

# TOWN OF HANSON CITIZEN SURVEY

2022

**As part of our continuing efforts to make Hanson a great place to live, we need input from our citizens. Please take this brief survey. Your answers will be completely confidential.**

## 1 To start, what age range best describes you?

Please check one



- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18-25
- ☐ 26-40
- ☐ 41-55
- ☐ 56-65
- ☐ 66-70
- ☐ 71 and up
- ☐ Prefer not to say

## 2 Which of the following best describes your relationship with the Hanson?

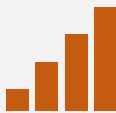


Check all that apply

- ☐ Own a home in Hanson
- ☐ Rent a home or property in Hanson
- ☐ Work in Hanson
- ☐ Have children who have previously attended Whitman-Hanson schools
- ☐ Have children currently enrolled in Whitman-Hanson schools
- ☐ Volunteer in Hanson
- ☐ Live with family or friends in Hanson

## 3 How many years have you lived in Hanson?

Select one



- ☐ Fewer than 5
- ☐ 5-10 years
- ☐ 11-20 years
- ☐ 21-30 years
- ☐ 31-50 years
- ☐ More than 50 years

## 4 What are the three most important issues current facing Hanson?

Please select only 3



- ☐ Roads/transportation and upkeep
- ☐ Business and economic development
- ☐ Schools/education
- ☐ Public safety (police and fire)
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Town services (offices and programs, etc.)
- ☐ Parks and recreation
- ☐ Environmental issues
- ☐ Property tax rates
- ☐ Fees and licenses
- ☐ Land use/open space issues
- ☐ Opioid misuse and other substance abuse
- ☐ Capital planning (towns, buildings, vehicles, etc.)
- ☐ Wages of town employees
- ☐ Senior services
- ☐ Water quality
- ☐ Cellphone connectivity
- ☐ High-speed internet
- ☐ Waste management
- ☐ Crime
- ☐ Other

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5 If you had to choose, which of the following strategies would you like the Town to adopt to increase revenues (funds coming in)?



Check only one

- ☐ Increase property taxes
- ☐ Increase excise taxes
- ☐ Increase the cost of license, fees, etc.
- ☐ Grow tax base through new economic development
- ☐ No opinion

6 Of the following Town offices, which one do you interact with the most frequency?



Check only one

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assessors Office                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Department                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Select Board/Town Administrator        | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Accountant                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Clerk                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission                | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Collector                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council on Elder Affairs/Senior Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Health                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Department                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highway Department                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitman-Hanson Regional Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Treasurer                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Department                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Administrator's Office     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Department                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Select Board                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police Department                      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above               |

7 How would you rate the quality of life in Hanson on a scale of 1-5, from "very poor" to "very good"?



Circle one

- 1 Very poor
- 2 Poor
- 3 Average
- 4 Good
- 5 Very Good

8 How would you rate the Town's communication and engagement with the public?



Circle one

- 1 Very poor
- 2 Poor
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9 How would you rate Hanson as place to raise a family?



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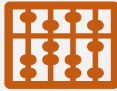
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10 How would you rate Hanson as place to retire?



- Circle one
- 1 Very poor
  - 2 Poor
  - 3 Average
  - 4 Good
  - 5 Very Good

11 How would you rate Hanson as a place to own a business?



- Circle one
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  - 2 Poor
  - 3 Average
  - 4 Good
  - 5 Very Good

12 What is one type of business that you think is missing in Hanson?




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13 Do you think there is an adequate supply of housing in Hanson?



Check one

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

14 What specific type of housing is missing?



Check one

- ☐ Single-family homes
- ☐ Rental housing
- ☐ Multi-family complexes of two stories, with fewer than 20 units
- ☐ Larger multi-family complexes of two stories with more than 20 units
- ☐ Senior/age-restricted housing
- ☐ Affordable housing
- ☐ Accessory dwelling units
- ☐ Other

15 Do you attend Town Meeting?



Check one

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

16 What would make it more likely for you to attend Town Meeting?



Check one

- ☐ Hold Town Meeting earlier in the evening (before 7:30 pm)
- ☐ Hold it on a different weekday
- ☐ Better communication about what is being discussed/decided
- ☐ Other

17 How would you rate the maintenance of the town's community parks and open spaces?



- Circle one
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  - 2 Poor
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18 How would you rate the opportunities to participate in Town government?



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19 How do you get your information about town boards and committees?



- Check one
- |                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Newspaper         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Town website      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Social media      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cable television  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Friends/neighbors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other             |

How would you rate the information available to you regarding Hanson's various Boards and Commissions?

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Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

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**Thank you for your valuable input!**