

Our system of government is based upon representation: we elect people to public office to pursue and protect our rights and interests. How we select representatives, and who they represent, are crucial contributions to the success or failure of local government.

The purpose of this survey is to ask Fargo residents like you for their thoughts on Fargo’s current system of government. Your input will be valuable in gauging current satisfaction with our city government as well as interest in considering a different form of government. This is your opportunity to express your opinions about the nature of Fargo city government and indicate whether you feel represented by our leadership.

Please check the box next to your answer or follow the directions included with the question.

1. What is your level of agreement with the following statements? Use the following scale where 1 is ‘Strongly Disagree’ and 5 is ‘Strongly Agree.’

IN MY EXPERIENCE...	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Neither Agree Nor Disagree 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5	Don’t Know
a. The city adequately provides public services such as utilities, garbage pickup, snow removal, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The city adequately maintains city streets and sidewalks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The city adequately provides walking and biking paths, parks, and green spaces.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The Fargo Police Department has an adequate presence throughout the city.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The City Commission is aware of the specific needs of my neighborhood.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The City Commission is trustworthy and dependable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The city’s decision-making process is transparent and easy to understand.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. There is adequate opportunity for citizen input on city issues.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. In your opinion, city taxes and fees for services are:

- Too high for the services I receive
- At the appropriate level
- Too low for the services I receive
- Don’t know

3. How satisfied are you with the current City Commission election style where commissioners are elected at large and represent the entire city?

- Very dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Very satisfied
- Don't know

4. What is your level of agreement with the following statements *about representation on the Fargo City Commission*? Use the following scale where 1 is 'Strongly Disagree' and 5 is 'Strongly Agree.'

	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Neither Agree Nor Disagree 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5	Don't Know
a. City leaders should be elected to represent specific districts or wards within the city.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. It is better to have city leaders who represent the entire city as a whole.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Having city leaders who are elected to represent specific districts or wards within the city would lead to better understanding of the specific needs and issues in my neighborhood.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Having city leaders who are elected at-large means the Commissioners work for the greater good of the entire city.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Would you support changing from the current system of at-large representation to a City Council form of government where individuals represent specific districts or wards within the community?

- Definitely not support
- Probably not support
- Undecided, but might not support
- Undecided, but might support
- Probably support
- Definitely support
- Completely undecided

6. Would you like to learn more about City Commission and City Council forms of government?

- No
- Yes

7. Would you attend a public forum (a discussion or town meeting) on whether individual members of the Fargo City Commission should be elected by different sections of the city (by-district) rather than the entire city (at-large)?

- No
- Yes
- Don't know

The next questions are about you and your household.

8. How would you describe your political ideology?

- Very liberal
- Liberal
- Moderate
- Conservative
- Very conservative
- Haven't thought about it

9. How long have you lived in Fargo?

- Less than a year
- 1 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- 11 to 15 years
- More than 15 years

10. Do you own your home?

- No
- Yes

11. Counting yourself, how many people regularly live in your household?

_____ People

12. What is your age?

_____ Years

13. What gender do you identify with?

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to disclose

14. What is your race? Mark all that apply.

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian, Asian Indian, or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- White
- Other
- Prefer not to disclose

15. Do you identify as Hispanic, Latinx, or Spanish origin?

- No
- Yes
- Prefer not to disclose

16. Are you currently employed?

- No
- Yes
- Retired
- Prefer not to disclose

17. How much is your household's total income before taxes for the current year?

- Less than \$25,000
- \$25,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 or more
- Prefer not to disclose

Please share any more thoughts you have on the idea of Fargo city leaders being elected by-district rather than at-large. If you need more space, please feel free to write on the back of the survey or include extra paper.

Thank you for your participation!