1. What do you consider to be blight? (Check all that apply.)
   - Safety, fire and/or health hazards
   - Visual appeal/attractiveness
   - Abandoned buildings
   - None of the above
   - Don’t know
   - Decline to answer
   - Other _______________________________

2. What do you feel should be the goals or the purpose of an Anti-Blight Bylaw? (Check all that apply.)
   - To raise property values
   - To improve visual appearance
   - To eliminate safety, fire & health hazards
   - To promote economic development - attract new businesses, new homes
   - Do not see a need for an Anti-Blight Bylaw
   - Decline to answer
   - Other _______________________________

3. Which of the following properties do you feel an Anti-Blight Bylaw should focus on? (Check all that apply.)
   - Foreclosed, empty, or abandoned buildings
   - Single family residences and condominiums
   - Business/commercial properties
   - Town, State, and Federal properties
   - Multi-family residences & investment properties
   - Land, fields, wooded lots
   - Do not see a need for an Anti-Blight Bylaw
   - Decline to answer
   - Other _______________________________

4. Do you feel that an Anti-Blight Bylaw should be limited to any of the following locations? (Check all that apply.)
   - Primary buildings (residential, public, & commercial)
   - Secondary buildings (sheds, garages, etc.)
   - Front yards
   - Back/side yards if visible from the street
   - Back/side yards if visible by an abutter
   - Do not see a need for an Anti-Blight Bylaw
   - Decline to answer
   - Other _______________________________

5. To what degree do the following conditions contribute to blight? (1 = NO IMPACT, 5 = VERY HIGH IMPACT, D/K = Don’t Know.)
   - Bikes
   - Broken windows
   - Building materials visible from street & abutters
   - Car parts visible from street & abutters
   - Cracked asphalt
   - Landscaping materials visible from street & abutters
   - Neglected fencing
   - Over-full garbage cans or dumpsters
   - Overgrown, neglected lawn & vegetation
   - Peeling paint
   - Roof in disrepair
   - Rusted items
   - Tarps
   - Tools visible from street & abutters
   - Toys
   - Uncontained garbage & disposable trash
   - Yard equipment (lawn mowers, snow blowers, etc.)
   - Old yard sale signs
   - Holiday decorations out of season

6. What are the most significant causes of blight? (Check 1 to 3 items below.)
   - Insufficient current building codes, health codes and zoning bylaws
   - Difficulty in enforcing existing building codes, health codes and zoning bylaws
   - Declining home ownership and/or growing number of rental properties
   - Abandoned/foreclosed property
   - None of the above
   - Decline to answer
   - Other __________________________________

7. What are the most significant reasons for blight? (Check 1 to 3 items below.)
   - Out of town/out of state investment property owners
   - Property owners who are financially limited
   - Property owners who are physically limited
   - Property owners who are time constrained
   - Property owners who are ambivalent
   - Property owners who have different priorities
   - None of the above
   - Decline to answer
   - Other __________________________________

8. What would be some of the most effective ways to address blight? (Check 1 to 3 items below.)
   - Strengthening and enforcing existing building codes, health codes, and zoning bylaws
   - Monitoring vacant and foreclosed properties
   - Homeowner financial assistance and incentives
   - Create a new Anti-Blight Bylaw
   - Financial penalties
   - None of the above
   - Decline to answer
   - Other __________________________________
9. If an Anti-Blight Bylaw were to be implemented, what do you feel are some of the potential concerns to enforcing an Anti-Blight Bylaw? (Check all that apply.)

___ Difficulty in defining “blight” (i.e. very subjective)
___ Difficulty in enforcing (i.e. quantifying, calculating and measuring)
___ Unfairly targeting disabled and elderly residents
___ Unfairly targeting low income and fixed income residents
___ Infringement on property owner’s rights
___ Selective enforcement (i.e. is it only reported complaints or all properties in violation?)
___ Vindictive retaliation complaints (i.e. disgruntled neighbors, ex-spouses, fired employees may make a complaint)
___ No hindrances
___ Do not see a need for an Anti-Blight Bylaw
___ Other _______________________________

10. Who should be allowed to make a blight complaint? (Check all that apply.)

___ Abutting property owner
___ Abutting resident/renter
___ Property owner within 300 feet
___ Resident/renter within 300 feet
___ Any Hudson resident
___ Anyone
___ Hudson Public/Safety Officials
___ No one should be allowed to make a complaint about someone else’s property
___ Decline to answer
___ Other _______________________________

11. In your opinion, how many pieces of property do you consider to be “blighted” in Hudson? (Check one.)

___ Zero “blighted” properties
___ 1 - 5 pieces of property
___ 6 - 10 pieces of property
___ 11 - 25 pieces of property
___ 26 - 50 pieces of property
___ 51 - 100 pieces of property
___ Over 100 pieces of property
___ Don’t know
___ Decline to answer

12. In your opinion, how many pieces of property does it take for blight to be a Town-wide problem? (Check one.)

___ 1 - 10 pieces of property
___ 11 - 25 pieces of property
___ 26 - 50 pieces of property
___ 51-100 pieces of property
___ Over 100 pieces of property
___ Don’t know
___ Decline to answer

13. Do you feel Hudson has a blight problem?

___ Yes
___ No
___ Unsure
___ Decline to answer

COMMENTS:

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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