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Charter Review Survey

Dear Orleans Citizens:

Like other towns in the Commonwealth, Orleans has a Town Charter. The Charter sets out the form and structure of our local Government. First passed in 1987 it is reviewed every seven years. The Select Board recently appointed a Charter Review Committee to recommend revisions to the current charter. We are reaching out to citizens through this survey to take the pulse on perceptions of the quality of current Town Government. We also hold public meetings and welcome your feedback in those meetings and at our website as well.

The explicit purpose of the Orleans Town Charter is to: “secure citizen control of local affairs; to establish and maintain efficient and financially sound government; and to ensure that elected and appointed officers are accountable to the electorate.” The Charter can be read on line at the town website: <https://ecode360.com/14345881>

How well do you think the Town is doing? Please let us know by completing this brief survey.

Have you read the Orleans Town Charter?

Yes

No

Perceptions of Town Government

On a scale of 4 to 1, with 4 being strongly agree, and 1 being strongly disagree please indicate your feelings on the following issues.

Orleans town officials are accountable to the electorate/public

- 4) Strongly agree
- 3) Agree
- 2) Disagree
- 1) Strongly disagree

Services:

Seniors:

- 4) Strongly agree
- 3) Agree
- 2) Disagree
- 1) Strongly disagree

Families:

- 4) Strongly agree
- 3) Agree
- 2) Disagree
- 1) Strongly disagree

Children:

- 4) Strongly agree

- 3) Agree
- 2) Disagree
- 1) Strongly disagree

Teenagers:

- 4) Strongly agree
- 3) Agree
- 2) Disagree
- 1) Strongly disagree

Physically Challenged:

- 4) Strongly agree
- 3) Agree
- 2) Disagree
- 1) Strongly disagree

Town regulations encourage economic growth.

- 4) Strongly agree
- 3) Agree
- 2) Disagree
- 1) Strongly disagree

Town planning and current zoning find a good balance between encouraging growth and maintaining the special character of Orleans.

- 4) Strongly agree
- 3) Agree

2) Disagree

1) Strongly disagree

Town regulations and services are easily navigated to get things done.

4) Strongly agree

3) Agree

2) Disagree

1) Strongly disagree

The process for vetting members of committees, boards and commissions is open and free of conflicts of interest.

4) Strongly agree

3) Agree

2) Disagree

1) Strongly disagree

I feel well informed about what the Orleans town government is doing.

4) Strongly agree

3) Agree

2) Disagree

1) Strongly disagree

If you strongly disagree with any of these statements, please explain.

Demographics:

What is your age range?

- under 21
- 21 – 45
- 46 – 70
- Over 70

How long have you lived in Orleans?

- Less than 1 year
- 1--5 years
- 5--10 years
- Over 10 years

Is this your full-time or part-time residence?

- Full time
- Part time

How do you keep informed: (Check all that apply)

- Newspapers - (Please indicate Which one(s) below)
- Radio
- Public access
- Internet
- Town Website
- TV
- Other – (Please describe below)

Please Indicate Which Newspapers you keep informed with:

If Other please describe:

(e.g. Social media such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, other).

What changes, if any would you recommend the CRC consider?

If you have other priority community issues that the Town is not addressing, please identify these issues below or send an email to: charterideas@town.orleans.ma.us

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