

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS**  
City Council Workshop  
City Hall  
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

**AGENDA**  
July 18, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:
- B. ROLL CALL: LINDSTROM \_\_\_ LEEHY\_\_\_ BROWN THUNDER \_\_\_  
MIAZGA \_\_\_ GUSTAFSON\_\_\_  
  
STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH\_\_\_ LOR\_\_\_
- C. PRESENTATIONS:
- D. POLICY ITEMS:
  - 1. City Council Vacancy
  - 2. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Grant Update
  - 3. 2018 Community Survey
- E. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS
- F. ADJOURNMENT:

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## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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| <b>Meeting Date</b> | July 18, 2018                      |
| <b>Agenda Item</b>  | Policy D1                          |
| <b>Attachment</b>   | Example Commission Application     |
| <b>Submitted By</b> | Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator |

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| <b>Item</b>                | City Council Vacancy   |
| <b>Description</b>         | <p>On June 27<sup>th</sup>, Council Member Joe Brown Thunder submitted his resignation as the Falcon Heights City Council Member effective July 25<sup>th</sup>. During the same meeting, the City accepted Council Member Brown Thunder’s resignation and declared a vacancy.</p> <p>After discussing the various options with Ramsey County’s Election Office, the only option the City has is for the Council to appoint someone to finish out Council Member Brown Thunder’s remaining term.</p> <p><a href="https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/412.02">https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/412.02</a></p> <p>The appointment process will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Mayor will appoint a citizen review committee and the City Council will confirm. The committee will consist of 2-4 residents, Mayor and a City Council Member.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Committee will review and interview all applicants.</li> <li>b. The Committee will provide final recommendations to the City Council.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The full City Council will interview final applicants recommended by the Citizen Review Committee.</li> <li>3. The City Council will make the appointment.</li> </ol> <p>The Council will have to decide if we use the current Commission Application or create a new one.</p> |
| <b>Budget Impact</b>       | N/A  |
| <b>Attachment(s)</b>       | · Example – Commission Application   |
| <b>Action(s) Requested</b> | Staff recommends the above process, post for the vacancy and develop a new application that would include questions focused on city operations and budgeting.  |

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***CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS  
COMMISSION APPLICATION***

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG AT ABOVE ADDRESS? \_\_\_\_\_

IN WHAT CAPACITY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE? \_\_\_\_\_

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REASON YOU WISH TO SERVE ON ABOVE: \_\_\_\_\_

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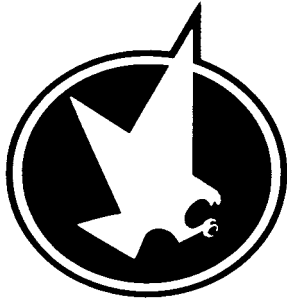
PRIOR PUBLIC (OR RELATED) SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

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OTHER RELEVANT BACKGROUND (OR COMMENTS): \_\_\_\_\_

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## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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| <b>Meeting Date</b> | July 18, 2018                      |
| <b>Agenda Item</b>  | Policy D2                          |
| <b>Attachment</b>   | Draft Ordinance                    |
| <b>Submitted By</b> | Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator |

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| <b>Item</b>                | Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Grant Update   |
| <b>Description</b>         | <p>In 2012, the City conducted an aggressive Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) removal and re-planting program because an EAB case was confirmed within the borders Falcon Heights at the University of MN Campus.</p> <p>On May 23, 2012, the City accepted the 2010 to 2014 Community Forest Bonding Grant for the EAB Removal /Re-planting Program.</p> <p>In June of 2012, the DNR and City entered into a grant agreement that provided the City with \$95,000 toward its Emerald Ash Borer removal and replacement program. Due to a number of factors, the City has not fully completed this program; however, the DNR has offered to amend the original grant agreement by allowing the City until the end of June 2015 to complete the removal and replacement program. In addition, the DNR was willing to provide additional grant dollars for a total of \$150,000. Upon completion of this agreement, the city will receive the remaining balance of \$13,564.23.</p> <p>The expiration date for amendment #2 is June 30th, 2015. The proposed Amendment #3 will allow the City to complete the project and submit reimbursements until December 30, 2015.</p> <p>In order to complete the program, the city must adopt an EAB Preparedness/Management Plan and the amend our City Code Article II Planting, Maintenance and Removal Ordinance. Both the proposed Plan and proposed Ordinance have been approved by the MN DNR.</p> |
| <b>Budget Impact</b>       | There will be additional budget impact for the monitoring of the tree care program.  |
| <b>Attachment(s)</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Draft Ordinance – Article II Planting, Maintenance and Removal</li> <li>· EAB Preparedness/Management Plan</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Action(s) Requested</b> | Staff would recommend posting for a public hearing to adopt the Plan by Resolution and approve the Amended Ordinance.  |

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## ARTICLE II. - PLANTING, MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL

### · **Sec. 54-34. - Purpose.**

(a) *Purpose.* It is the purpose of this article to promote and protect the public health, safety, and general welfare by providing for the regulation of the planting, maintenance, and removal of trees, shrubs, and other plants within the city.

(b) *Plant Protection.* It is the intent of the council to conduct a plant protection and export program pursuant to the authority granted by Minn. Stats. 18G.

~~*Dutch elm disease and similar pest programs.* It is the intention of the council to conduct a shade tree program pursuant to the authority granted by Minn. Stats. § 18G.16.~~

(Code 1993, § 8-4.01)

(c) *The provisions of this section are adopted as an effort to control and prevent the spread of shade tree pests and to maintain a healthy urban forest, in addition to and in accordance with Minn. Stat. §§ 89.001, 89.01 and 89.51-.64.*

### · **Sec. 54-35. - Applicability.**

This Code provides full power and authority over all trees, plants and shrubs located within street rights-of-way, parks and public places within the city; and to trees, plants and shrubs located on private property that constitute a hazard as described herein.

(Code 1993, § 8-4.02)

### · **Sec. 54-36. - City forester.**

*The City Forester shall be under the direction of the City Administrator at all times;* the authority and duties of the city forester are as follows:

- (1) The forester shall have jurisdiction and supervision over all trees, shrubs, and other plants growing within the city.
- (2) The forester may order the trimming, treatment or removal of any trees or plants on public or private property that constitute a nuisance or hazard, or whenever necessary to prevent the spread of disease or harmful insects.
- (3) The forester shall act as the city tree inspector and shall coordinate all activities between the state department of agriculture and the council.

(Code 1993, § 8-4.03)

**Sec. 54-37. - Regulations for public property.**

*(a) Planting.*

- (1) No trees, shrubs or herbaceous plant materials, including annual or perennial flowers, may be planted in a public right-of-way except by authorized city personnel.
- (2) No tree shall be planted on a public right-of-way, except to replace a tree that has been removed or that has been identified as a new location for a tree by the city forester.
- (3) The forester shall determine the specific location of any tree to be planted on a public right-of-way.
- (4) Any tree to be planted on a public right-of-way must be of cultivated nursery stock, and must be at least 1½ inches in diameter, measured at a point two feet above the ground.
- (5) Any tree to be planted on a public right-of-way must be planted in soil adequate to insure growth, in accordance with standards set by the forester.

*(b) Maintenance of trees.*

- (1) Public trees will be trimmed according to a schedule established by the forester and approved by the city council.
- (2) Only persons authorized by the forester may trim boulevard trees.
- (3) The forester may chemically vaccinate boulevard trees against disease whenever necessary.

*(c) Removal of trees.*

- (1) The forester has sole authority to order removal of any tree on a public right-of-way.
- (2) Trees will be removed by city staff or contracted firms.

*(d) Miscellaneous.* No person shall:

- (1) Damage, cut, trim, carve, kill or injure any tree or plant on public property;
- (2) Attach any rope, wire or other contrivance to any tree or plant on public property unless authorized by the forester;

- (3) In any way injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any area of public property; nor
- (4) Cause or permit any wire charged with electricity or any harmful gaseous, liquid or solid substances to come into contact with any tree or plant on public property.

(Code 1993, § 8-4.04; Ord. No. 0-95-03, § 1, 1-25-1995)

### **Sec. 54-38. - Regulations for private property.**

Persons responsible for growing any trees, shrubs or other plants on private property must comply with the following regulations:

(1) *Planting.*

- a. It is unlawful to plant any of the following trees:
  - 1. Box elder, *Acer negundo*;
  - 2. Silver maple, *Acer saccharinum*;
  - 3. Female ginkgo, *Ginkgo biloba*;
  - 4. Eastern cottonwood, *Populus deltoides*;
  - 5. Lombardy poplar, *Populus nigra italica*; or
  - 6. Chinese elm, *Ulmus pumila*.
- b. It is unlawful to plant any tree within five feet of a property lot line abutting a right-of-way of a public street.

