside) I did live in town for almost a years. I have worked in town for almost 30 years now. I plan on staying until I retire and may move back inside city limits at any time. I love Tenino for it's small town values and feel.
I plan to leave soon, nothing against tenino it's a Washington problem
Nice community
Forever
Want to move away soon. Small town mentalities don't work for me.
Forever. Love the small town community!
As long as possible. Property taxes and cost of living are making me consider other options though.
I moved away due to the schools
I don't intend to move at all. The best of rural living, beauty of nature and a great community all round me.
until i die. I have a nice place where I am at.
Forever....
I hope a long time. I own my home.
Indefinitely; proximity to job
Forever, unless property taxes force me out. My land has been in the family since 1950
Don't know. Depends on if the state taxes me out of living here.
20 years, small schools, small community, no homelessness, great neighbors
Always have a home base in tenino
Many years, bought home in 2023
Undecided
For a long time
As long as we can afford WA state (taxes are insane) We love the community feel as a family. We

enjoy a small town feel and schools for our kids while also seeing diversity in the community. Having close access to activities for family.

We just moved to bucoda last year but still use Tenino on a weekly basis

Forever - raising my babies here

forever

Never moving. EVER! Ha!

Death

Undetermined, we have no plans to move though.

Indefinitely. The area has potential

bsbsjeje

I want to stay in Tenino for the next 5 years, at least. I love the small town feel with the convenience of a grocery store and gas station. I love the opportunities for my kids to play at several play grounds and to walk on the paved trail. I consider leaving because of the reputations of the schools and the lack of housing available.

At least until I retire. I love it here. Not sure if we'll be able to afford to stay once we retire though.

depends on what the washington government does regarding property taxes and all the taxes they are trying to force on taxpayers

We may stay forever.

Rest of my life

I plan on living in Tenino the rest of my life as long as it doesn't get grow

We just purchased our home in 07/2024. We love it here and plan to be here for at least 5-7 years, if not more. Biggest influence is the quiet town, being able to walk around and explore, and the short commute to work.

20 we love it here. It's a great community

I live just outside of Tenino, just go into Tenino frequently for shops and visiting family. I will be around for sometime.

Don't know

My life

Will send our kids to school in Tenino for many years

Forever

Trying to move back but housing options are limited. Keep my kids in the schools

Forever. I bought property. I don't plan on selling it

No plans to change

I plan on staying in Tenino at least until my child graduates HS in about 10 years

To the extent of my lifetime.

Unsure

It's where I live now.

As long as the small town stays small, I'll live here.

I cannot afford a house in Tenino so I will be looking elsewhere very soon

depends on tax rates

50 years. My daughter is being raised here. I like the city and accessible services.

I would like to continue living here possibly forever! My boyfriend and I really like Tenino! Perfect small town that's nearby all amenities. Great location, safe neighborhood, love the park and walking trails, nice community events, farmers market, etc.

25.The answers you've provided will help inform Tenino's Comprehensive Plan update. Please share any other thoughts you'd like to contribute:

Response
I hope this actually helps
City has to stop being influenced by cities around us. Tenino is small rural historical town there is no reason to buy into high density housing to bring elements to town which will not be positive for current residents!
Thanks for putting this surgery together. Hoping Tenino can grow and improve.
I think the city should work on improving the downtown area as much as possible by adding mixed use development on Sussex to increase both housing available and commercial opportunities. Revitalization efforts should also focus on styling new structures (and incentivize existing structures - eg. tax reduction) to meet a general design esthetic. For instance, exterior facing stone facades and styled signage. Right now its a strange mix of structures (pole buildings, craftsman, stone, etc.) and the city lacks identity because of it. It would need be well planned to make it work. The contact info question below is missing the text entry block, but please add my email to it: Joe Stone Sr joestonesr@pm.me Thanks!
none
None
As the upgrades to the park are made including the ball fields, please consider leaving these available to be used without reservation or cost.
Nothing
Thank you so much for doing this! I hope you get a good response rate. This survey was quite long with lots of required fields. I'd recommend shorter more frequent surveys, especially those that can be run on Facebook.
none
Thank you to the Planning Commission for volunteering your time to do this work with diligence and care. You are appreciated!
Tenino is amazing but we need to continue to bring in young vibrant families in order to support our schools sports and business
Please don't allow this town to become a Yelm
I think Tenino needs to lean hard on its partner, county/state and have them help support them in grants and funding for roads and maintenance. 507 is a well used hwy and the state needs to do a better job making sure the community of Tenino is safe for travel.
Na
None
I urge the planning committee to think of the other side of town opposite the park side where the sidewalks are in dire need of repairs. The families on this side want to enjoy the town too!

Somehow as a team we all have to figure out how to fund improvements to our school buildings which are aging out. Though very important, bonds are difficult to pass. The ability to provide to our students and their families, facilities that are desirable to attend is a huge factor in attracting people to move and live here.

Please try to keep the Tenino police. With more people coming in, and more societal problems here lately, we really need them to stay in our community.

26.If you would like to be notified of future updates, please include your contact information below (optional):

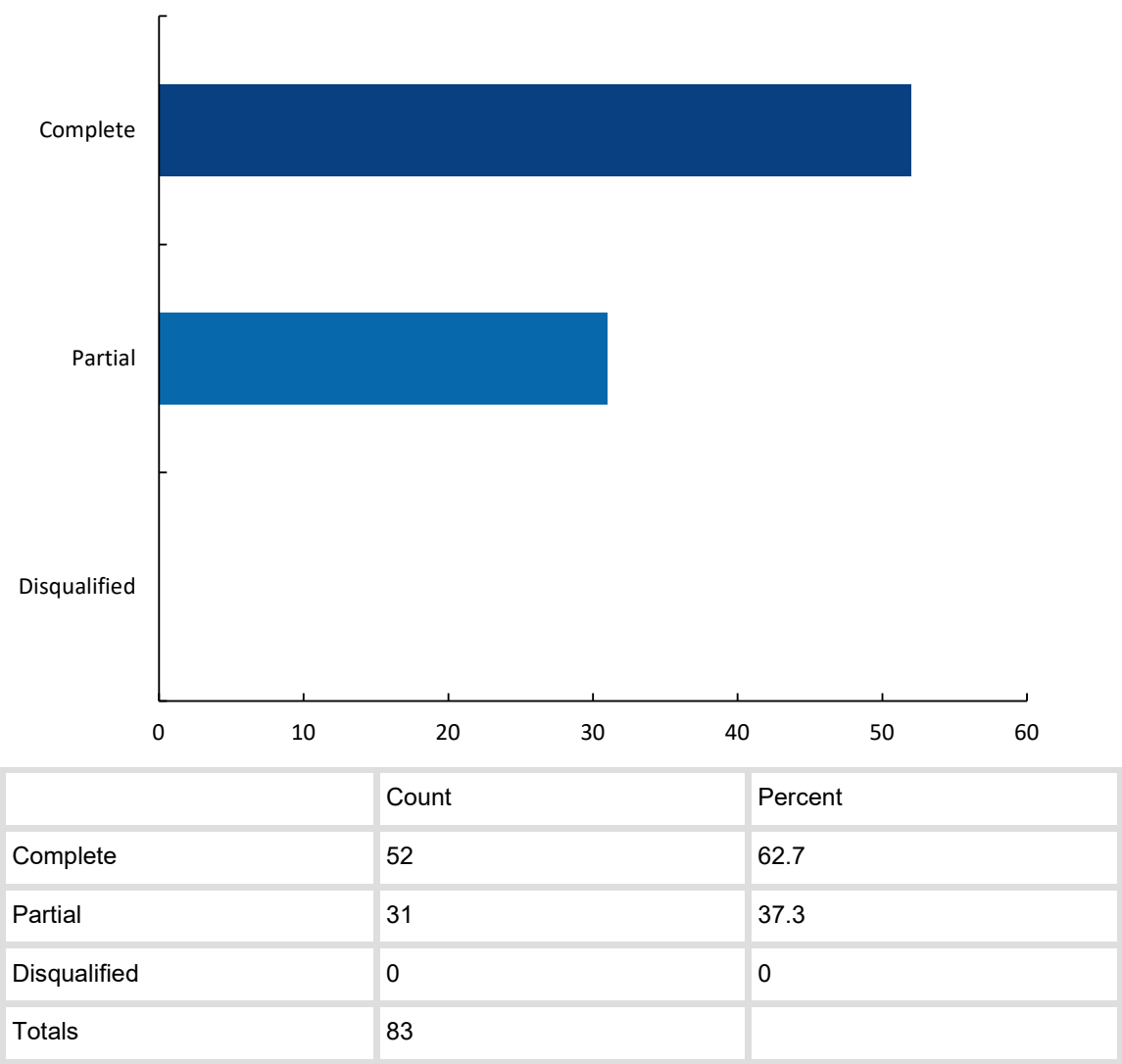
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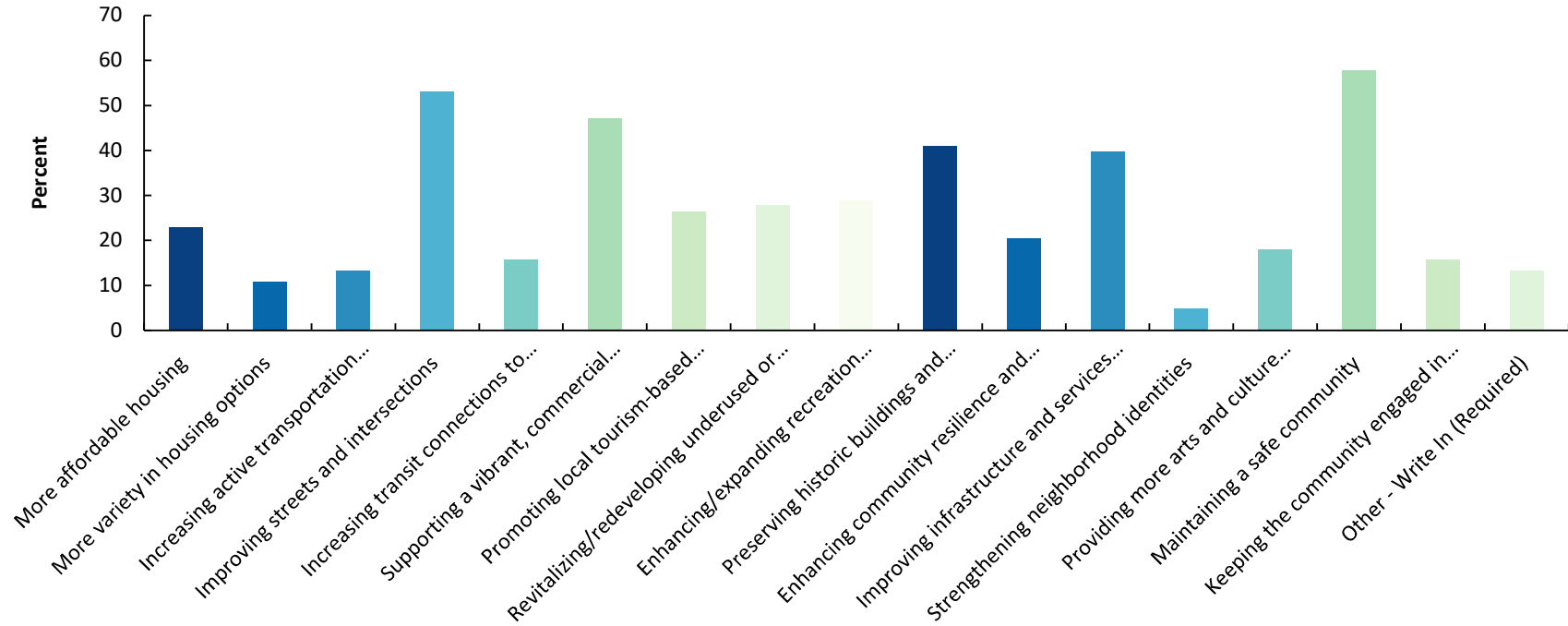
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Response Statistics



1.What do you think Tenino's top five priorities should be in the next 20 years? (select up to 5)



Value	Percent	Count
More affordable housing	22.9%	19
More variety in housing options	10.8%	9
Increasing active transportation connections (walking, biking, etc)	13.3%	11
Improving streets and intersections	53.0%	44
Increasing transit connections to regional centers	15.7%	13

Supporting a vibrant, commercial downtown	47.0%	39
Promoting local tourism-based businesses and opportunities	26.5%	22
Revitalizing/redeveloping underused or vacant sites	27.7%	23
Enhancing/expanding recreation opportunities	28.9%	24
Preserving historic buildings and promoting historic character in new commercial development	41.0%	34
Enhancing community resilience and preparedness (the ability to respond to and recover from a disaster)	20.5%	17
Improving infrastructure and services (utilities, broadband, emergency response, schools, transit, etc.)	39.8%	33
Strengthening neighborhood identities	4.8%	4
Providing more arts and culture opportunities	18.1%	15
Maintaining a safe community	57.8%	48
Keeping the community engaged in local issues	15.7%	13
Other - Write In (Required)	13.3%	11
Other - Write In (Required)		
Bringing additional internet options- I love tenino telephone but the service is not fast/reliable enough to support me working from him or in the community regularly.		
Community Food Gardens		
Eliminating debt, cutting taxes (or at least not increasing them), replacing chlorine with UV light in the water treatment. Chlorine is poisonous and more expensive over time		
Get the water and sewage chepper		

Improving the intersections of 507 (Bucoda Hwy) & Old Hwy 99, and Sussex & Old Hwy 99. Traffic backs up frequently because there's no traffic control. I think two traffic lights in town would be nice.

Keeping our community the way it used to be, stop new growth before it becomes over grown and we can't support it. We struggle now with not affording our police, schools and other government. We need to focus on what we have and stop trying to build more, and let more growth happen.

Lowering taxes as far as possible.

Please put a roundabout where 99 and Sussex by market fresh!

Promoting & recruiting stronger economic opportunity

bring in more restaurants and stores beyond antique stores

employment / industry

2.What do you think are the biggest barriers to accomplishing these priorities?

Response
Money
The debt right now the city has and then on top of that taxes and prices of everything is crazy high. We need to pass savings on to residents of Tenino in someway
Too many opinions. Should just come up with a 5 year, 10 year and 20 year plan.
Money
Tourism could increase sales tax revenue and help with other areas of need in the city. However, synergy of businesses is needed to really become a tourism destination. Need investment in hotels, and incentives for doing business.
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Not sure
Funding, staffing, community support.
Money
Tenino has tourism potential that would bring in revenue for infrastructure but need hotel infrastructure to support tourism. How can we incentivize doing business in Tenino?
mismanagement of funds
Bureaucracy, greed, and greedy bureaucrats.
Greed
People in the community that don't want anything to change.

Balancing a budget and eliminating waste in government.
Conflicting opinions
Money
Need staff who do not over spend and keep running us into financial crisis
Govt poor planning we are rural town not Olympia or Tumwater! Keep it small
People refusing to embrace growth and the community not supporting local small businesses (we don't need more Edward Jones, we need a sit down espresso shop, paint and fire pottery shop, bakery, etc). Make Tenino a destination not a thru way.
Funding and a bad economy.
Funding
Funding, specifically for improving streets and adding sidewalks.
Mayor, funds
Money and people's willingness to help
Funding Community participation
Money
Lack of community participation.
The "good old boy" mentality that some people have.
People wanting to get free things from the city government, people not wanting to change
Politicians
Money, understanding priorities of the community not just what the highest bidder will pay - no chains, no insurance buildings - think local businesses that

families can support, take classes at, etc

Funding

Not having the best interests of the community and not allowing the community to have a say.

The deficit budget. We should not be spending money we do not have. Stop spending unnecessary money and focus on paying the debt off.

A lack of available funding.

Unity and finances

Funding

Budget. Long term structure with inevitable major role changes are hard to sustain a 20 year plan.

I'm unsure

Leadership

Money, lack of vision

Lack of vision and interest from leadership.

Funding

Funding

Spending money on stuff that it shouldn't be spent on

Funding and the Sussex Ave being a main travel road - we need north and south town to be easier to cross on the eastside

Tourism needs more infrastructure. High Cost of street upgrades

Time any money? Would love to clean up some of the shaggy businesses on the main strip. Keep Tenino safe and clean place for our children and elders!

Counsel
Cost probably?
Budgetary issues
our mayor
Funding and lack of interest.
Local participation
Unsure
Budget, permits, staff
poor government and planning the town government does not appear to support businesses starting out. No gas service and water and sewer prices way to high
Budget, economic, and political realities.
We are a rural town- Xfinity services in town but just less than a mile past the elementary school they can't serve the homes off the road- in bad weather we have no cell service no internet and during good weather the internet is not strong enough/stable enough to work from home. Housing is more expensive in tenino period there is not many rental opportunities for families due to the cost and my father in law is ready to quit driving but is still very active however any bus options take all day or are in reliable
Our priorities have been focused on other things in the last few years, where they should have been focused on these things to begin with. Our communities safety, should have been top priority in our budget.
I'm unsure, I'd say the biggest barrier would be lack of available finances.
Funding. A state agency transportation improvement board used to help small communities with projects like this. Not sure if they still have funding given recent federal cuts.
Poor city leadership

Cash
Less public involvement
Na
Lack of funding. Socioeconomic status.
Making them priorities.
Money
Revenue
Budget?
Finding ways to engage residents with city/downtown events and issues. City budget issues.
Obviously budget constraints are a difficulty, plus disruption of services when construction is happening. The side streets opposite the park side of Sussex are the main arteries when Sussex is blocked (Lincoln Ave). We need our sidewalks repaired and useable for all.
Incentfizing people to get involved and contribute to decisionmaking.
Poor management.
Marketing. Tenino has all the charm and character of a nestled New England town, but lacks the marketing and advertising to draw in tourists, attract new businesses, and thus stimulate revenue for town improvements, such as building renovations. The town seems to lack the kind of aesthetic cohesion that would make it a destination for visitors and tourists. Some parts feel "preserved," other parts feel "old," and still other parts feel like there cars parked on the front lawn. Tenino has good bones, but is sorely in need of revitalization and moderate renovation to increase, not only its curb appeal, but also its sense of identity as something more than another Washington town that used to be relevant. Tenino has an interesting and solid history, and a charming layout. But it gives more the impression of a town you'd like to drive through, but doesn't entice you to stop. It just looks dingy and run-down. I'm not insinuating uniformity, but rather aesthetic cohesion. Clean and fix the buildings, decide on an actual identity for which Tenino can be known (Skagit has tulips, Leavenworth has the German thing, Issaquah has the salmon run, etc) which will draw attention (and revenue) to the locale. Tenino can be *known* for something beyond a quarry swimming hole. Figure out what that is, lean into it, make it enticing, and market it. Seasonal festivals? Larger farmers market? We have master stone carvers and master woodworkers, why not be an artisan hub? We have a fantastic Main Street, where's

the huge Christmas Market every weekend in December? We used to make railroad ties right? Where's our lumberjack games and chainsaw carving in the summer? Clean the place up, revitalize it, and give the people a reason to stop and spend.

Money.

Politics of being a small community and not wanting to grow. We can keep our small niche community while also finding ways to responsibly grow housing and economy.

Money

city council

Funding; frequent transit routes to destinations

Funding, staffing, community engagement.

3. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well does this statement reflect your vision for Tenino's future? In 2045, Tenino is a vibrant small town that celebrates its artisanal history. Our community is integrated with the natural landscape and carefully stewards its resources. Our lively, walkable downtown supports local entrepreneurs and provides the retail, services, and amenities our residents need. Our community is welcoming to all.

