Question 1: How would you describe the City of Ferrysburg as a place to live?
Question 2: How would you rate the City's efforts to communicate to citizens regarding City decisions?

- Excellent, 45 (11%)
- Good, 224 (58%)
- Fair, 69 (18%)
- Poor, 23 (6%)
- Very Poor, 11 (3%)
- Don't Know, 16 (4%)
Question 3: Overall, do you feel you are getting your money's worth for your city tax dollar?
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Question 5: If you had to eliminate one of the following services, which would you eliminate?

- Snow removal - bike/walking paths, 178, 46%
- Spring trash, 47, 12%
- Fall leaf pickup, 39, 10%
- Brush pickup, 88, 23%
- N/A, 36, 9%

Chart shows:
- Snow removal - bike/walking paths: 46%
- Spring trash: 12%
- Fall leaf pickup: 10%
- Brush pickup: 23%
- N/A: 9%
Question 6: Are you registered to vote?

Yes, 367, 95%
No, 19, 5%
N/A, 2, 0%
Question 7: Did you vote in the November 2007 Election?

- Yes, 281, 72%
- No, 97, 25%
- N/A, 10, 3%
Question 8: Are you aware of the Headlee limitation on the city’s taxing authority?

- Yes: 271 (70%)
- No: 106 (27%)
- N/A: 11 (3%)
Question 9: On the November 2007 ballot did you vote in favor or against the Headlee override initiative?

- In Favor: 61, 16%
- Against: 121, 31%
- Don't Know: 95, 24%
- N/A: 111, 29%
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- A promise of no taxes means nothing in the future, sell the school if needed ample monies now
- As residents we need an equalizer
- Awareness
- Before headlee your assessor went nuts, headlee helped
- can't afford more taxes wasted on school
- can't pay anymore, might move out of state
- city needs to live within budget everyone else has to
- city should live within its budget now
- city should live within its means right now
- City should operate within its budget
- Cost
- creates better government
- Do not want to give up small amt of control we have over taxes
- Do not want to increase taxes
- doesn't have enough knowledge on the matter
- Don't like the idea of city having ability to spend money freely
- don't know enough to make decision
- Don't know what it is
- Don't know what it is
- Don't know what it is for
- Don't spend foolishly like on the school.
- don't trust politicians with excess money
- Don't trust the city fathers and the one mother what a bad choice she was
- don't want to give authority without voting in future
- Eliminate some workers
- Force govt to operate within reasonable funding
- gives you guys a free ticket to raise taxes
- Govt will keep spending no matter what if we give them more freedom
- Headlee makes sense
- headlee was passed to limit taxes, lets live with it
- Hold spending down
- how I vote is none of your business
- I am retired, I don't need more taxes

- I can't go ask my boss everytime I need more money, live within your budget
- I don't have enough money to pay for more
- I pay enough in taxes
- I voted for what I thought was best for the city
- I voted in favor, but I think the city did not explain well enough, it isn't an automatic tax increase.
- I want the city to reduce spending
- I would like to hear specific reasons and numbers as to why we need to override it. It seems whole issue came because of School purchase.
- If citizens need to cut back on spending so should city in leaner times
- If money is avail someone will find out how to spend it. If city has a need the people will know
If the city finds itself in need of infrastructure needs send it to the voters, Headlee would leave the top off of the cookie jar.

It is a control of spending
It keeps spending in check
it will open the door for city to spend without approval of citizens
Just moved here in Dec 2007
keep budget steady, no raising of taxes for more income
keep taxes low
Limited financial resources
Limiting taxing authority
Live within your means
Look at what you are trying to spend on new city hall… enough said
More info on Headlee
More Taxes
My tax is twice what it should be!
Need more information
Need new tax reforms
need to work with existing tax revenue
neg impact on those with those on limited income
No confidence in city council
no more city services, just do basics
no more taxes
none of your business
Not Familiar
Not for raised taxes
not in favor of raising taxes, small govt is good
Not interested
not interested in anything that makes more taxes
Only control the resident has
our taxes are already to high
over taxed now
People do not understand it
promise not to raise taxes is hollow, no blank check for government
prop taxes need to be kept low
Restricts spending
stop the waste like the school, we are taxed enough
tax and spend is unlimited

