

## 1. Your Contact Info

Please share your email if you'd like updates.

**Answer:** Comment box

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## 2. Do you reside in the City of Sidney?

**Answer:** Yes / No

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## 3. Awareness

Were you aware that Sidney is in the process of reviewing its City Government and assessing what changes could be made?

**Answer:** Yes / No

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## 4. What Matters Most to You

In your opinion, on a scale of 1-5, how is the current Government doing on the following:

**Answer:** scale for each

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| • Efficiency     | • Responsiveness     |
| • Accountability | • Long-term planning |
| • Representation | • Stability          |
| • Transparency   | • Collaboration      |
| • Fairness       |                      |
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## 5. Understanding Roles and Decision-Making in Sidney's City Government

Sidney uses a Mayor–Council system. The Mayor manages daily city operations, while the City Council passes ordinances, adopts budgets, and sets policy through public decision-making processes.

How well do you feel you understand both the roles of the Mayor and City Council and how city decisions are made?

**Answer:** Sliding scale

*Not at all → Slightly → Moderately → Well → Very well*

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## 6. How Council Members Are Elected

Sidney currently uses a ward-based City Council system. The city is divided into three geographic wards, and each ward elects two City Council members. Only voters who live in a ward vote for the council members representing that ward.

Some cities instead elect all City Council members at-large, meaning all voters citywide vote for every council seat, regardless of where a candidate lives within the city.

This question asks for your opinion on how Sidney City Council members should be elected in the future. Please consider whether you believe council members should continue to represent specific areas of the city (wards) or represent the city as a whole through citywide elections.

**Answer:**

- By ward (from areas of town)
  - At large (anyone in the city can vote for all)
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## **7. Oversight**

Do you think Sidney's current system gives enough checks and balances between the Mayor, City Council, and city staff?

**Answer:** Yes / No

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## **8. What Should Be Reviewed**

The Review Board will look at different parts of city government. Please rank what's most important to you for them to study:

**Answer (Rank these):**

- Whether Sidney should keep or change the Mayor–Council system
  - Whether to give Sidney self-government powers (more local control)
  - Whether to adopt a city “charter” (like a local constitution)
  - How City Council seats are structured (by ward or at-large, number of members)
  - How elections are run (party affiliation, term limits, etc.)
  - How the city is managed (for example, hiring a City Manager, creating new departments)
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## **9. Staying Involved**

If changes to Sidney's government are proposed, how would you prefer to get updates and share your opinion?

**Answer:**

- Newspaper
- Social media
- City website
- TextMyGov
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_