	1 (This does not reflect my vision for Tenino)		2 (There are elements of this statement that I agree with, however this does not reflect my vision for Tenino)		3 (There are elements of this statement that reflect my vision for Tenino, but it needs some work)		4 (This largely reflects my vision for Tenino, but is missing a part of my vision)		5 (This perfectly reflects my vision for Tenino)		Responses
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Rating	4.2%	3	9.9%	7	29.6%	21	32.4%	23	23.9%	17	71
Totals						71					

4. In a few words, what makes Tenino great today?

Response
The people the ones born raised here the ones with roots here those are the best!
Self-sufficient, small
The people
History, sense of community, fantastic park and nature areas.
small town kindness
History, small size, and greenery.
Location
The citizens are the best part of Tenino. They are dependable, honest, and hard working. If you want to keep Tenino great, listen to the citizens and don't push political agendas or personal beliefs.
It hasn't been ruined yet... no corporations
The people
Small quiet rural city
That Olympia is close.
I think the community is what makes tenino great today.
Small town strong community feel
Low crime and most folks and businesses seem to take pride in the area they live in.
Community
Small town, community,
The historical character and the antique shops
Small community feel with people helping each other
Community based food production.
The small town feel.
No stop lights, low crime, good neighbors, green spaces
No stop lights. No round a bouts.
Community atmosphere and recreation
B
The community and its small town feel.

Not the tavern nazi bar
Tenino has something for everyone.
Small town with friendly atmosphere and clean streets and alleys
Small town, safe and appreciate the clean streets and ensuring homeless camps do not move in
Our park, the history, close knit community, clean downtown
Great community and town.
Local law enforcement, vibrant business community, excellent parks and school
Our police Department, our schools, the people
Community, rural character and nature
The small community feel we maintain.
Family friendly events
Charming, artsy, family and kid friendly, close to nature, agriculture
Strong sense of community. Safe. History.
The park, clean walking trail, Don Juan's&Daves, responsible speed limits through town with good sidewalks.
Not much
How the community rallies for events like Oregon Trail Days and the art markets
History. The close knit community.
the community
Historic feel with modern touches such as the paved trail, play grounds, and baseball fields.
Small town feel, history.
Community members that stop to chat and care about one another, small town feel, no big chain businesses, low crime, safety, small classroom sizes
safety for the most part
History, community, recreation, park and natural areas
The inclusive, diverse and accepting atmosphere create a safe place for all. The utilization of a local theatre has brought many people to this town and provided a positive outlet for many community members. The town needs access to better internet and cell phone coverage
It is a small town and in a world of fast paced growth, this a town that still has that charm and feel of a small town. No fast food, shopping centers and street lights. We have a wonderful community that cares for one another.

I enjoy being able to walk to everything in town from our home. The streets are nice, and I feel safe walking. There are some properties that don't pick up dog poop but other than that it's great.

We enjoy the quiet small town vibe, that welcomes diversity.

Unfortunately the days of Tenino being great are few and far between, between lack luster leadership at the city and state level. The city and surrounding area is taking a big downturn. The one bright spot is the city is still small and somewhat tight nit in some old school ways.

Community activities & park & walking trails

Community

Small town community that is willing to go above and beyond for each other

My community and ease of doing business

Small town!

The park

The passion for growth and community connection by several community leaders.

Community support for the schools is amazing.

George Sharp and the initiative he has brought through the EDC. Our business must be supported in order for the downtown core to be visited thereby increasing vitality for all.

Not much

Don Juan's

It's small town character.

The community & access to open space & people

The lively downtown area and kindness from everyone.

small, close knit community

Cultural events. Venues. Entertainment.

Safe, friendly, great location

5.What do you think would make Tenino even better 20 years from now?

Response

If we had more activities things to do in town that won't break the bank

I don't know...

Tenino needs to be a go to place like Leavenworth, WA, Solvang CA or Niles Canyon, CA. We should work towards celebrating our history.

A hotel. Promoting cute shops in the downtown. A theater and a Senior Center. More things to do. Might need the ability to build up more than two stories.

Bigger and better community events - bring back the musket shoots, the giant shopping carts and horses in the parade, keep the pool open more days, fix the potholes, figure out a solution for lease barriers for businesses.

Hard to say. Repairing the rutted, potholed, crumbling streets would be good.

Growth

Continued small growth, it's inevitable. Maintain conservative fiscal beliefs but acknowledging a percentage of change in social settings.

Some affordable housing but nothing too overboard. It is the highest priority to protect the large farms surrounding tenino

Better tourism attractions and more parking options downtown.

Slow growth make due with what's here don't ruin history of town with aggressive government growth plans

Embracing growth and supporting small businesses that draw people to the community.

More reasonable businesses downtown. Things the community can actually afford.

Continuing to support schools and local businesses, providing more family friendly activities, continue to preserve historical buildings, keep the small town community

Mixed use buildings downtown that better integrates visually with it's more historic buildings, while also adding housing opportunities. It would make that area more vibrant by increasing foot traffic and commercial opportunities, and make it more visually appealing.

Make it so I don't have to leave town. A bigger store, more dining options, activities, etc.

Better roads, more small business

A lively arts community

build on it and bring people together.

Low-income housing.

More activites/recreation for children of all ages in our town. Updated schools and continued public transportation to connect with other cities/towns.

No city debt, an updated water treatment facility that uses UV light instead of chlorine, low taxes

No stop lights. No roundabouts. Teachers that don't let the kids know their political views or sexual orientation. Schools that don't promote gender changes. Schools that are transparent and keep parents informed.

Control traffic, have more local businesses and restaurants, plenty of natural spaces, limit growth

B

Preservation of the past and not destroying it for money and growth.

More diversity in ethnicity and culture!

A renewed commitment to maintaining Tenino's infrastructure. Better walkability and transit connections.

Preserved history with functional modern vibe

Expand school properties to support housing growth, improve side streets, add digital speed check signs coming into town

More draw to Tenino to keep our local businesses thriving. I think our town is great just improving the we have established.

Better more affordable utilities.

Continued investments in economic and cultural development

Bringing in people who want to invest in our economy, getting more citizens involved and having better transparency

Leveraging outdoor recreation to draw in more people for tourism

Cleaning up our neighborhood streets. (Sidewalks, paving etc). Revived historical buildings. Larger more vibrant seasonal activities. More locally owned, thriving businesses, more variety in those.

Safe, family friendly community

More restaurants, night life, more walkable on the Eastside, slower traffic from Yelm, different transportation to Centralia and Oly

Maintain the unique flavor (no urban sprawl). Maintain history. Natural areas

Cleaning up old businesses. Loving the flowers around town! Keeping our park clean and growing! Would love to see another really solid food choice that was higher end. We have lots of so-so places but no clean bar (missing 1776!) and would love something that compliments runs clean and quality like Don Juans. We love the community events and keeping the library clean and available is important.

New management

Better walkability (sidewalks), better streets

A larger focus on the history of the quarries. Restoration of historical structures. Revitalization of

downtown.

to keep tenino a small town

More businesses such as restaurants or shops.

Business that stay, more community connection, people who want to help improve Tenino instead of cut each other down.

Walkable downtown with outdoor seating for meals, desserts, coffee, and visiting with each other. Community gathering spaces for all ages, especially dry spaces for young families to gather and connect. Opportunities for older kids to mentor younger kids. More opportunities for creating new adult friendships.

as stated earlier more restaurants and stores beyond antique stores bring in natural gas and lower water and sewer cost. Property and levee taxes are killing homeowners

Historical character, natural spaces, and recreational opportunities maintained/enhanced while infill in and around city center are developed including some affordable multifamily instead of cookie cutter single family developments on outskirts. And disaster resilience plans developed and actionable.

Families want to spend more time at home many work places have adapted a hybrid or work from home option however due to xfinities inability to move up driveways or provide service off the main strip many secure large income Families are drawn away from this beautiful area

Keeping our town small and not allowing growth. This gives us a unique character that other towns are lacking in this modern age.

More sidewalks and more use of vacant properties.

Improvements to schools. New buildings off main roads.

Embrace the fact that growth is going to happen and being prepared for it. Work on having an actual police force and strong infrastructure and schools.

Better maintenance of roads & better Restricted to keep trash from outside of houses in town.

More things for our youth to occupy themselves that is free

Promotion of small businesses, supporting the unique demographic that is Tenino. Very different from thurston county as a whole and people like it that way

Strong community

?

Dog park

Affordable, events, activities and thing to do for residents and visitors every day of the week.

Tenino is already a highly walkable community. Repairing sidewalks on Lincoln and away from the park side of town would help families that live on that side thrive and be able to walk to the activities. Right now, the sidewalks on Lincoln are terribly broken and not walkable unless you are surefooted. No one with disabilities could navigate the sidewalks with a wheelchair or cane.

Upgraded school buildings.

Viable businesses that the population could support.

Repair, renovation, revitalization. See previous comment.

Being able to drive through it without the headaches of waiting for yields/turns backed up in mornings and afternoons.

More economic opportunities & strengthen the access to trails in the park. The park is amazing and is unlike any others. We also need to focus on walkability of the city. We cannot reduce the car trips simply just across town if we do not have safe sidewalks & cross walks.