Taxes "could" be raised
taxes are already to high
taxes are already to high
taxes are high already
Taxes are high enough
Taxes are high enough, don’t start this until economy picks up
taxes need to be limited
taxes to high
taxes to high already, work within our means
taxes to high and not fairly decided in condo association

Taxable value and taxes keep going up anyway, though actual value is down

Taxes
Taxes to high now

Taxes to high, prop tax goes up every year. You bought overpriced school, you must have all kinds of money.

The council needs to correct the idiotic purchase of FB school without making citizens pay for it

The headlee limitation was voted by the people. City needs to budget better

They spend too much of our income on taxes already

thinks WR and SR covers enough costs, city should be in good shape

Times are tight, I had to reduce my budget so should the city. You have money to buy schools don't mess with my money

to many city workers (managers)

To much control shifted to local authority

voted against because city foolishly wasted $1 mill on old school

Want to keep taxes low

We are getting by on a fixed income, Taxes, water bills keep going up we are strapped financially already

We need to cap taxes

we should have never bought the school

We should not have an override

will cause raised taxes

wish to maintain safeguard on raising taxes

with override my taxes will go up

wording is hard to understand, seems negative

you blood suckers want an override? For what!?!?

you can start taxing us more

You do not spend wisely

you just raised my taxes this week

you raise taxes too much already

you spend enough of my tax money like buying the school
Question 11: Would you support a millage for City Hall to be relocated at the former Ferrysburg Elementary School site which would require either renovation or building a new building to become the new location of City Hall?

- Yes, 110, 28%
- No, 250, 65%
- N/A, 28, 7%
Question 12: Would you support allowing five (5) story buildings on the waterfront, which would potentially allow more waterfront views?

- Yes, 66, 17%
- No, 311, 80%
- N/A, 11, 3%
Question 13.A: Do you plan to be living in the City of Ferrysburg five (5) years from now?

- **Yes, 332, 85%**
- **No, 42, 11%**
- **N/A, 14, 4%**
Question 13.B: Have you used the City of Ferrysburg website in the past 12 months?

- Yes, 90, 23%
- No, 294, 76%
- N/A, 4, 1%
Question 13.C: Did you participate in last year's "Trash to Treasure Day"?

- Yes, 84, 22%
- No, 296, 76%
- N/A, 8, 2%
Question 13.D: Do you read the "Shorelines", the Ferrysburg community newsletter?

- Yes, 330, 85%
- No, 50, 13%
- N/A, 8, 2%
Question 13.E: Have you visited Coast Guard Park in the past year?

- Yes, 264, 68%
- No, 121, 31%
- N/A, 3, 1%
Question 13.F: Have you visited Fire Barn Park in the past year?

- Yes, 78, 20%
- No, 306, 79%
- N/A, 4, 1%
Question 13.G: Have you used the City bike/walking paths in the last six months?

Yes, 276, 71%

No, 109, 28%

N/A, 3, 1%
Question 13.H: Did you attend the 2007 4th of July parade

Yes, 83, 22%

No, 300, 77%

N/A, 5, 1%
Question 13.I: Do you believe the City should acquire land and develop a public boat launch?

- Yes, 142, 37%
- No, 223, 57%
- N/A, 23, 6%
In your opinion, what is the level of code enforcement in Ferrysburg?