(2)

*Hazards.*

- a. Property owners shall prune trees so they will not obstruct pedestrian sidewalk traffic, nor obstruct the view of any traffic sign, street, alley, or intersection. Overhanging portions of trees must be pruned to maintain a minimum clearance of eight feet over all sidewalks, and 16 feet over all streets.
- b. Property owners shall remove or trim any trees, plants or shrubs determined by city staff to be a public hazard.
- c. Property owners shall treat or remove any diseased or pest-ridden tree or plant determined by the forester to be a hazard to other trees or plants in the city.

(3)

*Nuisances declared.* The following are considered public nuisances whenever they may be found within the city:

- a. Any tree infected with the Dutch elm disease fungus (*Ophostoma ulmi*, formerly *Ceratocystis ulmi*), or which harbors any of the elm bark beetles (*scolytus multistratus* or *hylurgopinus rufipes*), or any other pest capable of producing an epidemic; and

- b. Any dead elm tree or part, including logs, branches, stumps, firewood or other material that contains elm bark.
- (4) *Unlawful—storage, transporting and disposing of elm wood.* It is unlawful for any person other than licensed tree services to transport, store or dispose of any bark-bearing elm wood between April 15 and September 1 of each year.
- (5) *Inspection and investigation of nuisances.*
- a. The forester shall inspect all premises as often as practicable, to determine whether any declared public nuisance exists. The forester shall investigate all reported incidents of infection.
  - b. The forester or duly authorized agents may enter private premises at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out any of the duties assigned under this section, as provided in chapter 15.05 of Department of Agriculture Regulations.
- (6) *Abatement of hazards and nuisances on private property.*
- a. *Order procedure.* If the forester determines that trimming or removal of a tree or plant on private property is necessary to abate a public hazard or nuisance, the city shall serve a written order upon the responsible property owner or occupant to correct the condition.
  - b. *Dutch elm disease.* If Dutch elm disease is found in trees or wood on private property, the forester shall notify the responsible property owner, and immediately file a written report with the clerk.
  - c. *Abatement of disease.* The forester shall order the removal of any infected tree or wood constituting a nuisance as described in subsection (3) of this section. Removal and abatement shall be in accordance with the technical opinion of the forester or the commissioner of agriculture. **Trees impacted by a shade tree pest shall be removed or effectively treated so as to destroy and prevent as fully possible the spread of the shade tree pest.**
  - d. *Time limit.* The order or notification shall set a time limit for compliance, depending on the urgency of the hazard or nuisance.
  - e. *Authority to abate.* If, after notification, the responsible person fails to correct the condition within the time prescribed, the forester, administrator or city clerk may order city staff or a contracted firm to abate the hazardous or nuisance condition.
  - f. *Cost of abatement.* The responsible person shall be billed for the full cost of the abatement plus any additional administrative costs. If the bill is unpaid, the cost shall be certified to the county auditor as a special assessment against the property.

(Code 1993, § 8-4.05)

· **Sec. 54-39. - Care and maintenance of boulevards and adjacent property.**

Owners of property abutting the right-of-way of a public street shall properly maintain the grass on the property and on the public right-of-way to the curbline or traveled portion of the street. Proper maintenance shall include sodding, planting, mowing or weed abatement whenever necessary.

(Code 1993, § 8-4.06)

· **Sec. 54-40. - Interference prohibited.**

It is unlawful for any person to prevent, delay, or interfere with the forester or duly authorized agents while in the performance of official duties.

(Code 1993, § 8-4.07)

· **Sec. 54-41. – Declared Shade Tree Pests, Control Measures, and Control Areas.**

Declaration of a shade tree pest. The Council may by ordinance declare any vertebrate or invertebrate animal, plant pathogen, or plant in the community threatening to cause significant damage to a shade tree or community tree, as defined by Minn. Stat. 89.001, to be a shade tree pest and prescribe control measures to effectively eradicate, control, or manage the shade tree pest, including necessary timelines for action.

- (1) **Oak wilt disease** is a shade tree pest and is defined as any living or dead tree, log, firewood, limb, branch, stump, or other portion of a tree from any species of the genus *Quercus* existing within the control area defined that has bark attached and that exceeds three (3) inches in diameter or ten (10) inches in circumference and contains to any degree any spore or reproductive structures of the fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*.

