

LATHROP 2005 COMMUNITY OPINION/NEEDS SURVEY

General Information

1. How long have you lived in each of the following:

	City of Lathrop	Clinton County
Less than one yr.	_____	_____
1-5 yrs.	_____	_____
6-10 yrs.	_____	_____
11-15 yrs.	_____	_____
16+ yrs.	_____	_____

2. Why did you decide to live in Lathrop? Check those that apply.

- _____ Small town atmosphere
_____ Price of land/housing
_____ Work in Lathrop
_____ Close to employment in Kansas City/Liberty
_____ Quality of schools
_____ Grew up in Lathrop
_____ Other (please list) _____

3. Of the above, which was the most important? _____

4. In which category is the head of the household employed?

- _____ Management/professional
_____ Sales
_____ Skilled labor
_____ Unskilled labor
_____ Self-employed

5. If adult members of the household are employed, in which city do they work?

- _____ Lathrop
_____ Liberty/Kansas City
_____ Other (please list) _____
- _____ Cameron
_____ St. Joseph

Population and Housing

6. Would you like to see the population of Lathrop grow:

- _____ At present rate
_____ At a faster rate
- _____ At slower rate
_____ Not at all

7. If Lathrop is to grow, what type of housing is needed? Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single family-ownership | <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single family-rentals | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile homes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duplexes | <input type="checkbox"/> Apartments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) _____ | |

Retail Services and Facilities

8. Where do you usually buy the following items/services?

	Lathrop	KC/Liberty	St. Joseph	Other	Never Buy
Feed/farm supplies	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hardware	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Prescription drugs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Appliances	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Clothing	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Furniture	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Automobiles	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Gas/oil	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Building supplies	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Groceries	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Insurance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Restaurants	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Gifts/crafts	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Entertainment	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Florists	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

9. If you generally make most of your purchases outside of Lathrop, what are your reasons? Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> More competitive price | <input type="checkbox"/> Availability of service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Better selection | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) _____ | |

10. What types of retail business do you feel are most needed in Lathrop? Please list the top three needs.

11. Where do you feel new retail business should locate within the community?

Along Hwy. 116 Along Hwy. 33
 In the downtown
 Other (please list) _____

12. Do you think the old downtown area should be revitalized through:

	Yes	No	No opinion
Road/sidewalk improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beautification/landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refurbishing old buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (list) _____			

Economic Development

13. Would you like Lathrop to attract new industry? Yes No

14. What incentives would you be willing for Lathrop to use to attract industry to the community? Check those that apply.

No incentives
 Reduction in property taxes for a limited period
 Reduced utility rates for a limited period
 Community financed job training
 Public financed construction of speculative industrial building
 City development of an industrial park site

15. Would you be willing to increase your taxes to attract industry and other firms to Lathrop?

Yes No No opinion

16. Would you be willing to change Lathrop's small town image to promote new industry and business?

Yes No No opinion

Recreation

17. Do you feel that there are an adequate variety of organized recreational programs?

Yes No No opinion

18. If not, what types of recreational facilities are needed? Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle paths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community swimming pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional playground equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional shelter houses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding park | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking paths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) _____ | |

19. Would you be willing to increase your taxes to support additional recreational facilities in Lathrop?

Yes No No opinion

Government and Community Services

20. Rate how you feel about the following community services.

	Strongly satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Strongly dissatisfied
Police protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street lights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sewer services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trash services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cable TV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recycling services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (list)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. Do you think the city of Lathrop should provide other services?

Yes If so, please list _____

No

No opinion

22. Do you think Lathrop should annex property to its present city limits if requested to do so by property owners?

_____ Yes _____ No _____ No opinion

23. Do you think Lathrop should annex property to its present city limits if it was necessary to recruit a business even if property owners were not in favor of the annexation?

_____ Yes _____ No _____ No opinion

24. Rate how you feel about the following community services.

	Strongly satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Strongly dissatisfied
Pre-school	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Elementary school	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jr. High school	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
High school	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

25. Would you be willing to serve on a community-based board, such as the Park Board or the Planning and Zoning Commission?

_____ Yes _____ No

26. Do you think Lathrop should annex property to its present city limits if it was necessary to recruit a business even if property owners were not in favor of the annexation?

_____ Yes _____ No _____ No opinion

27. Would you be willing to pay additional taxes or user fees to finance any of the following community improvements?

	Yes	No	No opinion
Public library	_____	_____	_____
Construction of a new city hall	_____	_____	_____
Community swimming pool	_____	_____	_____
Community recreation center	_____	_____	_____
Sidewalks	_____	_____	_____
Improvements to water system	_____	_____	_____
Improvements to wastewater system	_____	_____	_____
Downtown revitalization	_____	_____	_____
Community beautification	_____	_____	_____
Additional recreation services/facilities	_____	_____	_____

28. If tax increase are needed to finance municipal improvements, what method of finance to you prefer?

_____	Sales tax	_____	Property tax
_____	User fees	_____	Special assessment

29. What do you feel are the three (3) best qualities of Lathrop?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

30. What do you feel are the three (3) most serious issues facing Lathrop that should be addressed by city government?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Additional Comments: