

# Independence 2030: A Comprehensive Plan Housing Survey

**Independence 2030: A Comprehensive Plan** is a 20-year plan intended to guide the future development of Independence in a direction desired by the community. The Plan will focus on future land use, transportation, parks and open space, historic preservation and economic development. It will be completed over a span of two years focusing on small segments of the plan at a time.

The City of Independence is currently working on the economic development and housing portions of the Plan. Housing is vital to improve the quality of life and well-being of the City and its residents. The City has a vested interest in promoting the preservation, rehabilitation and investment in our housing stock and neighborhoods as well as the creation and maintenance of an adequate supply of sound, affordable housing throughout the community.

One aspect of developing the Comprehensive Plan is the public participation process. Your input will help city officials gain an understanding of the values and priorities of citizens. Please help us create a better Independence by taking the Housing survey below.

Your responses will be kept entirely confidential unless you choose to identify yourself as the respondent.

This questionnaire is also available on-line at: [www.indepmo.org/cpsurveypublic](http://www.indepmo.org/cpsurveypublic)

1) What types of housing would you like to see in Independence? Please rank your top four preferences from 1 (most preferred) to 4 (fourth most preferred)

- Single-family homes on smaller lots with surrounding areas left undisturbed;
- Single-family homes on lots of one or more acres;
- Multi-family homes (duplexes & apartments);
- Town-homes & Condominiums (owner-occupied);
- Mixed-use development (ground floor commercial with remaining floors residential);
- Age-restricted active adult communities;
- Assisted living facilities;
- Neighborhoods with a combination of housing sizes, types and prices;
- Government programs to improve existing housing;
- Infill development in existing neighborhoods

2) What are the five most DESIRABLE characteristics or amenities of a neighborhood? Please rank them 1(highest); 2 (next highest) and 3 (third highest).

- Historic character
- Good schools
- Scenic Beauty
- Convenient access to goods/services/shopping
- Well-kept appearance
- Sidewalks
- No sidewalks
- Convenient access to parks, trails and open space
- High construction quality and design standards
- Same general density (homes per acre) as surrounding neighborhood
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

3) What are the three most important housing PROBLEMS in Independence? Please rank them 1 (most important) to 3 (third most important)

- Too much rental housing
- Need for better property maintenance enforcement
- Not enough housing for senior citizens
- Not enough affordable housing (government subsidized)
- Too much affordable housing (government subsidized)
- Not enough moderately priced housing
- Not enough housing for larger families
- Too many foreclosed or abandoned houses
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

4) How long have you lived in Independence? (CIRCLE ONE)

- I do not live in Independence
- Less than one year
- 1-5 years
- 5-10 years
- More than 10 years

5) If you live in Independence, please tell us where you live. (CIRCLE ONE) (See map of Independence below)

- Northwest
- Southwest
- Northeast
- Southeast

Return completed questionnaire by June 21, 2010 to Independence City Hall, the Sermon Center, Palmer Center, Fairmount Community Center, Mid-Continent Libraries, Mid-West Genealogy Library, and Kansas City Public Library (Trails West Branch) or mail to: Community Development Dept., City of Independence, 111 E. Maple Ave., Independence, MO 64050.

Thank you for participating in the questionnaire on Housing for  
*Independence 2030: A Comprehensive Plan*

Please provide any comments below:

