

City of Rolla Citizen Survey

The Rolla City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission are conducting a survey to ask citizens their views on a variety of issues related to comprehensive planning. The results will be used by the City to help plan the future of Rolla. You have been randomly selected to participate in this study. Your opinions are very important! Please take approximately 10 minutes to respond to the following questions. A postage-paid envelope is provided for your convenience.

1. Counting yourself, how many people regularly live in your household? _____

2. How many (counting yourself), are?

Under age 5 _____	Ages 20-24 _____	Ages 55-64 _____
Ages 5-9 _____	Ages 25-34 _____	Ages 65-74 _____
Ages 10-14 _____	Ages 35-44 _____	Ages 75+ _____
Ages 15-19 _____	Ages 45-54 _____	

3. Approximately how many years have you lived in Rolla? _____

4. Please rate each of the following using a scale from "1" to "5" where "5" is "Very Good" and "1" is "Very Poor." (PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR ANSWERS).

Very	Poor	Neither	Good	Very
<u>Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Nor</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Good</u>

General appearance of your neighborhood..... 1.....2.....3.....4.....5
 General appearance of commercial areas 1.....2.....3.....4.....5
 General appearance of public buildings/spaces.... 1.....2.....3.....4.....5

Overall condition of City streets..... 1.....2.....3.....4.....5
 Overall enforcement of maintenance codes..... 1.....2.....3.....4.....5

Overall appearance of City parks..... 1.....2.....3.....4.....5
 Access to City parks and open space 1.....2.....3.....4.....5

Condition of sidewalks 1.....2.....3.....4.....5
 Overall enforcement of zoning laws 1.....2.....3.....4.....5

Overall flow of traffic and congestion 1.....2.....3.....4.....5
 management

Living In Rolla

5. Do you own or rent your current residence?
 ___(1) Own ___(2) Rent

6. How many persons in your household work in Rolla? _____

7. How many persons in your household work at least 20 hours per week? _____ persons

8. Several reasons people use in deciding where to live are listed below. On a scale from "1" to "5" where "5" is "Very Important" and "1" is "Very Unimportant," how important was each reason in your decision to live in Rolla? (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH REASON LISTED).

	<u>Very</u> <u>Unimportant</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>Unimportant</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>Sure</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>Important</u>	<u>Very</u> <u>Important</u>
(A) Sense of community.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(B) Quality of life.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(C) Quality of public schools.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(D) Low crime rate.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(E) Employment opportunities in Rolla.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(F) Close to jobs in other cities.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(G) Access to highways.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(H) Affordability of housing.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(I) Quality of housing.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(J) Retirement.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(K) Overall cost of living is low.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(L) Number of parks & trails.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(M) Access to quality shopping.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(N) Affordable shopping/merchandise.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(O) Near Fort Leonard Wood.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5

9. What are the THREE MAJOR REASONS that you would stay in Rolla for the next 10 years? Using the letters from the above list, write in the letters below

1st
preference
2nd
preference
3rd
preference

10. The City needs your input on guidelines as growth continues in the City. For each of the following statements about neighborhood, indicate your level of agreement or disagreement.

	<u>Strongly</u> <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Neither</u> <u>Agree or</u> <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Strongly</u> <u>Agree</u>				
Design guidelines & zoning controls are necessary for quality residential neighborhoods to prevent commercial encroachment.	SD	D	N	A	SA

I prefer to live in a neighborhood with persons my own age and economic level rather than in a neighborhood with a range of ages & income	SD	D	N	A	SA
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I would like to be able to walk or bike to a neighborhood center with services such as a bakery, café, grocery store.	SD	D	N	A	SA
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Residential subdivisions offer a variety of housing choices with respect to price SD D N A SA

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither Agree or Disagree Agree Strongly Agree

Existing trees, other vegetation and terrain should be considered when situating streets & buildings on a site SD D N A SA

I prefer to live in a neighborhood where homes are similar in price and style rather than in a neighborhood with a variety of prices and styles SD D N A SA

I prefer to live in a neighborhood with houses set closer to the curb and with garages that are not prominent in the front of houses SD D N A SA

As Rolla's has increased, the quality of life has steadily improved SD D N A SA

11. Think about the new single-family residential developments in Rolla. Using a scale from "1" to "5" where "5" is "Strongly Like" and "1" is "Strongly Dislike," rate the following features.

