

FAIRHAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to include the fullest range of opinions and views about the direction and goals for the future of our Fairhaven neighborhood, your participation in this survey is important. The greater the participation, the more democratic the outcome will be. This survey is being sent to 600 addresses. Your responses will be anonymous. Please answer each question as best you can, and return your responses to Fairhaven Neighbors association in the enclosed stamped envelope. The survey will be used to guide the neighborhood and the City of Bellingham's Planning Department as we work together towards updating our local neighborhood and land use laws. Thank you.

– Fairhaven Neighbors

PLEASE RETURN THE SURVEY BEFORE MARCH 20, 2007

Please rank your four highest priorities below, using 1 for your highest priority, 2 for your second, 3 for your third highest priority, and 4 for your fourth highest priority.

What I consider most important to preserve about Fairhaven is:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic character | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian emphasis | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural habitats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront access | <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Views of the Bay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Bay | <input type="checkbox"/> Living wage jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Thriving businesses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Available housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Interaction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Public transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

The areas I would most like changed or improved in Fairhaven are:

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic character | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian emphasis | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural habitats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront access | <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Views of the Bay |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Public transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

1. In general, how do you rate the quality of existing parks, trails, and greenways on the south side?

Very Good	Good	Neither Good nor Bad	Bad	Very Bad
1	2	3	4	5

2. In general, how satisfied are you with the size, extent and number of parks, trails, and greenways on the south side?

Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
1	2	3	4	5

3. In general, how satisfied are you with public access to Bellingham Bay and the waterfront in the Fairhaven area?

Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
1	2	3	4	5

3a. Do you agree that improved and direct access from the Village Green to the Bay, as proposed by the Waterfront Futures Group, is important?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

4. In general, how satisfied are you with the city's recreational programs, such as community centers, public spaces, art museums, recreational sports programs, etc.?

Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
1	2	3	4	5

5. In general, how do you rate the quality of traffic management and parking facilities in the residential areas of Fairhaven?

Very Good	Good	Neither Good nor Bad	Bad	Very bad
1	2	3	4	5

6. In general, how do you rate the quality of traffic management and parking facilities in the commercial core of historic Fairhaven?

Very Good	Good	Neither Good nor Bad	Bad	Very bad
1	2	3	4	5

7. In general, how do you rate the condition of the streets, street lights, and pedestrian facilities in the Fairhaven neighborhood and business area?

Very Good Good Neither Good nor Bad Bad Very bad
1 2 3 4 5

8. In general for all of Bellingham, in such matters as enforcing land use laws and building codes, granting of building permits, and neighborhood planning, do you think that the city’s Planning Department is too lenient, too strict, or about right,?

Much Too Lenient A Bit Too Lenient About Right A Bit Too Strict Much Too Strict
1 2 3 4 5

9. Do you think that the city’s planning and permitting process for Fairhaven in particular is too lenient, too strict, or about right?

Much Too Lenient A Bit Too Lenient About Right A Bit Too Strict Much Too Strict
1 2 3 4 5

10. How would you rate the overall impact on the neighborhood of a 10-story tall building on or near Mackenzie Ave and 9th Street in Fairhaven, such as has been proposed for the “Fairhaven Harbor” project?

Very Good Good Neither Good nor Bad Bad Very bad
1 2 3 4 5

11. How would you rate the impact of a 10-story tall building, on or near Mackenzie Ave and 9th Street in Fairhaven, on local parking and traffic?

Very Good Good Neither Good nor Bad Bad Very bad
1 2 3 4 5

12. How would you rate the impact of a 10-story tall building, on or near Mackenzie Ave and 9th Street in Fairhaven, on neighborhood character, appeal, and community?

Very Good Good Neither good nor bad Bad Very bad
1 2 3 4 5

13. How would you rate the impact of a 10-story tall building on or near Mackenzie Ave and 9th Street in Fairhaven on economic and commercial prosperity in Fairhaven?

Very Good	Good	Neither good nor bad	Bad	Very bad
1	2	3	4	5

14. Do you agree or disagree that there should be a 35-foot height limit in all of the Fairhaven commercial core area (*most* of the Fairhaven core already has a 35-foot limit)?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

15. Do you agree or disagree that there should be a 54-foot height limit in the Fairhaven commercial core area (except in areas where the current height limit is already 35 feet)?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

16. Do you agree or disagree that current city practices, policies and municipal codes adequately protect views in Bellingham?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

16a. Follow-up question. If you marked “disagree” or “strongly disagree,” do you agree there should be rules to limit height specifically to protect views

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

17. Do you agree or disagree that current city practices, policies and municipal codes adequately protect neighborhood character in Bellingham?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

17a. Follow-up question. If you marked “disagree” or “strongly disagree,” do you agree that stronger rules are needed to protect neighborhood character?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

18. Do you agree or disagree that the city should plan for Fairhaven to accommodate more residential in-fill and multifamily residences (e.g., condominiums), to meet growth projections?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

19. Do you agree or disagree that the city should set maximum residential density goals for each neighborhood (rules to limit in-fill beyond a certain level)?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

20. In general, how do you rate the quality of the city's fire department and emergency medical services?

Very Good	Good	Neither good nor bad	Bad	Very Bad
1	2	3	4	5

21. In general, how do you rate the quality of the city's police services?

Very Good	Good	Neither good nor bad	Bad	Very Bad
1	2	3	4	5

22. In general, how safe or unsafe do you feel walking alone at night in the Fairhaven neighborhood and commercial core area?

Very Safe	Safe	Neither safe nor unsafe	Unsafe	Very Unsafe
1	2	3	4	5

24. In general, how do you rate the quality of the city's recycling programs?

Very Good	Good	Neither good nor bad	Bad	Very Bad
1	2	3	4	5

25. Do you agree that protecting salmon creeks and estuaries such as Padden Creek and the Padden Creek lagoon should a high priority for the City?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

26. Do you agree that the City does an adequate job minimizing the amount of untreated stormwater from roads and adjacent areas that enters Padden Lagoon??

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree
1 2 3 4 5

27. In general, how satisfied are you with Whatcom Transit Authority, the city's bus system, for its service to the Fairhaven neighborhood?

Very satisfied Satisfied Neither Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied
1 2 3 4 5

Optional

Your responses are anonymous, but please select from the following categories, to help us to know who has responded:

Residential owner Commercial owner Residential renter Commercial renter

How long have you lived or owned property in the Fairhaven Neighborhood?

up to 2 years 2 to 5 years 5 to 10 years 10 to 20 years more than 20 years

Within the Fairhaven neighborhood, how often do you personally go running, walking or riding a bicycle?

never or seldom about once a month about once a week several times a week

Please use the enclosed stamped envelope to return this questionnaire to Fairhaven Neighbors at P.O. Box 4142, Bellingham WA 98227. Thank you.