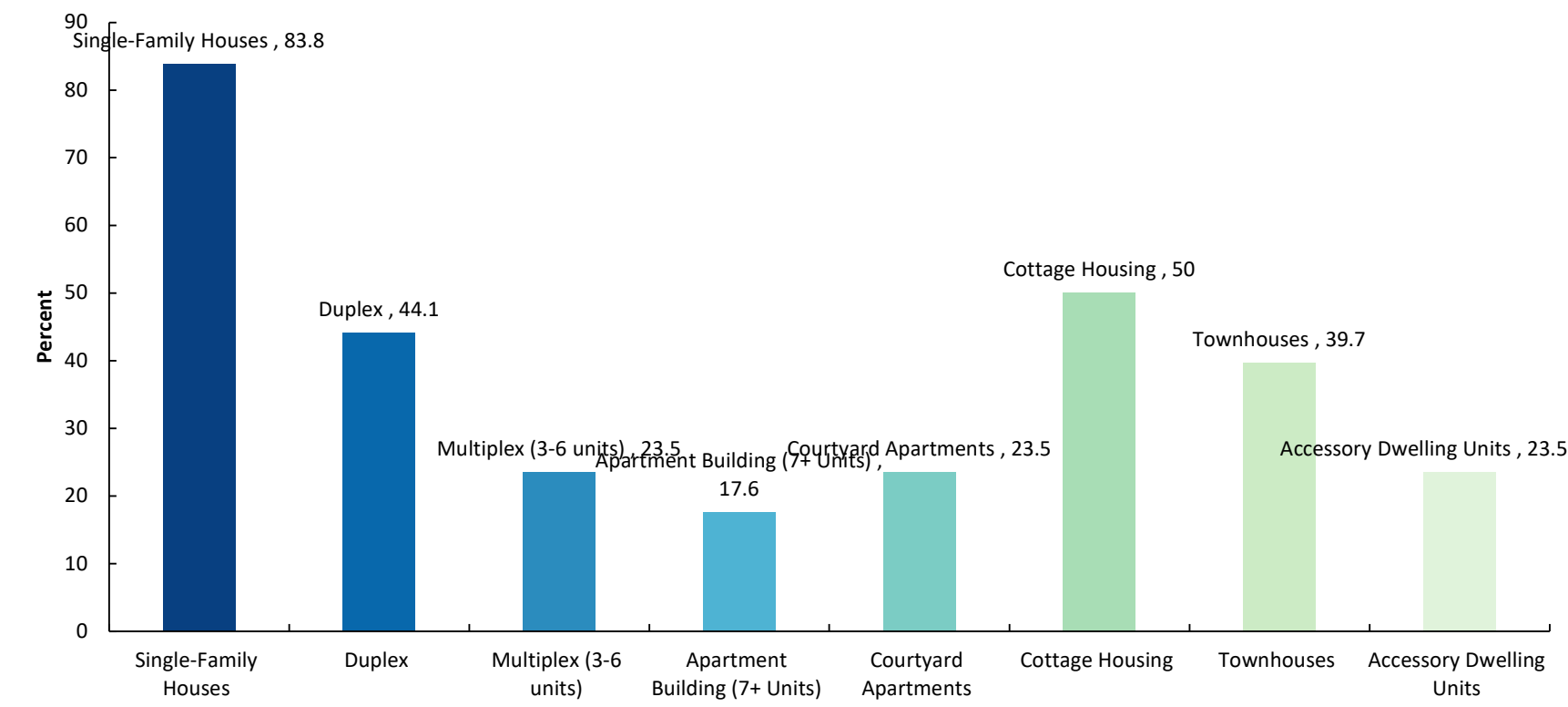
Updated schools and more community involvement activities.

jobs

More tourist attractions, founded on our rich, fascinating history.

More diversity of amenities, retaining its historical charm

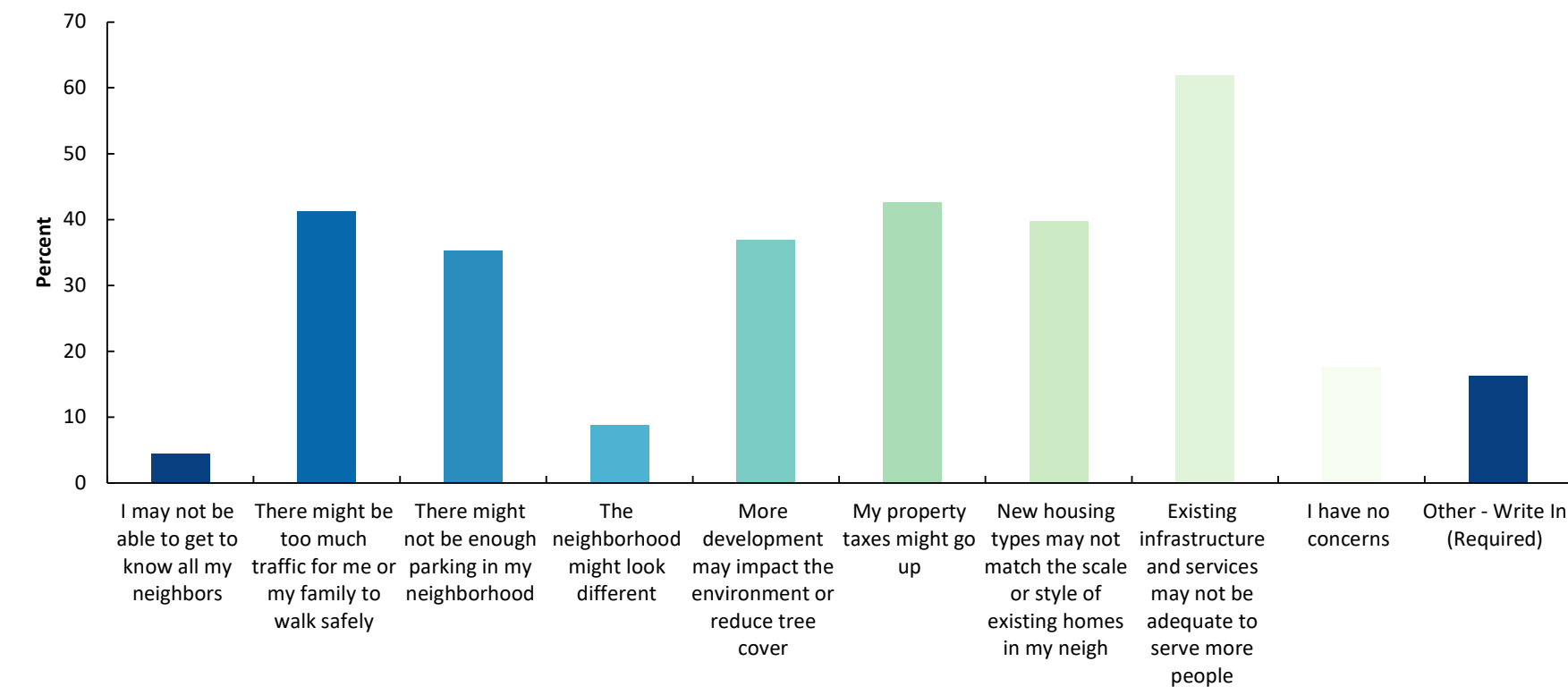
6.Which housing types do you think would fit in with existing residential development? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
Single-Family Houses	83.8%	57

Duplex	44.1%	30
Multiplex (3-6 units)	23.5%	16
Apartment Building (7+ Units)	17.6%	12
Courtyard Apartments	23.5%	16
Cottage Housing	50.0%	34
Townhouses	39.7%	27
Accessory Dwelling Units	23.5%	16

7.What are your biggest concerns related to allowing different housing types? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
I may not be able to get to know all my neighbors	4.4%	3

There might be too much traffic for me or my family to walk safely	41.2%	28
There might not be enough parking in my neighborhood	35.3%	24
The neighborhood might look different	8.8%	6
More development may impact the environment or reduce tree cover	36.8%	25
My property taxes might go up	42.6%	29
New housing types may not match the scale or style of existing homes in my neighborhood	39.7%	27
Existing infrastructure and services may not be adequate to serve more people	61.8%	42
I have no concerns	17.6%	12
Other - Write In (Required)	16.2%	11

Other - Write In (Required)
Cost of available houses
It would be horrendous for Tenino to become the next Yelm. No more green, just large apartment complexes and postage stamp houses crammed together
Lack of actual planning for impact.
More city spending when the government is already too far in debt and passing that cost onto taxpayers
More housing and people as long as it is affordable and accessible
Our city can't handle more growth. We don't have the means to.

School capacity
Size and access of schools. Things we're seeing impact Yelm like water and traffic.
Too inexpensive/subsidized housing attracts more crime.
We ❤️ T90!
decreasing property value
Totals

8.What are your thoughts on the current height limit of 35 feet in all of Tenino?

Response
I think it's smart no one wants skyscrapers here it's a small town that's all it needs to be
Agree
For single family homes this is fine. But anything above 35 feet should be apartments for our veterans or senior citizens only.
There isn't the real estate to support this. Building up makes sense and can still feel old fashioned.
approve
I approve.
Effects change and growth
It keeps a small town feel to the town which is why many residents have moved here.
Raise it to 500 so the rednecks can have extra tall tree stands
No concerns, OK to go higher.
Again govt stay out leave in place no high density housing
I think that it's a reasonable limit
I think it's important to ensure new developments blend in with existing architecture and preserve the overall aesthetic of a community.
No concern
For downtown area, it really limits growth. Higher buildings downtown capped at maybe 3 stories would be great for mixed use development.
No point
It keeps the town vide the same. Less Tumwater-ish
High rise buildings above 35 feet will be out of character with the historic town.
get rid of height limits. People should be able to build how they see fit.
No Higher
If too tall, views would be blocked.
Good. It keeps the look of a small town and allows for scenic views of surrounding greenery
It should remain.
Excellent, keep it!
I think it needs to stay

Na
I like it!
Keep it
Don't care
No issues
It should be raised downtown to allow for second and third story residential in our commercial zone
We need to allow for higher density and ability to go up
None
I'm ok with this. We are a small community. Seeing the trees and sky at night is the point of living in a smaller town like Tenino.
I think it helps keep our community personal
It's adds to the look of a small town but I don't care as long as it adds to the affordable housing in town
Silly. There isn't the real estate to restrict height.
Great!
Ridiculous
Seems like a good limit
Appropriate
don't know that was a thing
No thoughts.
Great!
ok
That's plenty tall. Appropriate height limit.
If the reasoning is current i agree however if it is a limit out in place years ago with no thought to how many more people could be served then it needs to be re evaluated
I like it, we don't need anything bigger.
I don't have any preference. Although, it is kind of add to the small town feel having no buildings over 35 feet.
Agree
This needs to be updated to allow better access and better balance of building to be built

Am good with it
Nobody should be told what they can and can't do on their own property within reason straight out
No thoughts
I agree with this
Perfect, no higher
None
None
No concens
I like it
It's fine, no reason to go taller
It's dumb. Literally stunting growth.
The height limit should stay in place to keep the small town character.
I think downtown is tall enough. Could maybe see a taller building at the edges of town if they are tucked in and blend
I think it's great for downtown to not block the beautiful views.
could be negotiated w industrial uses
I think we need to build more housing up, than out. The height limit needs to increase.
I like that

9.What other comments would you like to share about housing in Tenino?