- **Very Good**, 57, 15%
- **Good**, 176, 45%
- **Fair**, 83, 21%
- **Poor**, 22, 6%
- **Very Poor**, 11, 3%
- **Don't Know**, 39, 10%
Please rate the performance of the Police Department

- Very Good, 147, 38%
- Good, 162, 42%
- Fair, 32, 8%
- Poor, 7, 2%
- Very Poor, 5, 1%
- Don't Know, 35, 9%
Please rate the performance of the Fire Department

Very Good, 168, 43%
Good, 158, 41%
Fair, 3, 1%
Poor, 0, 0%
Very Poor, 2, 0%
Don't Know, 57, 15%
Rate the performance of the City Hall office staff

- Very Good: 130, 33%
- Good: 178, 46%
- Fair: 28, 7%
- Poor: 3, 1%
- Very Poor: 3, 1%
- Don't Know: 46, 12%
Rate the performance of the Department of Public Works

- Very Good, 126, 32%
- Good, 166, 43%
- Fair, 36, 9%
- Poor, 6, 2%
- Very Poor, 4, 1%
- Don't Know, 50, 13%
Rate the Utility Billing Service Quality

- Very Good, 69, 18%
- Good, 214, 55%
- Fair, 51, 13%
- Poor, 10, 3%
- Very Poor, 9, 2%
- Don't Know, 35, 9%
Rate the ability to receive information regarding city services

- Very Good, 81, 21%
- Good, 197, 51%
- Fair, 57, 15%
- Poor, 12, 3%
- Very Poor, 4, 1%
- Don't Know, 37, 9%
Rate the availability of restaurants/food options within the City

- Very Good: 1,950, 5%
- Good: 7,200, 19%
- Fair: 13,800, 36%
- Poor: 9,900, 25%
- Very Poor: 3,600, 9%
- Don't Know: 2,400, 6%

Don't Know: 24, 6%
Very Good: 19, 5%
Very Poor: 36, 9%
Good: 72, 19%
Poor: 99, 25%
Fair: 138, 36%
Rate the appearance of the City

- Very Good, 66, 17%
- Good, 208, 54%
- Fair, 88, 23%
- Poor, 13, 3%
- Very Poor, 1, 0%
- Don't Know, 12, 3%
Rate the availability of City Parks

- Very Good, 122, 31%
- Good, 211, 54%
- Fair, 26, 7%
- Poor, 6, 2%
- Very Poor, 0, 0%
- Don't Know, 23, 6%
Rate the quality of City Parks

Very Good, 134, 35%
Good, 198, 51%
Fair, 25, 6%
Poor, 4, 1%
Very Poor, 2, 1%
Don't Know, 25, 6%
Rate the quality of road snow removal during the winter season

- Very Good, 125, 32%
- Good, 161, 42%
- Fair, 51, 13%
- Poor, 13, 3%
- Very Poor, 10, 3%
- Don't Know, 28, 7%
Rate the quality of the City website

- Very Good, 13, 3%
- Good, 72, 19%
- Fair, 37, 9%
- Poor, 3, 1%
- Very Poor, 0, 0%
- Don't Know, 263, 68%
Rate the quality of public transportation

- Very Good, 27, 7%
- Good, 139, 36%
- Fair, 54, 14%
- Poor, 17, 4%
- Very Poor, 5, 1%
- Don't Know, 146, 38%
Question 15: How long have you lived in the City of Ferrysburg?

- Less than a year: 23, 6%
- 1 to 5 years: 74, 19%
- 6-10 years: 71, 18%
- Over 10 years: 209, 54%
- N/A: 11, 3%
Question 16: Do you rent or own your residence in Ferrysburg?

- Rent, 16, 4%
- N/A, 14, 4%
- Own, 358, 92%
Question 17: What is your age?

- 18-24, 3, 1%
- 25-34, 16, 4%
- 35-44, 39, 10%
- 45-54, 76, 19%
- 55-64, 104, 27%
- 65+, 135, 35%
- N/A, 15, 4%
Question 18: What is your gender?

- Male, 189, 49%
- Female, 174, 45%
- N/A, 25, 6%
Question 19: Do any children age 12 or younger live in your household?

- Yes, 49, 13%
- No, 323, 83%
- N/A, 16, 4%
Question 20: Do any teenagers aged 13 to 18 live in your household?

- Yes, 44, 11%
- No, 329, 85%
- N/A, 14, 4%
Question 21: Which area of the City do you live in?