

City of Tenino Economic Development Survey

The City of Tenino is developing the Economic Development Chapter for the Tenino Compressive Plan.

Economic development plays a crucial and vital role in creating a roadmap for a successful and vibrant community. The State of Washington, through its Growth Management Act, requires that cities and jurisdictions develop, implement and update elements and plan chapters such as housing and transportation. But the practice and planning of economic development spans many, if not all of a community's planning documents. It creates a roadmap of success – of how a community is able to afford many of the things it deems necessary in the creation of a successful community. The following survey is being implemented to gather information from the Citizens and Business Owners in Tenino. It is our hope to understand what the Citizens and Businesses want and don't want for the future of Tenino and what they value and find important in creating a quality viable community.

1. How long have you lived in Tenino?

2. What do you think Tenino's economic development strengths are?

- Affordable place to do business
- Affordable place to live
- Close to urban centers
- Community Spirit
- Creative District
- Downtown
- Engage local leadership
- Festivals and Events
- Historic District/Buildings
- Library
- Local Farms
- Location on State Route 507
- Low density
- Municipal infrastructure- sewer capacity
- Name Recognition
- Natural Environment
- Plentiful open space
- Quarry House

- Quarry Pool
- Scatter Creek
- School District
- Small Town Feeling
- South Thurston County Historical Society- Tenino Depot Museum
- Southwest Washington Agricultural Business and Innovation Park Development
- Tenino City Park
- Tenino Stone Carvers
- Thurston Bountiful Byway
- Yelm-Tenino Trail
- Other (please specify)

3. What do you think are Tenino's economic development challenges?

- Affordable Senior Housing
- Cellphone Service
- Cost of rehabilitation of commercial space
- Cost of sewer district and utilities
- Difficult for young people to remain in town, lack of opportunity
- Housing supply
- Incompatible land uses in retail sector
- Lack of full service retail
- Lack of hotel/motel lodging
- Lack of local sustaining-wages for families
- Limited tax base to support City services
- No/limited public transit
- Road maintenance
- Rural location
- Shortage of buildable lands
- Sidewalk maintenance
- Small population/market share for growing retail or business base
- Telecommunications infrastructure
- Unknown environmental species act elements impact
- Water Capacity
- Other (please specify)

4. How should Tenino's challenges be addressed?

- Business Retainment and Recruitment Strategies
- Community Engagement
- Grants
- Planning & Zoning
- Other (please specify)

5. What do you think are opportunities for Tenino to prosper?

- Continue to grow downtown business core
- Creative District
- Preserve historic Sandstone architecture
- Recruit new businesses
- Southwest Washington Agriculture Business and Innovation Park
- Support an entrepreneurial center
- Other (please specify)

6. As growth and changes occur in Thurston County and impact Tenino. . . .

How do you feel about growth and change in Tenino? This could be growth in size/population, growth in residential and commercial activity, growth in government, traffic or any way you want to define growth. For example, if you choose "Very Positive," then you might feel that Tenino should grow aggressively by adding more commercial developments and housing, if you choose "Very Negative" you might feel that you want to see no growth happen.

	General feeling about growth	Commercial growth (e.g. more land zoned commercial, more commercial businesses, etc.)	Residential growth (e.g. more housing built, more population)	Industrial growth, (e.g. more industrially zoned property)
Very positive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Positive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neutral	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negative	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Very negative	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

7. How do you feel about having festivals and events in Tenino to increase tourism?

- Very Positive
- Somewhat Postive
- Netural
- Other (please specify)
- Somewhat Negative
- Very Negative

8. What would you like to preserve in the City of Tenino? This could be the general feel our rural small town, or more specific such has our historic buildings, nature areas, certain community events, etc.

9. What would you like to change in the City of Tenino?

10. What kinds of assets are missing now that you would like to have here? This could be anything from types of businesses, services, buildings, recreation, etc.)

11. Where do you shop for or get your services?

12. What kinds of businesses or industries would you like to see in Tenino that aren't here or what business would you like to see more of?

13. Are there types of businesses or industries that you would like to keep out of Tenino?

14. Are you a business owner in the City of Tenino?

Yes

No

15. If yes, what type of business do you have?

16. What makes Tenino a good place to do business?

17. What makes Tenino a difficult place for business?

18. Is there anything that you need to run your business that is missing in Tenino, that you have to go outside the city for?

19. Are there barriers or obstacles to expanding your business? Please be as detailed as possible.

20. What could the City of Tenino, Tenino Area Chamber of Commerce and Thurston Economic Development Council do to help your business?

21. Is there anything else you would like to add or comment on?