Response
Try to help the 3x the rent it's out of a lot of people's reach
No more trailers. Unless it is a tiny home community for veterans or senior citizens.
Don't be like tumwater, grandmound
Keep big city planning out we are historical small town with growth limits
We need more.
Fiscal impacts of developing new housing will affect the low income community of tenino. Property taxes are already outlandish.
Expand housing
Collective Developments
Homes should be built more solid and not so close together.
No multi plexes or large condos
It's over priced
We don't allow for enough multifamily in areas where it would likely develop
There's very few options for people in their 20's
There is lots of opportunity for infill development in city limits.
I love the old housing in Tenino. I would love to see our streets cleaned up....in terms of addition of sidewalks, repaved streets etc. I would love to see our in town neighborhoods with safer walking paths that would be provided by this. Kids have no sidewalks, so biking, skateboarding, walking is done on narrow streets. As a family with children, near the downtown area, this is something I see being a necessity to facilitate safety. For kids and families, for not only school access, but other local community and activity access.
None
Needs to be more affordable and people need incentives to develop ADUs to help with multi generational housing
Not a lot of opinions. Just want to keep our community clean and our schools and rec areas a safe place to be.
We have lots of big properties with spacing between neighbors, which I love, but we need more opportunities to gather and get to know each other. Also, as our kids grow up, will they be able to buy a home in their hometown?
some houses need to remove old cars and rubble from their yards, but never have HOA
I dislike lots smaller than quarter acre. The newer developments are all house and no yard. We live in a rural community, those neighbors have less space to garden, play, plant trees that benefit wildlife,

etc.. I suggest decreasing density slightly to 4 lots per acre.

What housing is here is unattainable to most families- the cost is high to get sub par utility coverage (phone and internet) and what is available for a family with 2 kids is not realistic in its requirements. We want our schools and business to thrive but we are pushing out the newer generation of families by not offering decent high speed internet cell towers and bus service

Keep our town small, please

I don't like the ideas of apartments or shared units because I don't think we need to add to the population. I believe we should prioritize using vacant properties rather than tearing down and replacing or adding anymore housing.

The city needs to look at ways to attract builders, of the housing is built the people will come.

People should be allowed to live in RVs on their own property in city limits if it's not obstruction of peace or environment

In general, housing in Tenino is limited, mostly due to Tenino being smaller. However, there are multiple vacant or condemned houses on the Lincoln Ave side of Sussex that the city could utilize for housing.

The small town look is important.

Enforce the existing codes and make people clean up the derelict properties around town

The houses are old and poorly maintained. They lack really any curb appeal, giving a dingy apathetic impression of the town as a whole.

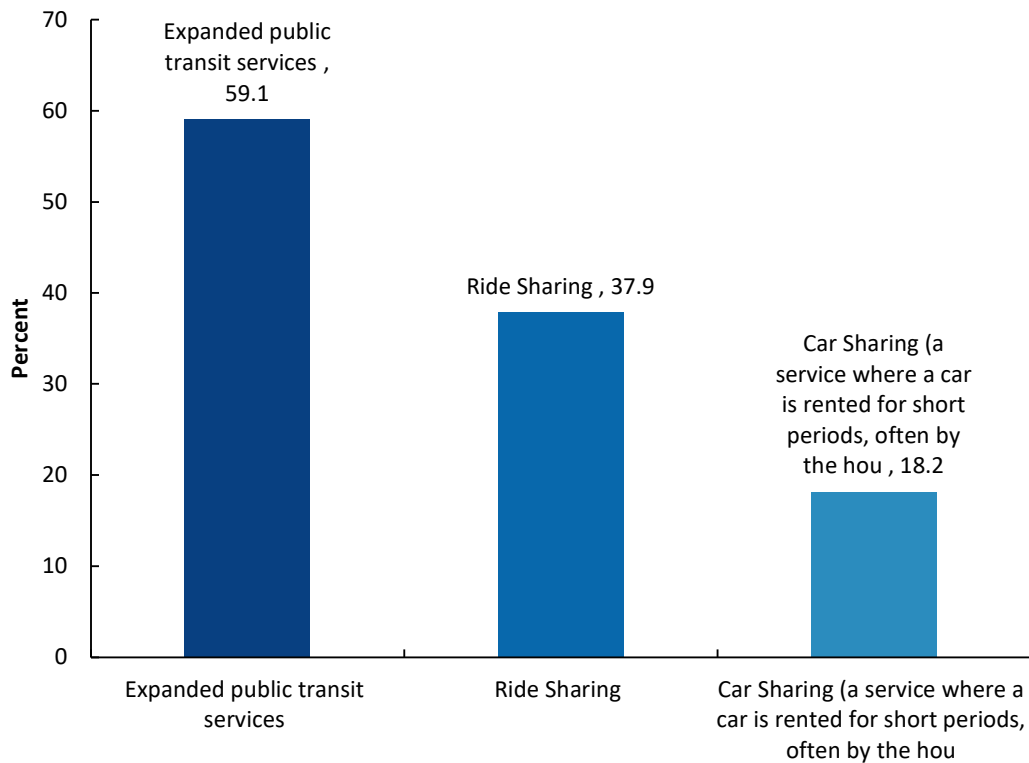
Townhouses and/or cheaply-built compact housing does not match the character of Tenino.

buildbuildbuild

10. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well does Tenino's transportation/road network meets your needs: 1: It doesn't meet my needs at all – I don't feel safe and I can't get where I want to go very easily 5: It's perfect for me - it feels safe, well-connected, and efficient

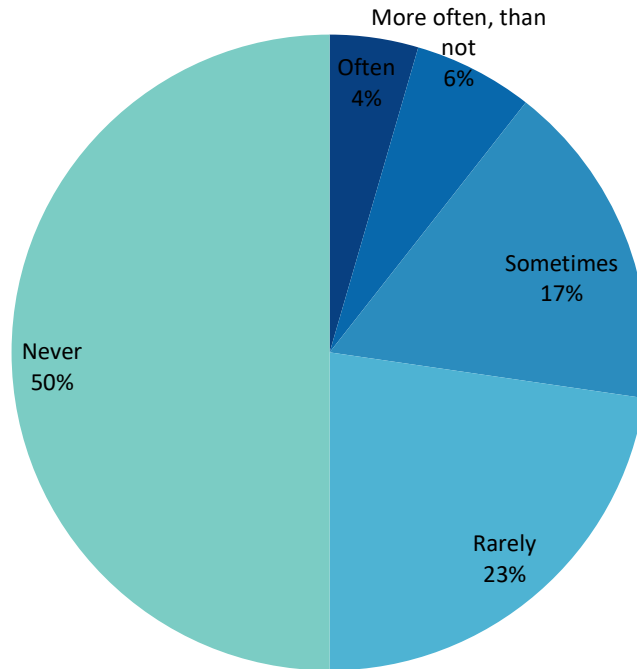
		Rating
As a Driver?	Count	66
	Not Applicable	0
As a pedestrian or bicyclist?	Count	66
	Not Applicable	0

11.If any of the following public transportation options were available, which would you use?



Value	Percent	Count
Expanded public transit services	59.1%	39
Ride Sharing	37.9%	25
Car Sharing (a service where a car is rented for short periods, often by the hour, rather than for a longer duration like a traditional rental)	18.2%	12

12.If public transit was available how frequently would you use it?



Value	Percent	Count
Often	4.5%	3
More often, than not	6.1%	4
Sometimes	16.7%	11
Rarely	22.7%	15
Never	50.0%	33
	Totals	66

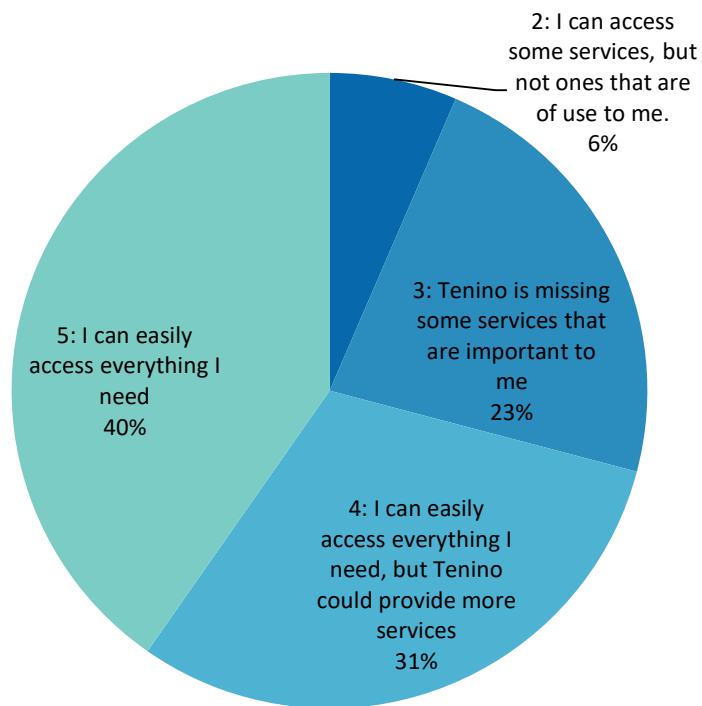
13. What do you think Tenino's transportation/road system needs? Is there anything missing?

