

# Wausau Budget/Services/Facilities Survey

August, 2006

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
1) <b>How would you rate the overall quality of life in the City of Wausau? (Please check only one response.)</b>						

2) **Below is a list of City services and facilities. We would like to know how IMPORTANT each of these is to you and other members of your household. We are trying to determine what level of value or significance you place on each of these services and facilities. (Please check only one response for each service/facility.)**

Services/Facilities	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Police Patrols/Police Protection					
Enforcement of Traffic Laws					
Paramedic (Ambulance) Service					
Fire Protection					
Garbage Collection					
Collection of Recyclables					
Yard Waste Drop-Off Site					
Fall Leaf Collection					
Spring Clean-Up Collection					
City Bus Service					
Maintaining/Improving the Downtown					
Street Repair					
Street Reconstruction					
Snow Plowing					
Snow Removal from Boulevards					
Street Sweeping					
Street Lighting					
Planting and Maintaining Street Trees					
Sidewalk Construction and Replacement					
City Newsletter					
City Cable Access Channel					
Recreation Programs at Parks and Playgrounds					
Maintaining Our Existing Parks					

<b>Services/Facilities</b>	<b>Very Important</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Somewhat Important</b>	<b>Not Important</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>
Operating Three Outdoor Swimming Pools					
Expanding the River Edge Walkway					
Expanding/Maintaining the Municipal Airport					
Enforcement of Building/Housing Codes					
Helping Businesses Grow/Expanding Job Opportunities					
Expanding the Industrial Park					
Providing Low- Interest Home Improvement Loans					
Providing Housing for the Elderly					
Room Tax Contributions for Public Festivals, Concerts, Events, and Tourism Promotion					

3) **Now that you have told us how important many of the City services and facilities are to you, we would like to know how SATISFIED you are with the existing services and facilities. By SATISFIED, we mean do these services and facilities meet your needs, expectations, and/or desires? (Again, please check only one response for each service/facility.)**

<b>Services/Facilities</b>	<b>Very Satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat Satisfied</b>	<b>Not Satisfied</b>	<b>Very Dissatisfied</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>
Police Patrols/Police Protection					
Enforcement of Traffic Laws					
Paramedic (Ambulance) Service					
Fire Protection					
Garbage Collection					
Collection of Recyclables					
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Room Tax Contributions for Public Festivals, Concerts, Events, and Tourism Promotion					

4) **Now let's say you were given the job of cutting services and activities from the Wausau City budget. To what extent, if any, would you cut the following City services? (Again, please check only one response for each service/facility.)**

<b>Services/Facilities</b>	<b>Don't Cut At All</b>	<b>Cut Funding A Little</b>	<b>Cut Funding Significantly</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>
Police Patrols/Police Protection				
Enforcement of Traffic Laws				
Paramedic (Ambulance) Service				
Fire Protection				
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5) Overall, to what extent are you satisfied with the amount and quality of service you receive from Wausau City Government for your tax dollars? *(Please check only one response.)*

Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	No Opinion

6) When the City needs more funds to pay for the services and facilities listed in this survey, which of the following revenue increases, IF ANY, would you support? *(Please check only one response for each type of revenue.)*

Type of Tax/Revenue Increase	Yes	No	No Opinion
A. Establish a \$10 motor vehicle registration fee for City street improvement projects, similar to the \$55 per year presently paid to the State.			
B. Increase the fees charged for City services, licenses, and permits.			
C. Have residents pay for garbage collection and recycling directly rather than including these costs on the property tax bill.			
D. Establish a stormwater utility whereby property owners would be charged for stormwater management, flood control, and water quality programs based on stormwater runoff or the impervious areas of their property rather than including these costs on the property tax bill.			

- 7) **Should the Wausau City Council place a referendum question before city voters seeking the authority to increase the city property tax rate in order to maintain the current level of City services? (Please check one response.)**

Yes	No	No Opinion

- 8) **What is an acceptable increase in the annual City property tax rate to offset the rising costs of providing City services? (Please check one response.)**

1%	2%	3%	None--Cut Services Instead	No Opinion

### Background Information

**Below are a number of questions that we would like you to answer about yourself and your household. Your answers help us to determine if our survey results are representative of the entire community.**

Your age: _____ years old.	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you <input type="checkbox"/> own or <input type="checkbox"/> rent your residence?	About how long have you lived in Wausau? ____ years
What is your marital status? (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Including yourself, how many people live in your household? _____	
How many children live with you? (Include any college students) _____	
Check your highest level of formal education: <input type="checkbox"/> Less than high school graduate <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Some college <input type="checkbox"/> College graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Post-graduate	
What was your approximate total household income in 2005 from all sources? <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$20,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,001 to \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 to \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$100,000	

**THANK YOU!**

**Please include any COMMENTS you have on the back of this page.**

**Please return the completed survey in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope  
BY AUGUST 30, 2006.**

**Please provide below any comments you may have about City services, facilities, or finances.**

**COMMENTS** \_\_\_\_\_

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