

Town of Tainter Citizen Opinion Survey Summary

457 surveys returned

Please check:		Yes	No	No Answer					
1. Are you a year-round resident of the Town of Tainter?		363	83	11					
2. Are you a seasonal/vacation resident of Tainter?		56	333	68					
3. Do you rent?		13	384	60					
4. Do you own your property?		432	10	15					
5. What attracted you to the Town of Tainter? (Check all that apply.)									
65	grew up in town	107	proximity to urban areas	34	inexpensive housing and land				
123	proximity to work	138	safe community	85	schools				
146	recreation opportunities	109	availability of land	294	quietness and scenic beauty				
252	rural environment	109	friendly people	236	Lake Tainter				
6. Household occupation/work status? (Check all that apply.)									
Occupation:		179	Full-time	32	Part-time	246	No Answer		
43	farming	66	education	36	production	9	student		
33	sales	45	trades	148	retired	6	unemployed		
59	management	27	government	59	homemaker	79	other		
7. Use the following scale to indicate how you feel the Town of Tainter should treat different types of development?					a. do not allow	b. allow under strict regulation	c. encourage	d. no regulations	Didn't know or No answer
residential development on less than ½ acre lots throughout the town					255	119	21	28	34
residential/development on more than ½ acre but less than 1 acre					130	191	62	36	38
residential development on 1 to 5-acre lots throughout the town					45	180	146	52	34
clustered residential development with dedicated open space					154	147	87	25	44
mobile home parks					338	79	5	14	21
apartments					226	158	23	15	35
duplexes					124	242	33	23	35
condominiums					163	203	34	20	37
sewered subdivisions					84	181	125	16	51
unsewered subdivisions					230	135	16	19	57
tourism/recreation (golf, motel, water park, etc.)					146	167	90	20	34
large-scale animal agriculture operations					280	107	23	22	25
retail/commercial					124	222	59	19	33
light manufacturing					159	197	55	17	29
heavy manufacturing					313	77	26	11	30
development on prime agricultural land					249	126	30	17	35
waterfront development					107	267	43	13	27
gravel pits/quarries					197	203	13	23	21
8. Ages of household members? (Enter number of individuals in each group.)									
49	0-5	70	19-29	213	50-59				
79	6-13	90	30-39	156	60-69				
59	14-18	201	40-49	99	70+				
9. Which best describes your property?									
30	small hobby farm	110	rural residential	8	business/commercial				
46	residence in subdivision	237	lakeshore property	36	working farm				
12. Enter the letter of the square on the map where your residence is located. If you do not live in the Town of Tainter, check the square where most of your property is located?									
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	No answer
18	28	10	71	140	21	111	13	12	33
13. How many acres of land do you own in the Town of Tainter?									
Average land owned is 22.30 per resident									
14. Do you anticipate subdividing or selling your land in the Town of Tainter for development within the next 5 years?					Yes	No	Didn't know or No answer		
					27	411	19		

15. If you answered yes to #14, check the statements that best describe your plans:								
9	subdivide all for residential use	0	subdivide part for commercial/industrial use					
10	subdivide part for residential use	3	sell to someone else for development					
1	subdivide all for commercial/industrial use	12	not sure or no answer					
16. How would you rate the following local government services?				a. excellent	b. good	c. fair	d. poor	Didn't know or No answer
road repair				48	233	119	29	28
snow plowing				96	225	65	45	26
law enforcement (served by Dunn County)				54	277	69	14	43
fire services (contract by Colfax and Menomonie)				62	273	53	8	61
emergency medical services (EMS) (contract by Colfax and Menomonie)				68	270	48	5	66
roadside weed cutting				29	219	120	61	28
garbage/recycling				51	154	59	44	49
library services				61	207	46	41	102
elected officials				22	220	111	24	80
organized recreation programs for adults				8	96	121	92	140
organized recreation programs for youth				8	91	113	101	144
local taxes and spending				2	73	201	130	51
information on issues and programs				5	109	188	85	70
17. During the past 5 years, do you feel that the population of the Town of Tainter has grown?				too fast	just right	too slow	Didn't know or No answer	
				182	197	2	76	
18. What is your opinion of the following subjects:				not a problem	problem	serious problem	Didn't know or No answer	
road system				318	94	12	33	
traffic				301	99	25	32	
economic development				275	85	19	78	
shopping for goods and services				318	71	22	46	
amount of crime				344	54	10	49	
surface water quality				100	102	216	39	
groundwater quality				208	133	72	44	
housing availability				351	49	3	54	
domestic animal/pet control/regulation				291	94	34	38	
junk cars and machinery				213	144	53	47	
wildlife and wildlife habitat protection				313	72	26	46	
wildlife damage				306	70	30	51	
19. Currently the Town of Tainter does not have a plan which sets out community goals and ideal strategies to guide growth and development. Such a plan is advisory and does not have enforcement powers. Do you think the town should develop such a plan?				Yes	No	Don't Know	No Answer	
				307	47	90	13	
20. Currently the Town of Tainter does not have land use ordinances regulating the use and development of land. Do you think the town should enact such ordinances?				Yes	No	Don't Know	No Answer	
				332	58	54	13	
21. What role should elected officials of Tainter play in land use?								
202	advisory	139	approval					
179	regulatory	111	educational	39	no role			

22. Please check one box per statement.	a. strongly disagree	b. disagree	c. agree	d. strongly agree	Didn't know or No answer
We need to preserve farms and farmland for agricultural purposes.	30	51	206	153	17
A landowner or farmer should have the right to sell his or her farmland for purposes other than farming.	25	48	262	66	56
There should be a limit as to how big a farm can get in land or animal units.	41	81	185	127	23
Corporate farms should not be encouraged to buy land in Tainter.	31	57	143	205	21
More single family housing is needed in Tainter.	38	165	158	51	45
Tainter should dictate the minimum size of a lot for rural housing.	37	58	210	131	21
What kind of housing development should be allowed in Tainter?	a. strongly disagree	b. disagree	c. agree	d. strongly agree	Didn't know or No answer
a. single family homes	10	10	246	169	22
b. cluster housing	101	149	118	33	56
c. subdivisions	98	95	174	36	54
d. duplex homes	77	115	190	26	49
e. apartments	151	146	85	24	51
Please check one box per statement.	a. strongly disagree	b. disagree	c. agree	d. strongly agree	Didn't know or No answer
23. Land use regulation governing development in Tainter should be more restrictive.	29	64	213	117	34
24. Land use policies and regulations should emphasize preserving the rural and agriculture character of Tainter.	19	38	213	149	38
25. There is a problem with contamination of groundwater in Tainter.	19	115	136	103	84
26. There is a problem with pollution of rivers and streams in Tainter.	6	22	118	285	26
27. Trees and open spaces are more important to me than neighboring houses.	10	25	186	198	38
28. Too much emphasis is placed on the environment and natural resources as these two topics relate to the growth of Tainter.	197	158	45	21	36
29. It is important to preserve woodlands and environmentally sensitive areas in Tainter.	12	19	156	243	27
30. More parks, recreational areas and open areas are needed in Tainter and I would pay more taxes to expand public lands.	153	155	77	43	29