Response
Sidewalks and roads for smooth riding for all
Better areas for crossing
Sidewalks. Oh and the trestle needs to be widened
Round about at crucial intersection. Turn lanes at Tenino Elementary School. Hard to cross the street in downtown. Traffic calming features on Park Street
I think the roads need serious help, and the school bus situation is sad
Pavement. Repairs. Maintenance.
No
Just normal road repair is always needed.
Train
Roundabouts
Police enforcement of speed limits
Actually offering public transit
No.
No
Sidewalks! And half the road missing from the corner of W 6th Ave and 507/OldHwy99
No
Potholes fixed,
I drive everywhere so I don't use public transport but I do think its important to have.
Main drag needs to be flattened so driveways are smoother. The center arc of the road is too high. Rais the speed limit back to 30. 25 means everyone drives at 15-20 now.
Collective Ride Share - Car Sharing
Covered, lighted, bus stops.
Better surfacing on existing streets
Pot holes
Connecting bike trail to rural areas
To be better maintained

No opinion
Speed bumps around the school properties particularly behind baseball fields and park entrance
Not sure
Some side streets need repaving
More sidewalks
Uber
More bike paths
No
A cross walk from the market across the main street going through Tenino. School kids and many others cross there but there is no cross walk in the area
Eastside crossing for Sussex (near the welcome sign)
Roundabouts. Traffic calming features on Park street. People go fast and don't stop for pedestrians.
Just road maintenance upkeep for pot holes. Love safe sidewalks.
Good roads
The turn from Sussex to Wichman needs to be a roundabout or light or something. That is a difficult spot. Also there are a lot of potholes that need to be addressed on side streets
More frequent busses to Olympia
no
Sidewalks! At least from marketfresh to Bowen Way before the turn.
It's great for me as a driver. Potholes suck, but the city fixes them fast. Access to public transit for youth would be great. Things to get them from rural properties to their friends and Oly life.
NA
Traffic circle at the NAPA.
Public transportation- turn lanes at intersections that do not have lights (near the store ect)
City bus service to and from Olympia
More sidewalks and crosswalks with lights to encourage drivers to slow down or stop for pedestrians
Round about 507 where 99 intersects with Sussex
A better maintenance program
Better maintenance of roads. Some are good where so many are not maintained
Less potholes

Other options beside one main artery of traffic through downtown
None
?
Idk. Maybe a roundabout
N/A
The sidewalks on the Lincoln Ave side of Sussex are terrible!
I'm happy with the layout and traffic signage. Keep the pothole filled in a timely manner to prevent bigger repairs.
Better crosswalks and driveable streets
Road maintenance, possible widening, traffic signals so you're not waiting on a gap in the constant flow of cars to make a turn or merge.
Two traffic lights. 507 & Old Hwy 99, both sides of town!
We need roundabouts by the parts store and by the grocery store. We need to fix the flooding by black bear. We need to fix the backup by the elementary school during pick up and drop off. We need more crosswalks by the park especially. Sidewalks are lacking and I think the city needs to find a way to fund them without waiting for redevelopment of the properties.
No they're just fine
build for the future
A roundabout on SR 507 instead of the Y in town. More sidewalks on side streets. More barriers between the roads and sidewalks.
I am happy with it.

14. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well are you able to access the services you need? Think about utilities, telecommunications, emergency services, schools, recreational opportunities, senior services and other public services.



Value	Percent	Count
2: I can access some services, but not ones that are of use to me.	6.5%	4
3: Tenino is missing some services that are important to me	22.6%	14
4: I can easily access everything I need, but Tenino could provide more services	30.6%	19
5: I can easily access everything I need	40.3%	25
	Totals	62

15.Are there services or facilities missing in Tenino? If so, which ones?

Response
A public restroom near downtown
Safe Walking paths.
I do go elsewhere for most healthcare. I know seniors could use more community.
arcades/youth areas bowling! :) I mean... we seriously need teriyaki
More police. As the community grows, the current arrangement will be less and less adequate.
None
Marijuana dispensary
Community Center
None
Good medical care, espresso shop (sit down), Asian food, arts and crafts opportunities, various restaurants (not more Mexican food).
No
Emergency or urgent care
We need a basketball court at the park and also tennis or pickleball.
Yes. Get more specialized medical care. A hair salon.
Internet
An auditorium for local theatre groups, productions, special screenings of movies, art exhibitions etc.
Teriyaki restaurant
Car Sharing
No, I can access everything.
No
I don't know right now
More baseball/soccer fields
A community center
None
Not sure
None

Not really
No
No
None
Music venue, affordable groceries, nursery
Senior Center. A place for youth to hang out. Could use better health care.
We have young kids and really enjoy the park and community events for their ages at this time. The music festival in the summer is fun too. Great job Tenino!
More police
N/a
Local police
well if we lose our police we won't have that
Younger kids recreational activities
Community gathering for young families, especially during rainy months and for families with 2 working parents. Gathering space for youth (arcade, ymca, etc). A coffee shop to sit and meet a friend.
food service is very limited
Overnight lodging.
Decent high speed internet Senior services or programs Reliable cell phone service Affordable grocery option Community center of some kind
Public transportation
Not that I can think of off the top of my head.
Auto Repair shop
As the city grows, I believe more food options will need to be available. This will also add opportunity for youth to get jobs locally.
Lower water/sewer bills
Youth services! A community youth center!
No comment
Not sure
?
Internet

N/A

None that I can think of

I live in unincorporated Thurston County and I would have skipped the previous question if I could have. It is my perception though that infrastructure services already available to City residents.

No

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N/a

Expansion of available services and opportunity for residents to pick better cost effective services. Also sewer is way too expensive for me.

jobs

Not that I can think of.

More recreational activities or more diverse activities.

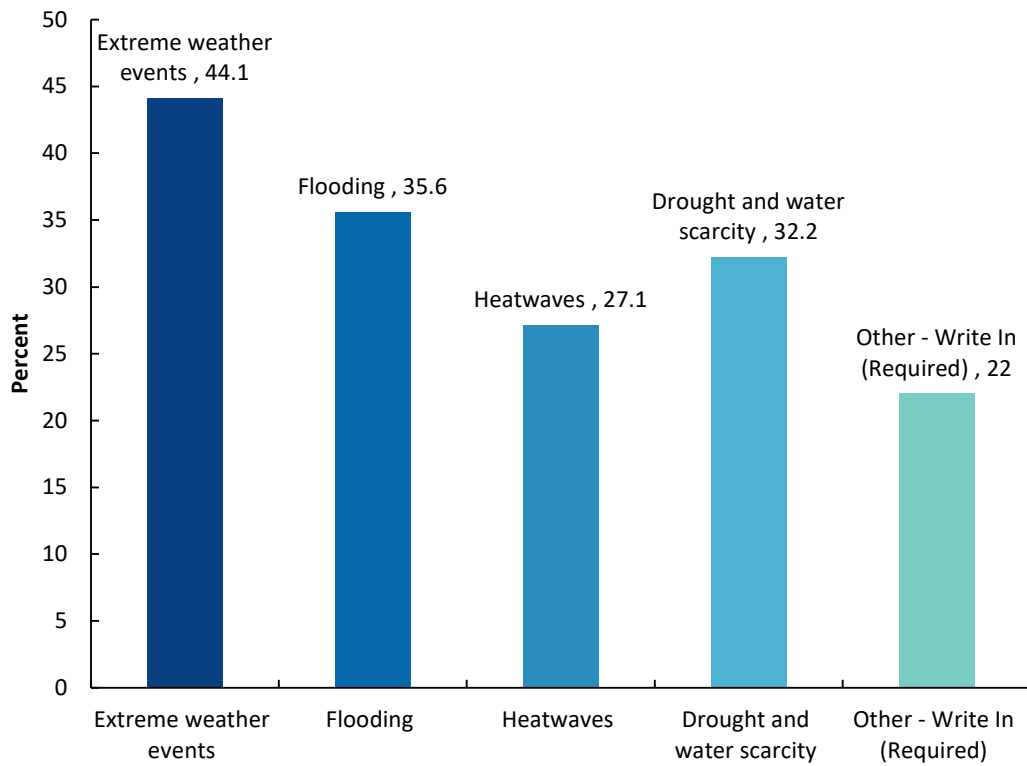
16.What other comments would you like to share about infrastructure, or public facilities and services in Tenino?