Strongly Dislike Dislike Neither Like or Dislike Like Strongly Like

Appearance of housing units 1 2 3 4 5

Mixture of types of units and style 1 2 3 4 5

Cost of units (within your expected price range) 1 2 3 4 5

Locations of the subdivisions 1 2 3 4 5

Spacing between houses 1 2 3 4 5

Types of amenities (e.g., trails, parks) 1 2 3 4 5

Number of through streets 1 2 3 4 5

Width of streets 1 2 3 4 5

Amount of on-street parking in my neighborhood 1 2 3 4 5

Sidewalks in area 1 2 3 4 5

Number of cul-de-sacs 1 2 3 4 5

12. Assuming you buy another home within the next five years, what price range would it be? [Even if you do not plan to do so, please indicate the most likely price]

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| ___ (1) Under \$ 80,000 | ___ (5) \$200,000 to \$249,999 |
| ___ (2) \$80,000 to \$99,999 | ___ (6) \$250,000 to \$299,999 |
| ___ (3) \$100,000 to \$149,999 | ___ (7) \$300,000 to \$499,999 |
| ___ (4) \$150,000 to \$199,999 | ___ (8) \$500,000 or more |

13. Compared to your current house, will this house be

- ___ (1) Less expensive than your current house
- ___ (2) About the same as current home
- ___ (3) More expensive than current home

14. What size lot would you prefer for your new home?

- (1) 1/5 acre (5 lots to an acre)
- (2) 1/3 acre (3 lots to an acre)
- (3) 1/2 acre (2 lots to an acre)
- (4) one acre
- (5) 2 acres or more

15. If you were looking for another home, how close would you want that home to the following businesses.

	<u>Walking Distance</u>	<u>1/4 - 3/4 miles</u>	<u>3/4 - 2 miles</u>	<u>2 - 5 miles</u>	<u>More than 5 miles</u>
Restaurant (not fast food)	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....
Fast foot restaurant	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....
Grocery store	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....
Drug store	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....
Hairstylist/barber	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....
Daycare center	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....
Neighborhood center	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....
Gasoline station (4 pumps or less).....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....

16. Suppose a park or similar place for outdoor recreation were within walking distance of a housing area that you were interested in. How interested would you be in buying a home in such an area under the following conditions?

	<u>Very Interested</u>	<u>Somewhat Interested</u>	<u>Not Interested</u>
Lot was smaller than in another area without park.....	1	2	3
Lot was more expensive than in area without park.....	1	2	3

17. For each of the following statements, indicate your level of agreement or disagreement. (CIRCLE YOUR RESPONSES).

	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Neither Agree or Disagree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
New commercial areas should have higher design and appearance than existing commercial areas ..	SD	D	N	A	SA
The commercial areas/entryways in Rolla look better than 5 years ago	SD	D	N	A	SA
Rolla should focus on attracting large retail businesses.....	SD	D	N	A	SA
There is enough open space (either public parks or private open space) in developed parts of Rolla ..	SD	D	N	A	SA
The City of Rolla needs more commercial and industrial businesses.....	SD	D	N	A	SA
Rolla is too spread out and it takes too long to get places.....	SD	D	N	A	SA
Rolla is on the "right course" with respect to how it is handling growth	SD	D	N	A	SA

Shopping

18. Think about commercial areas in Rolla. Using a 5-point scale, where "5" means Like very much and "1" means Dislike very much, rate the following features. Please give a rating for each feature.

	Dislike Very Much	Dislike	Neither Like Nor Dislike	Like	Like Very Much	Don't Know
Layout of buildings.....	1	2	3	4	5	9
Building materials (brick & masonry).....	1	2	3	4	5	9
Architectural features (design).....	1	2	3	4	5	9
Landscaping.....	1	2	3	4	5	9
Traffic circulation within the site.....	1	2	3	4	5	9
Walkability of area.....	1	2	3	4	5	9

19. Where do you go to buy the following products?

	Usually Buy in Rolla	Sometimes Buy in Rolla	Usually Buy Outside Rolla	Don't Buy Item
Groceries/household goods	Usually Rolla.....	Sometimes Rolla.....	Outside.....	Don't Buy
Restaurants.....	Usually Rolla.....	Sometimes Rolla.....	Outside.....	Don't Buy
Clothing.....	Usually Rolla.....	Sometimes Rolla.....	Outside.....	Don't Buy
Books/music.....	Usually Rolla.....	Sometimes Rolla.....	Outside.....	Don't Buy
Sporting Goods	Usually Rolla.....	Sometimes Rolla.....	Outside.....	Don't Buy
Furniture.....	Usually Rolla.....	Sometimes Rolla.....	Outside.....	Don't Buy
Appliances/electronics	Usually Rolla.....	Sometimes Rolla.....	Outside.....	Don't Buy

20. Using a 5-point scale, where "5" means strongly agree and "1" means strongly disagree, how much do you agree that the City of Olathe should pursue the following development activities? (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ACTIVITY LISTED).

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree Nor Disagree	Neither Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
Provide incentives for neighborhood restoration and upkeep.....	1	2	3	4	5	DK
Should increase multi-family (apartments) housing developments.....	1	2	3	4	5	DK
Attract more restaurants (not fast food).....	1	2	3	4	5	DK
Attract "upscale" retail.....	1	2	3	4	5	DK

Provide incentives

For commercial development.....	1	2	3	4	5	DK
For industrial development	1	2	3	4	5	DK

21. Do you think that Rolla should have a pro-growth, directed growth or no growth position?

- (1) Pro-growth (growth is strongly encouraged with minimal regulation)
- (2) Directed growth (growth encouraged with regulatory oversight)
- (3) Growth discouraged.

22. Using a 5-point scale, where "5" means strongly agree and "1" means strongly disagree, how much do you agree that the City of Rolla should pursue the following development activities? (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ACTIVITY LISTED).

Vehicular congestion is an important issue in Rolla, particularly along U.S. Highway 63, at the intersection of 63 with Kingshighway, and at the intersection of State Highway 72 and U.S. 63. Rolla should:

			Neither	
Strongly			Agree or	Strongly
<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
			<u>Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>

Extending Highway 72 to link with I-44 should be a priority.

Extending Lions Club Drive beyond 72 to link with I-44 at Highway V interchange should be a long-term priority.

			Neither	
Strongly			Agree or	Strongly
<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
			<u>Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>

Housing density should be increased for more compact development.

Rolla should guide growth to the south and east.

Rolla should invest more resources in improving older areas.

Rolla should keep new development from occurring in environmentally sensitive areas, such as flood plains.

A third fire station should be built to serve south Rolla over the next 10 years.

A recreation or gymnasium facility should be constructed to serve south Rolla, perhaps collocated with a new elementary school.

A new public library should be built.

A new senior center should be developed.

A new south side elementary school should be constructed.

Additional competition-grade baseball, adult and youth softball fields, and soccer field should be added to Ber Juan Park.

RMU should improve the reliability of electric service by constructing a new bulk station in Rolla.

More parkland should be provided to enhance, guide and link growth.

23. What factors might cause you to LEAVE Rolla/Phelps County? (check all that apply)

- (00) None of these: don't plan to leave the region
- (01) Desire for change in living environment
- (02) Lack of health care and medical services
- (03) Disparity between wages and cost of living
- (04) Lack of professional opportunities
- (05) Desire to relocate near family/friends
- (06) Growth and change in the region
- (07) Climate and elevation
- (08) Lack of adequate employment
- (09) Return to school
- (10) Lack of adequate housing
- (11) Too expensive to live here
- (12) Loss of job
- (13) Traffic congestion
- (14) Lack of entertainment, cultural and/or shopping opportunities
- (15) Government regulations and/or high taxes
- (99) Other _____