**a. Control Measures**

*Installation of a root graft barrier.* A root graft barrier can be ordered installed to prevent the underground spread of oak wilt disease. The city will mark the location of the root graft barrier. The barrier disrupts transmission of the fungus within the shared vascular systems of root drafted trees. The barrier is created by excavating or vibratory plowing a line at least forty two (42) inches deep between any oak tree infected with oak wilt disease and each nearby and apparently healthy oak tree within fifty (50) feet of the infected tree.

**b. Removal and disposal of trees.**

1. *On Property zoned for residential and commercial use.*

On property that is zoned residential and commercial the city may mark for removal of trees that have the potential to produce spores of the fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*. After, and in no case before, the installation of the root graft barrier and no later than May 1 of the year following infection, all marked trees must be felled.

The stump from such felled trees must not extend more than three inches above the ground or, if taller, must be completely debarked.

If, however, after the city prescribes the location for a root graft barrier, the city determines that installation of the barrier is impossible because of the presence of pavement or obstructions such as a septic system or utility line, the city may mark for removal all oak trees whether living or dead, infected or not and located between an infected tree and marked barrier location. These marked trees must be felled and disposed of no later than May 1 of the year following infection. The stump from such felled trees must not extend more than three inches above the ground or, if taller, must be completely debarked.

## 2. *On all other property.*

On all other property, the city may mark for removal all oak trees whether living or infected or not and located between an infected tree and marked barrier location. These marked trees must be felled and disposed of no later than May 1 of the year following infection. The stump from such felled trees must not extend more than three inches above the ground or, if taller, must be completely debarked.

All wood more than three (3) inches in diameter or ten (10) inches in circumference from such felled trees must be disposed of by burying, debarking, chipping or sawing into waste-free lumber, or by splitting into firewood, stacking the firewood, and immediately covering the woodpile with unbroken four (4)-mill or thicker plastic sheeting that is sealed into the ground until October 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the tree was felled, or by burning before May 1 of the year following infection. Wood chips from infected trees may be stockpiled or immediately used in the landscape.

c. **Control Area.** The control area for oak wilt disease is defined as all lands within the boundaries of the city.

## (2) **Emerald Ash Borer**

- a. **Emerald Ash Borer** is a shade tree pest and is defined as an insect that attacks and kills ash trees. The adults are small, iridescent green beetles that live outside of trees during the summer months. The larvae are grub – or worm-like and live underneath the bark of ash trees.
- b. **Control Measures** that may be taken to abate emerald ash borer are those state statute.
- c. **Definition of control area.** The control area for emerald ash borer is defined as all lands within the boundaries of the city.

## (3) **Dutch elm disease**

- a. **Dutch elm disease** is a shade tree pest and is defined as a disease of elm trees caused by the fungus *Ophiostoma ulmi* or *Ophiostoma nova-ulmi*, and includes any living dead tree, log, firewood, limb branch, stump, or other portion of a tree from any species of the genus *Ulmus* existing within the control area defined that has bark attached and that exceeds three (3) inches in diameter or ten (10) inches in

circumference and could contain bark beetles or any spore or reproductive structures of the fungus *Ophiostoma ulmi* or *Ophiostoma novo-ulmi*.

b. **Control Measures** that may be taken to abate Dutch elm disease are:

1. Use of fungicide. Fungicides may be effective in prevent Dutch elm disease when injected into living trees that do not already show symptoms of Dutch elm disease. Fungicide injections on private lands are optional and, if performed, are at the landowners expense. Treating with fungicide on public lands requires the approval of the City Administrator or their designee.
2. Removal and disposal of trees. Prompt removal of diseased trees or branches reduces breeding sites for elm bark beetles and eliminates the source of Dutch elm disease fungus. Trees that wilt before July 15 must be moved by April 1 of the following year. Diseased trees not promptly removed will be removed by the city at the landowner's expense. Wood may be retained for use as firewood or saw logs if it is debarked or covered from April 15 to October 15 with four (4)-mill plastic. The edges of the cover must be buried and sealed to the ground.

c. **Control Area.** The control area for oak wilt disease is defined as all lands within the boundaries of the city.

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# City of Falcon Heights

## Emerald Ash Borer

### Preparedness/Management Plan



Adopted by Resolution, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

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### **Purpose:**

The City of Falcon Heights has deemed appropriate to take a proactive approach regarding the treatment/management of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). By implementing the provisions in this plan, the city will attempt to avoid the spread of additional disease throughout the City of Falcon Heights and neighboring communities. The City of Falcon Heights has determined there is value to maintaining a healthy tree stock throughout the city. The loss of tree-stock including Ash trees would have a devastating effect on Falcon Heights and its residents including negative effects on home values, quality of life and the environment.

