1. What do you consider to be blight? (Check all that apply.)	4. Do you feel that an Anti-Blight Bylaw should be limited to any of the following locations?  (Check all that apply.)	6. What are the most significant causes of blight (Check 1 to 3 items below.)
Safety, fire and/or health hazards Visual appeal/attractiveness Abandoned buildings None of the above Don't know Decline to answer Other	<ul> <li>Primary buildings (residential, public, &amp; commercial)</li> <li>Secondary buildings (sheds, garages, etc.)</li> <li>Front yards</li> <li>Back/side yards if visible from the street</li> <li>Back/side yards if visible by an abutter</li> <li>Do not see a need for an Anti-Blight Bylaw</li> <li>Decline to answer</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Insufficient current building codes, health code and zoning bylaws</li> <li>Difficulty in enforcing existing building codes health codes and zoning bylaws</li> <li>Declining home ownership and/or growing number of rental properties</li> <li>Abandoned/foreclosed property</li> <li>None of the above</li> </ul>
2. What do you feel should be the goals or the purpose of an Anti-Blight Bylaw? (Check all that apply.)	5. To what degree do the following conditions contribute to blight? (1 = NO IMPACT, 5 = VERY HIGH IMPACT, D/K = Don't Know.)	<ul><li>Decline to answer</li><li>Other</li><li>What are the most significant reasons for</li></ul>
To raise property values	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Bikes	blight? (Check 1 to 3 items below.)
To improve visual appearance	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Broken windows	Out of town/out of state investment property
To eliminate safety, fire & health hazards	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Building materials visible from street &	owners
To promote economic development - attract	abutters	Property owners who are financially limited
new businesses, new homes	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Car parts visible from street & abutters	Property owners who are physically limited
Do not see a need for an Anti-Blight Bylaw	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Cracked asphalt	<ul><li>Property owners who are time constrained</li><li>Property owners who are ambivalent</li></ul>
Decline to answer	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Landscaping materials visible from street & abutters	Property owners who have different priorities
Other	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Neglected fencing	None of the above
	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Over-full garbage cans or dumpsters	Decline to answer
3. Which of the following properties do you	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Overgrown, neglected lawn & vegetation	Other
feel an Anti-Blight Bylaw should focus on? (Check all that apply.)	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Peeling paint	
	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Roof in disrepair	8. What would be some of the most effective wa
Foreclosed, empty, or abandoned buildings	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Rusted items	to address blight? (Check 1 to 3 items below.
Single family residences and condominiums	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Tarps	Strengthening and enforcing existing building codes, health codes, and zoning bylaws
Business/commercial properties	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Tools visible from street & abutters	Monitoring vacant and foreclosed properties
<ul><li>Town, State, and Federal properties</li><li>Multi-family residences &amp; investment</li></ul>	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Toys	Homeowner financial assistance and incentives
properties	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Uncontained garbage & disposable trash	Create a new Anti-Blight Bylaw
Land, fields, wooded lots	Vard aguinment (lawn maware enow	Financial penalties
Do not see a need for an Anti-Blight Bylaw	1 2 3 4 5 D/K blowers, etc.)	None of the above
Decline to answer	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Old yard sale signs	Decline to answer
Other	1 2 3 4 5 D/K Holiday decorations out of season	Other
	Other	

implemented, what do you feel are some of	consider to be "blighted" in Hudson? (Check one.)
the potential concerns to enforcing an Anti-Blight Bylaw? (Check all that apply.)	Zero "blighted" properties 1 - 5 pieces of property
<ul> <li>Difficulty in defining "blight" (i.e. very subjective)</li> <li>Difficulty in enforcing (i.e. quantifying, calculating and measuring)</li> <li>Unfairly targeting disabled and elderly residents</li> <li>Unfairly targeting low income and fixed income residents</li> <li>Infringement on property owner's rights</li> <li>Selective enforcement (i.e. is it only reported complaints or all properties in violation?)</li> <li>Vindictive retaliation complaints         <ul> <li>(i.e. disgruntled neighbors, ex-spouses, fired employees may make a complaint)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>1 - 3 pieces of property</li> <li>6 - 10 pieces of property</li> <li>11 - 25 pieces of property</li> <li>26 - 50 pieces of property</li> <li>51 - 100 pieces of property</li> <li>Over 100 pieces of property</li> <li>Don't know</li> <li>Decline to answer</li> <li>12. In your opinion, how many pieces of property does it take for blight to be a Town-wide problem?</li> <li>(Check one.)</li> <li>1 - 10 pieces of property</li> <li>11 - 25 pieces of property</li> <li>26 - 50 pieces of property</li> <li>51-100 pieces of property</li> <li>51-100 pieces of property</li> </ul>
No findrances Do not see a need for an Anti-Bight Bylaw Decline to answer Other	<ul> <li>Over 100 pieces of property</li> <li>Don't know</li> <li>Decline to answer</li> </ul> 13. Do you feel Hudson has a blight problem?
10. Who should be allowed to make a blight complaint? (Check all that apply.)	Yes No
Abutting property owner Abutting resident/renter Property owner within 300 feet Resident/renter within 300 feet Any Hudson resident	Unsure Decline to answer  COMMENTS:
Anyone Hudson Public/Safety Officials No one should be allowed to make a	

## Does Hudson have a "BLIGHT" problem?

## The Blight Bylaw Committee wants your opinion!

- What is blight?
- What causes blight?
- How does blight impact the Town of Hudson?
- How can we curb blight?
- Does Hudson need or want an Anti-Blight Bylaw?

The Hudson Board of Selectmen has appointed a 12 member Blight Bylaw Committee. The purpose of this committee is to explore and determine if Hudson residents feel that there is a need for an Anti-Blight Bylaw in the Town of Hudson, and if there is a need – to determine what areas should be addressed. In order to complete our task, we need to hear from you. We are representing the residents, so it is important for you to let us know how you feel and what you want for the Town of Hudson. We need your opinion.

Please take a few minutes to complete our survey. All surveys will be confidential and anonymous. No personal information or email addresses will be collected.

The survey is also available ONLINE:

\* www.surveymonkey.com/s/HudsonBlight

Please complete & return all surveys by March 2, 2014.

Town Clerk, 78 Main St., Hudson, MA 01749