Response
Nothing
Have a way for kids to earn a day at the pool.
Places for family to stay when visiting the area.
Please keep the old town feel - love the architecture and how Sandstone and 1776 and Kodiak and Edward Jones have managed to honor it.
Public bathrooms.
None
School zone by the middle school needs work
N/A
Take care of residents here and don't be influenced by crazy growth plans of surrounding cities >>> they are a nightmare with traffic crime high density housing etc
N/A
None
None
I think maintenance does a fantastic job of keeping things working and looking nice.
None are useful to me
None
I love Tenino!
NA
Home repair collective coordinating aid and equipment
None
Only that the flow of traffic is good because there are no stop signs or traffic lights on the main road.
None
Urgent care?
The food bank needs a new building. It serves so many in our community and they need more space.
None
None

Sewage is way too expensive
Continued local Law Enforcement services need to be maintained at proper levels
Our Police Dept needs continued support
Again....better paved neighborhood streets and sidewalks
None
Teens need a place to hang out
na
None
Need to hire more police
N/a
Historical restoration
hdjd
N/a
None. I love our town and appreciate the care you all put into doing it well. Look at other cities and their development for clues. Things like growing sustainably, building cohesive neighborhoods that flow together, managing traffic, and ensuring resources are available for the population.
nothing
Staff to maintain things is a challenge as I understand it. We have a lot of resources that go underutilized as a result. Park bathrooms, the pool, campgrounds, etc. The staff we do have do so much and we appreciate them.
I love tenino however I am unable to work from home or stay in town as much as I want due to the unreliable internet (it high speed) and lack of cellular connection- I can fix the phone with WiFi but cannot work from home and have my phone on the internet reliably. These Two issues are stopping younger families from relocating to our amazing town as more and more Biden ss are offering hybrid and work from home options
Public transportation would be the only nice thing to have
N/A
NA
Not just Tenino but all surrounding areas need to do a better job on infrastructure. Especially maintaining stripping of roadways.
None
Na
No comment

None
?
None
N/A
The city is very walkable and accessible to all, except some of the sidewalks are in need of major repair. The whole town is not on the park side. Other people live on the other side of town and want to walk too.
Tenino is the best little city. Thanks for investing in the quarry pool, the holiday decor, summer flowers, and metal markers along Sussex. All this enhances our presentation and invites people to stay awhile and spend money.
None
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N/a
Expanding the sewer needs to not make it more expensive
jobs
Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into Tenino's right future.
I would like more diversity with food options and more recreational activities.

17. In your opinion, what are the most critical climate-related risks facing this community? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
Extreme weather events	44.1%	26
Flooding	35.6%	21
Heatwaves	27.1%	16
Drought and water scarcity	32.2%	19
Other - Write In (Required)	22.0%	13

Other - Write In (Required)

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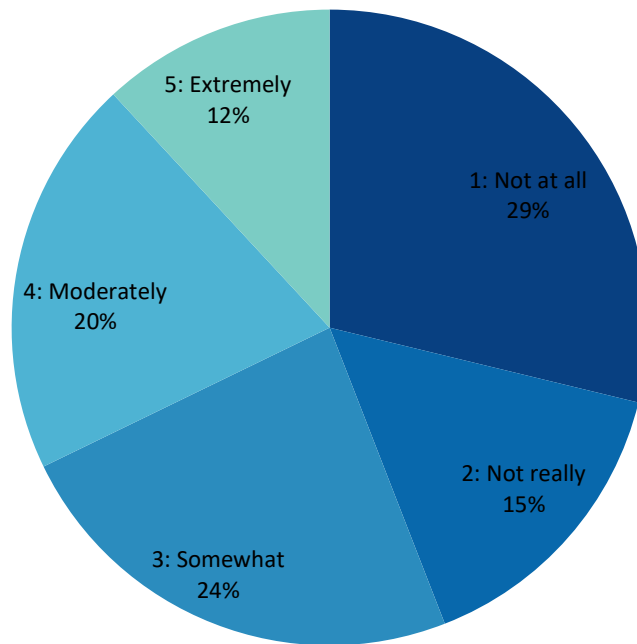
Fire

Fires

Fires

I don't believe in climate change
Loss of native plants, destabilization of soil, large evergreens falling, need to replace natural trees with those that are more drought tolerant.
None
None, really.
None. Tenino is in an extremely safe area.
Seriously?
There are none
Wild Fires
nothing climate related most likely poor management of water sources
Totals

18. On a scale of 1 to 5, how concerned are you about the potential impacts of climate change in Tenino?



Value	Percent	Count
1: Not at all	28.8%	17
2: Not really	15.3%	9
3: Somewhat	23.7%	14
4: Moderately	20.3%	12
5: Extremely	11.9%	7
	Totals	59

19. What community assets in Tenino (e.g. natural areas, buildings/landmarks, infrastructure, cultural resources, etc.) should be protected against climate impacts and/or natural disasters?

Response
All
Downtown, the pool, the depot/quarry house
All of them if possible...historic buildings (historic district and museum), forests/park, homes.
downtown should be protected against flooding
Skookumchuck Dam needs maintenance and monitoring. Flood events happen. They should be planned for.
Protect the quarry pool.
The old ones on Sussex
Downtown buildings
Can't think of any
The forested area south of the Tenino/Yelm trail, the structures in Tenino's park
Not sure
Downtown and the park when it comes to drought and the potential for wild fires.
The swimming area and historic buildings
Historic landmarks
Parks and historical buildings along with Schools. Grocery store and gas stations.
Natural Areas
The schools and the grocery store.
Protect green spaces from development
All
The quarry and the main downtown strip
Unsure
Not sure
Unsure
Historic buildings
Don't know

All
None
Water access, food access, shelter for people
Historic downtown, Museum. Homes. City Park
Historical buildings and schools
Quarry
The historic buildings/museum
All
jsns
Personal homes and schools.
Parks, homes, roads, schools, businesses.
people and their homes and property
Historic downtown. The park. My house!
The bridge needs to have the water flow fixed before it destroys the road and causes collapse of the overpass killing people
Buildings
Anything historical to the town
All
I'm all for preserving the old town look and feel but at what cost. Putting thousands of \$\$ into the face of a building to look nice as the road and curbside are falling apart doesn't make sense.
Dirt parking lot near park
Na
No comment
Not sure
Landscape from development
?
Tenino City Park/Quarry Pool area
The quarry and historical buildings
City Park, quarry pool, drinking water reservoirs/aquifer.
None, climate change is a joke

The huge bloody forests that surround us and may be vulnerable to wildfires.

N/a

I think that flooding has posed a large threat to Tenino for years and has been ignored and needs to be fixed because it will destroy our roads. Our community assets are our roads, our park, our school, and the historic downtown.

Depot museum. Quarry and house. Downtown businesses. Schools.

The historic downtown and the park and buildings there associated with the old quarry. Necessary natural resources.

20. What other comments would you like to share climate-related vulnerabilities in Tenino?

Response
None
What do we do if there is a fire like what happened in Southern California
A fire plan is important.
none
Not much.
There are none.
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N/A
It is overstated in this state more pressing problems and making state too expensive to live in
N/A
None
none
N
What about the risk of fire during dry periods.
none
Rules limiting cutting down trees. Requirements for Trees in new development
None
None
None
None
None
None
None
N/A
Don't know
Na

None
Wind is extreme - underground our utilities if possible
Hopefully we can get more water rights.
Not too concerned.
None
I am always concerned about the fire risk in the summer, and especially with fireworks on the 4th of July. I would love if the city restricted firework use in city limits.
Green power
nsndn
N/a
We need education about how to help. In California there are days we were instructed to not water our lawns. The public needs to hear often that climate change is real and, if we work together, we can live more sustainably and be better prepared for the inevitable.
none
Solar initiatives may help energy needs in heat waves. Community center with filtered air and AC may become a necessary resource in summer smoke and heat events.
Tenino needs to be aware of pre watering and trimming trees and grass to protect from Fires
None
N/A
NA
We live in a rainy climate, make it a safer drive and put down quality roadway markings.
To keep park walkways free from moss during winter so they are not slippery when walking
Na
No comment
None
?
None
N/A
None
Whether it's climate-related disasters or natural disasters like earthquakes, I heard we are working towards an emergency plan for powering the high school during city power interruption emergencies. I

think this is a good decision for supporting our city's population.

None

I would like increased forest management for the long term health and safety of the forests and the citizenry.

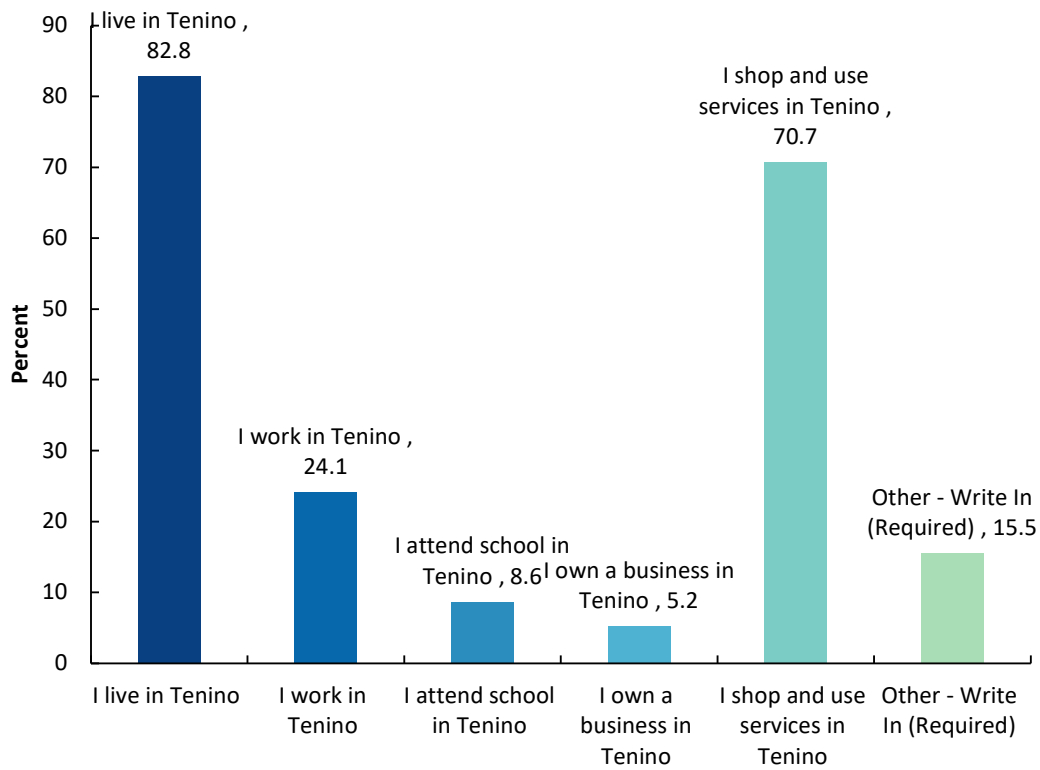
Old Hwy 99 to the west of Bucoda HWY is always flooding due to poor drainage. Even something as simple as a ditch going into Scatter Creek would be better than the way it's been for years...