### **Introduction:**

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an introduced pest that is currently killing all species of Ash trees {Fraxinus sp) the United States and Canada. Since its discovery in Detroit, Michigan in 2002, the insect has spread killing all the ash trees in its path. The City of Falcon Heights should prepare and manage for the arrival of EAB on three fronts - public property (i.e. parks), street or boulevard trees, trees on private property.

As the insect was discovered at the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus (within the boundaries of Falcon Heights, MN) in 2009, it was determined appropriate to inspect Ash trees within the City of Falcon Heights. The current evidence from Michigan and Ohio show that once EAB becomes established - it takes about five to ten years to infest and kill the majority of the ash trees in a city.

### **Frequently Aske Questions (FAQ's):**

#### **Which trees are at risk from EAB?**

Emerald Ash Borer only attack Ash trees. In Minnesota, there are three common varieties of Ash tree – black ash, white ash, and green ash. All three are susceptible to EAB infestation.

#### **What are signs of an EAB infestation?**

Potential signs of EAB damage include die-back of leaves in the upper one-third of the ash tree's branches, small "shoots" along the lower trunk, and heavy woodpecker activity. More specific EAB-related signs would include D-shaped exit holes in the bark and S-shaped tunnels under the bark.

#### **Who should residents call if they think a tree may be infested with EAB?**

Contact City Hall directly at 651.792.7600 and your concern will be directed to appropriate personnel.

### **Administration:**

The City of Falcon Heights determined it was appropriate to remove and replace Ash trees throughout the city in public spaces including right-of-ways and city parks. Starting in 2010, the City of Falcon Heights received grant funding to better understand the concerns related to EAB. The initial program lasted through the summer of 2011. In 2013, the City was again awarded grant funding from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN-DNR) to conduct removal and replacement of over 200 trees within public spaces. The city completed this process in 2016. Any remaining Ash trees on public property will be monitored by the City Forester and if deemed infested, they will be ordered for removal. During the removal and replacement process, residents were given the option to treat 'high quality' Ash trees, these agreements will be monitored by the City Forester or the City Administrator's designee. 'Volunteer' Ash that may grow on public property will be assessed by the City Forester in an ongoing manner.

Trees that were included and continue to be maintained by the City of Falcon Heights include:

- Park Trees:
  - Community Park (2050 Roselawn Ave)
  - Curtiss Field (1551 Iowa Ave)
  - University Grove Park (1660 Coffman Ave)
- City Hall (2077 Larpenteur Ave W)
- Trees within the city right-of-way

Going forward, the city will **not** include Ash trees when restocking in any public spaces and further discourage residents to plant Ash trees as the infestation remains a concern in neighboring communities.

### **Continued Operations:**

At the August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 City Council meeting, the city of Falcon Heights passed an EAB Preparedness/Management Plan by resolution highlighting the importance of EAB considerations within the city. Further, on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 the city updated City Code, specifically "ARTICLE II. - PLANTING, MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL", to reflect the importance of tree care when it comes to infestations of any kind.

#### · **Communication:**

Trees on private property were not a part of the removal and replacement program. However, as a part of the same effort (starting in 2010), the city communicated the concerns related to EAB and the process that would be taken to mitigate those concerns on public property. Through public meetings, open-houses, city-wide emails, social media, the city's website, and mailings via USPS, the entire process was shared with residents of Falcon Heights. The operation of promoting communication regarding EAB (and other tree related infestations) will remain an ongoing priority for the City of Falcon Heights.

#### · **Forester:**

Under direction of the City Administrator or the City Administrator's designee, the City Forester will continue assess any remaining Ash trees in public spaces as required. While some residents have elected to treat existing Ash trees within their right-of-way, the forester will continue to assess their health and if appropriate will require removal of any Ash trees deemed too unhealthy to survive. Further, while neither the city nor its Forester has jurisdictional authority over any Ash trees on private party, the Forester will inspect any Ash tree upon request to help promote the overall health of the city's tree stock.