Flooding needs to be fixed otherwise in a disaster we will be trapped. Every exit out of Tenino has a flooding issue. Work with the county to fix the problems outside of the city as well.

NA

None

21.What is your relationship to Tenino? (Select all that apply.)



Value	Percent	Count
I live in Tenino	82.8%	48
I work in Tenino	24.1%	14
I attend school in Tenino	8.6%	5
I own a business in Tenino	5.2%	3
I shop and use services in Tenino	70.7%	41
Other - Write In (Required)	15.5%	9

Other - Write In (Required)

Children attend Tenino schools

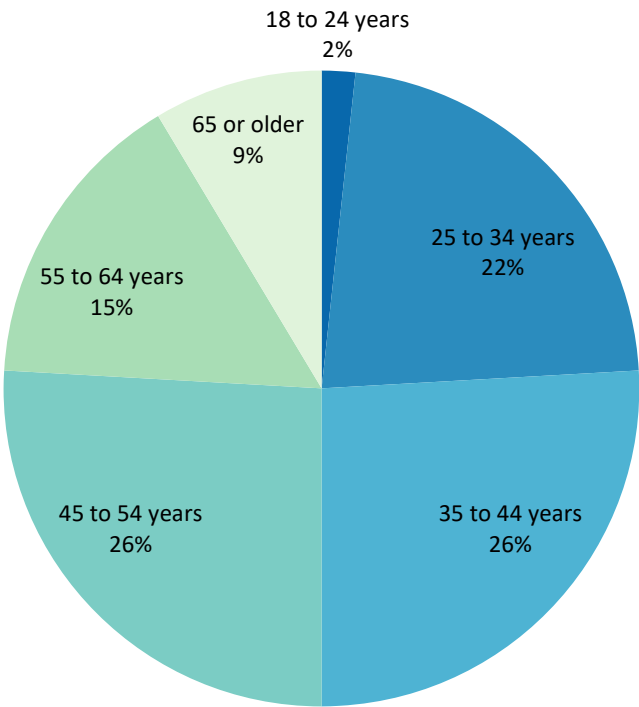
GENERATIONS of us live here

I live just outside of city limits.

I live walking distance of Tenino

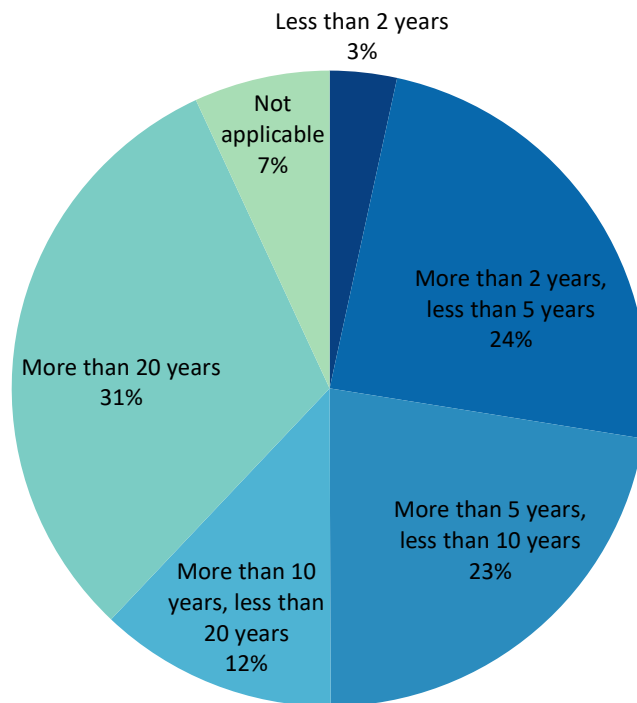
My child attends school in Tenino
My children will attend school here
My grandchildren attend school in tenino and I performed in local theatre in tenino
Past residents
attend events/volunteer
Totals

22.What is your age range?



Value	Percent	Count
18 to 24 years	1.7%	1
25 to 34 years	22.4%	13
35 to 44 years	25.9%	15
45 to 54 years	25.9%	15
55 to 64 years	15.5%	9
65 or older	8.6%	5
	Totals	58

23.How long have you lived in Tenino?



Value	Percent	Count
Less than 2 years	3.4%	2
More than 2 years, less than 5 years	24.1%	14
More than 5 years, less than 10 years	22.4%	13
More than 10 years, less than 20 years	12.1%	7
More than 20 years	31.0%	18
Not applicable	6.9%	4
	Totals	58

24. How long do you plan on staying in Tenino, and what is influencing your decision?

Response
For life; age
I will be staying in Tenino until I am taken out of my house feet first.
possibly moving soon due to political climate
The rest of my life, if we don't have to sell due to high taxes.
Although I don't currently live in city limits (I'm about 7 minutes outside) I did live in town for almost a years. I have worked in town for almost 30 years now. I plan on staying until I retire and may move back inside city limits at any time. I love Tenino for it's small town values and feel.
I plan to leave soon, nothing against tenino it's a Washington problem
Nice community
Forever
Want to move away soon. Small town mentalities don't work for me.
Forever. Love the small town community!
As long as possible. Property taxes and cost of living are making me consider other options though.
I moved away due to the schools
I don't intend to move at all. The best of rural living, beauty of nature and a great community all round me.
until i die. I have a nice place where I am at.
Forever....
I hope a long time. I own my home.
Indefinitely; proximity to job
Forever, unless property taxes force me out. My land has been in the family since 1950
Don't know. Depends on if the state taxes me out of living here.
20 years, small schools, small community, no homelessness, great neighbors
Always have a home base in tenino
Many years, bought home in 2023
Undecided
For a long time
As long as we can afford WA state (taxes are insane) We love the community feel as a family. We

enjoy a small town feel and schools for our kids while also seeing diversity in the community. Having close access to activities for family.

We just moved to bucoda last year but still use Tenino on a weekly basis

Forever - raising my babies here

forever

Never moving. EVER! Ha!

Death

Undetermined, we have no plans to move though.

Indefinitely. The area has potential

bsbsjeje

I want to stay in Tenino for the next 5 years, at least. I love the small town feel with the convenience of a grocery store and gas station. I love the opportunities for my kids to play at several play grounds and to walk on the paved trail. I consider leaving because of the reputations of the schools and the lack of housing available.

At least until I retire. I love it here. Not sure if we'll be able to afford to stay once we retire though.

depends on what the washington government does regarding property taxes and all the taxes they are trying to force on taxpayers

We may stay forever.

Rest of my life

I plan on living in Tenino the rest of my life as long as it doesn't get grow

We just purchased our home in 07/2024. We love it here and plan to be here for at least 5-7 years, if not more. Biggest influence is the quiet town, being able to walk around and explore, and the short commute to work.

20 we love it here. It's a great community

I live just outside of Tenino, just go into Tenino frequently for shops and visiting family. I will be around for sometime.

Don't know

My life

Will send our kids to school in Tenino for many years

Forever

Trying to move back but housing options are limited. Keep my kids in the schools

Forever. I bought property. I don't plan on selling it

No plans to change

I plan on staying in Tenino at least until my child graduates HS in about 10 years

To the extent of my lifetime.

Unsure

It's where I live now.

As long as the small town stays small, I'll live here.

I cannot afford a house in Tenino so I will be looking elsewhere very soon

depends on tax rates

50 years. My daughter is being raised here. I like the city and accessible services.

I would like to continue living here possibly forever! My boyfriend and I really like Tenino! Perfect small town that's nearby all amenities. Great location, safe neighborhood, love the park and walking trails, nice community events, farmers market, etc.

25.The answers you've provided will help inform Tenino's Comprehensive Plan update. Please share any other thoughts you'd like to contribute:

Response

I hope this actually helps

City has to stop being influenced by cities around us. Tenino is small rural historical town there is no reason to buy into high density housing to bring elements to town which will not be positive for current residents!

Thanks for putting this surgery together. Hoping Tenino can grow and improve.

I think the city should work on improving the downtown area as much as possible by adding mixed use development on Sussex to increase both housing available and commercial opportunities. Revitalization efforts should also focus on styling new structures (and incentivize existing structures - eg. tax reduction) to meet a general design esthetic. For instance, exterior facing stone facades and styled signage. Right now its a strange mix of structures (pole buildings, craftsman, stone, etc.) and the city lacks identity because of it. It would need be well planned to make it work. The contact info question below is missing the text entry block, but please add my email to it: Joe Stone Sr joestonesr@pm.me Thanks!

none

None

As the upgrades to the park are made including the ball fields, please consider leaving these available to be used without reservation or cost.

Nothing

Thank you so much for doing this! I hope you get a good response rate. This survey was quite long with lots of required fields. I'd recommend shorter more frequent surveys, especially those that can be run on Facebook.

none

Thank you to the Planning Commission for volunteering your time to do this work with diligence and care. You are appreciated!

Tenino is amazing but we need to continue to bring in young vibrant families in order to support our schools sports and business

Please don't allow this town to become a Yelm

I think Tenino needs to lean hard on its partner, county/state and have them help support them in grants and funding for roads and maintenance. 507 is a well used hwy and the state needs to do a better job making sure the community of Tenino is safe for travel.

Na

None

I urge the planning committee to think of the other side of town opposite the park side where the sidewalks are in dire need of repairs. The families on this side want to enjoy the town too!

Somehow as a team we all have to figure out how to fund improvements to our school buildings which are aging out. Though very important, bonds are difficult to pass. The ability to provide to our students and their families, facilities that are desirable to attend is a huge factor in attracting people to move and live here.

Please try to keep the Tenino police. With more people coming in, and more societal problems here lately, we really need them to stay in our community.

26.If you would like to be notified of future updates, please include your contact information below (optional):

27.Table

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