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## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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| <b>Meeting Date</b> | July 18, 2018                      |
| <b>Agenda Item</b>  | Policy D3                          |
| <b>Attachment</b>   | Draft Community Survey             |
| <b>Submitted By</b> | Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator |

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| <b>Item</b>                | 2018 Community Survey  |
| <b>Description</b>         | Council Miazga and I have been working on finalizing the community survey to be distributed later this year. Attached you will find a final draft to be accepted by the City Council at a later regular meeting. |
| <b>Budget Impact</b>       | The budget impact will be dependent on the various options for distribution. Estimated cost will be around \$5,000.  |
| <b>Attachment(s)</b>       | · Final Draft Community Survey   |
| <b>Action(s) Requested</b> | Staff will look for direction on the questions and distribution of the community survey.   |

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## 2018 Community Survey

1.

The City of Falcon Heights wants your opinions and insights about city services. Please take 15-20 minutes to complete this survey regarding services. Please keep in mind that these questions do not cover all available topics in order to ensure that as many people take the survey as possible. All information received from the survey is confidential and will be treated with the utmost professionalism. Your answers will be put with a lot of other people's answers so you can't be identified in any way. If there are any questions you don't care to answer, please skip over them. To begin the survey please click on the link below (change for mail introduction) FOR MAIL: Please return your completed survey in the next two weeks (insert date) by using the postage-paid envelope provided. If you have questions, please contact Sack Thongvanh at (651)792-7611 or sack.thongvanh@falconheights.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

### 1. Approximately how many years have you lived in Falcon Heights?

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| <input type="radio"/> 0-2   | <input type="radio"/> 16-20              |
| <input type="radio"/> 3-5   | <input type="radio"/> 21-25              |
| <input type="radio"/> 6-10  | <input type="radio"/> 26+                |
| <input type="radio"/> 11-15 | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know/Refused |

### 2. As things stand now, how long in the future do you expect to live in Falcon Heights?

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| <input type="radio"/> Less than 2 years | <input type="radio"/> Over 10 years      |
| <input type="radio"/> 2-6 Years         | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know/Refused |
| <input type="radio"/> 7 to 10 Years     |  |

### 3. How would you rate the quality of life in Falcon Heights?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

If you gave a ranking of "Poor" or "Fair", Please explain why you gave the rating.

### 4. What makes you proud to live in Falcon Heights?

### 5. What three things do you like most about living in Falcon Heights? (Please choose up to three)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Close to Family          | <input type="checkbox"/> Convenient Overall Location |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Close to Work            | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood/Housing        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schools                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks/Trails/Open Spaces | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly People             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet and Peaceful       | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know/Refused          |

### 6. Did you move to Falcon Heights from a different county or state in the past year?

- Yes
- No
- Refused



**7. Does your neighborhood have a block liaison?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

**8. Did you attend a neighborhood block party/event in the past year?**

- Yes
- No

**9. Did you attend/participate in any of these city sponsored events in the past two years? (Check all that apply)**

- Ice Cream Social
- Spring Together
- Winterfest
- 5K Fun Run
- Community Resilience Events
- Human Rights Day
- Fire Department Open House
- City Council Meeting
- City Commission Meeting (Environment, Planning, Community Engagement, or Parks)
- Parks and Recreation Programs
- Community Conversation (Task Force on Inclusion and Policing)
- Minnesota Night to Unite/National Night Out
- Fall Fest

**10. Do you know the name and how to contact the following neighbors?**

|   | Yes                   | No                    | N/A                   |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Next door neighbor                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Neighbor across street/hall               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Neighbor on the other side of alley/block | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**\* 11. What are your top two ways to receive information about Falcon Heights government activities?**

- E-Mail
- Local newspaper
- Twice a year mailed newsletters
- City website
- Cable television
- Word of mouth
- Pioneer Press
- Social Media (ex. Facebook, Twitter..etc)
- Nextdoor

**12. Please tell me which one of the following you consider to be the greatest public safety concern in Falcon Heights? If you feel that none of these problems are serious in Falcon Heights you can choose “None”**

- Violent crime
- Drugs and /or alcohol
- Youth crime and /or vandalism
- Automobile break-ins
- Shoplifting or check fraud
- Burglary or theft
- Other (please specify)
- Speeding
- Identity theft
- all equally
- None
- Don't Know/Refused

**13. How would you rate the amount of patrolling the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department does in your neighborhood? Would you say they do:**

- Too Much
- About the right amount
- Not enough
- Don't Know/Refused

**14. For each of the following, please indicate whether you would rate the quality of the service as Excellent, Good, Fair or Poor?**

|                    | Excellent             | Good                  | Fair                  | Poor                  |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Police services    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Fire services      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Street maintenance | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Snowplowing        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Animal control     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Code enforcement   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

If you gave a ranking of "Poor" or "Fair", Please explain why you gave the rating.

15. For each of the following, please indicate if you think Falcon Heights currently has too many, too few or about the right amount.

|                                   | Too Many              | Too Few               | About the right amount |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Affordable rental units           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  |
| Market rate rental units          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  |
| Codominiums                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  |
| Townhomes                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  |
| Affordable owner-occupied housing | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  |
| Higher cost housing               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  |
| Assisted living for seniors       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  |
| Parks and Open spaces             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  |
| Trails and bikeways               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  |
| Service and retail establishments | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  |

16. The city has faced financial challenges in the last 1-2 years and faces potential challenges in the future. In general, would you prefer that the city meet these budget challenges by (Check all that apply)

- Reducing or eliminating services
- Raising taxes
- Seek outside funding opportunities/partnerships
- All of the above
- Something else: (please explain)

**17. Would you be interested in volunteering for any aspect of community engagement or community events?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know/Refused

If "Yes", Please call City Hall at 651-792-7600 or email [sack.thongvanh@falconheights.org](mailto:sack.thongvanh@falconheights.org) for more information on volunteering

**18. What is your style of engagement that fits your personality? (Check all that apply)**

- Auditory: listening/conversation
- Visual: reading or art with interaction
- Experimental: hands-on experimentation or practice
- A combination of the above
- Other (please specify)

**19. Do you support or oppose a curbside collection program for compostable waste for an additional fee?**

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose

**20. Do you support or oppose re-visiting organized trash collection for the City?  
(City selecting one trash hauler ...similar to Recycling Collection)**

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Need more details before forming an opinion
- Don't Know/Refused

**21. How would you rate the general condition and appearance of Falcon Heights?**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

If you gave a ranking of "Poor" or "Fair", Please explain why you gave the rating.

**22. When you consider the property taxes you pay and the quality of city services you receive, would you rate the general value of city services as:**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

If you gave a ranking of "Poor" or "Fair", Please explain why you gave the rating.

**23. Please rate your sense of feeling connected in the City of Falcon Heights**

- Very connected
- Somewhat connected
- Neither connected nor disconnected
- Somewhat disconnected
- Very disconnected

**24. What are some ways in which you think the city could improve inclusivity?**

**25. From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the job the Mayor and City Council are doing?**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

**If you gave a ranking of "Poor" or "Fair", Please explain why you gave the rating.**

**26. From what you have heard or seen, how would you rate the job performance of the Falcon Heights City Staff?**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

**If you gave a ranking of "Poor" or "Fair", Please explain why you gave the rating.**



27. Please tell me how many people in each of the following age groups live in your household.

|                                      | None                  | One                   | Two                   | Three or more         |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Adult 65 or over                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Adults between 50-64                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Adults between 18-49                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| School-age children and preschoolers | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

28. Do you own or rent your present residence?

- Own
- Rent
- Refused

29. Which of the following describes your age range?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

30. Which of the following categories represents your ethnicity?

- Caucasian
- African American
- African African
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Native American
- Mixed Bi-Racial
- Don't Know
- Refused

### 31. What is your gender identification?

- Male
- Female
- Transgender
- Other (please describe)

### 32. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? If currently enrolled, highest degree received.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Some high school, no diploma                              | <input type="radio"/> Bachelor's degree   |
| <input type="radio"/> High school graduate, diploma or the equivalent (ex. GED) | <input type="radio"/> Master's degree     |
| <input type="radio"/> Some college credit, but no degree                        | <input type="radio"/> Professional degree |
| <input type="radio"/> Trade/technical vocational training                       | <input type="radio"/> Doctorate degree    |
| <input type="radio"/> Associate degree  |   |

### 33. What was your total household income before taxes during the past 12 months?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Under \$15,000                | <input type="radio"/> Between \$75,000 and \$99,999   |
| <input type="radio"/> Between \$15,000 and \$29,999 | <input type="radio"/> Between \$100,000 and \$150,000 |
| <input type="radio"/> Between \$30,000 and \$49,999 | <input type="radio"/> Over \$150,000                  |
| <input type="radio"/> Between \$50,000 and \$74,999 | <input type="radio"/> Decline to answer               |