

**A DECLARATION OF THE
CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNTY OF CLAY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

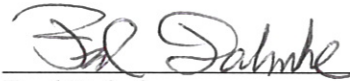
WHEREAS, the Barnesville City Council recognizes the importance of performance measurement; and

WHEREAS, the Barnesville City Council recognizes the value in the statewide benchmarks for these performance measures provided by participating in this program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED, that the City Council of Barnesville, Minnesota has adopted the 10 performance measures recommended by the Council on Local Results and Innovation and will report the results for calendar year 2011 of the 10 adopted measures to our residents before the end of calendar year 2012.

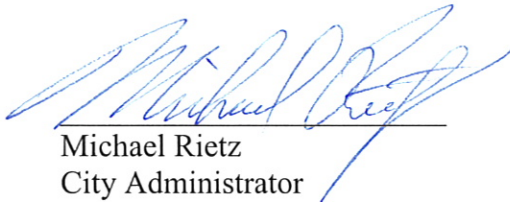
Adopted by the City Council this 11th day of June, 2012.

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Email Invites	Visits	Partial	Screen Outs	Over Quota	Completes
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1. How many years have you lived in Barnesville? [Actions](#)

0-1 year	<div style="width: 1%;"></div>	1	1%
1-3 years	<div style="width: 8%;"></div>	7	8%
3-5 years	<div style="width: 9%;"></div>	8	9%
5-10 years	<div style="width: 31%;"></div>	28	31%
over 10 years	<div style="width: 47%;"></div>	42	47%
I don't live in Barnesville	<div style="width: 4%;"></div>	4	4%
Total		90	100%

2. How would you rate the overall appearance of the city? [Actions](#)

Excellent	<div style="width: 19%;"></div>	17	19%
Good	<div style="width: 62%;"></div>	56	62%
Fair	<div style="width: 15%;"></div>	14	15%
Poor	<div style="width: 4%;"></div>	4	4%
Don't know	<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	0	0%
Total		91	100%

3. How would you describe your overall feeling of safety in the city? [Actions](#)

Very safe	<div style="width: 68%;"></div>	62	68%
Somewhat safe	<div style="width: 25%;"></div>	23	25%
Somewhat unsafe	<div style="width: 4%;"></div>	4	4%
Very unsafe	<div style="width: 2%;"></div>	2	2%
Don't know	<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	0	0%
Total		91	100%

4. How would you rate the overall quality of fire protection services in the city? [Actions](#)

Excellent	<div style="width: 58%;"></div>	52	58%
Good	<div style="width: 38%;"></div>	34	38%
Fair	<div style="width: 1%;"></div>	1	1%
Poor	<div style="width: 2%;"></div>	2	2%
Don't know	<div style="width: 1%;"></div>	1	1%
Total		90	100%

5. How would you rate the overall condition of city streets? [Actions](#)

Excellent		6	7%
Good		61	68%
Fair		19	21%
Poor		4	4%
Don't know		0	0%
Total		90	100%

6. How would you rate the overall quality of snowplowing on city streets? Actions ▾

Excellent		29	32%
Good		44	48%
Fair		11	12%
Poor		6	7%
Don't know		1	1%
Total		91	100%

7. How would you rate the dependability and overall quality of city sanitary sewer service? Actions ▾

Excellent		23	26%
Good		50	56%
Fair		8	9%
Poor		3	3%
Don't know		6	7%
Total		90	100%

8. How would you rate the dependability and overall quality of the city water supply? Actions ▾

Excellent		10	11%
Good		40	44%
Fair		22	24%
Poor		18	20%
Don't know		1	1%
Total		91	100%

9. How would you rate the overall quality of city recreational programs and facilities (e.g. parks, trails, park facilities, etc.)? Actions ▾

Excellent		24	27%
Good		44	49%
Fair		18	20%
Poor		3	3%
Don't know		1	1%
Total		90	100%

10. How would you rate the overall quality of services provided by the city? Actions ▾

Excellent		14	15%
Good		55	60%
Fair		18	20%
Poor		4	4%
Don't know		0	0%
Total		91	100%

11. Do you have any comments on [the survey](#) or community in general? Actions ▾

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11. Do you have any comments on the survey or community in general?

#	Response
1	Internet and sewer services are priced way to high.
2	Barnesville needs a community recreational center. Also, no one should be having water back up into any of their basements when there is NOTHING wrong with their own sewer lines! The CITY needs to fix this! It should NOT be put on everyone else's shoulders to pay to have fixed! It just shouldn't be happening.
3	color of the water really sucks! nothing gets done about it. too many city workers. need more baseball fields or at least a diamond on south-east end of town.
4	I am very pleased with how downtown is shaping up to look like. Hats off to all people involved in the planning...looks great! On another note, I'd like to state how I do not like how Barnesville monopolizes over it's services. We should be allowed to choose other providers for services just like any other town near us. When people ask about our town that is a BIG negative that I bring up. I do not like how we have to have a landline in order to receive internet.
5	It would be nice to see more walking trails and general improvements to the park system.
6	City services seem to be expensive compared to those in other communities.
7	We run a lot and there are a lot of loose dogs that bother us while we run. We love dogs but it would be nice to keep unattended dogs leashed. There a few reliable sidewalks so we have to run in the street. Running in Fargo or Moorhead is much better because there are consistent sidewalks everywhere.
8	Sidewalks are atrocious. Existing Internet service is fair at best. Options for Internet and television are abysmal.
9	Although it hurt me to pay for the downtown street project, that everyone uses, it's over and done with. Let's move on. And you know what? So what if Braton has stuff on his Commercial property. Help him build a fence to hide it if the neighbors are whining. Lets focus on building up this community instead of nitpicking. Overall Barnesville is a nice community, the empty stores downtown need to be filled, the old Jack and Jill grocery store, the Old 52 bar place just for some examples. The non Barnesville people that take over Blue Eagle in the summer months are a concern for a lot of citizens. They and their children are not comfortable going there, which is kind of sad. I like the parks, I love having a paved trail around Blue Eagle to walk around and not have to worry about cars. The roads are in great shape for riding bikes. The snow removal on the streets are done in a timely manner. I don't like when my driveway gets blocked in, but I think most cities fill the end of driveways when they plow. :) Whenever I have a problem with utilities or whatever, employees of the city are good to respond fairly quickly. I think we have a top notch Fire and Ambulance service. The feeling safe question on this survey is interesting. Barnesville has a long history of drug use. I don't know if your question is a feeler for that type of situation? I would NOT walk on the streets alone at night in the dark.
10	Good survey - we should do more of these and more specificity with each for important feedback. Nice updates to website! Good way to get citizens to check it out with this survey! Need opportunity to comment on Ambulance service also - you mentioned almost every other department in an overall way.
11	Techology has already surpassed the city services notably HDTV. All and all this is wonderful city to live in with a great school.
12	Need to spend more time planning for the long term future. not just the next couple months
13	i picked to live in barnesville because i like the small town atmosphere i dont thin we need to try to double or triple the population of our town with the new commercials
14	Clean up the Ferrell Gas lot - get rid of the old fuel tanks - mow the lawn...
15	Cable TV needs better programming and the entrances to the city need to be cleaned up. ie: Grommesh property, Egge property, Miller property, Braton property and Ferrell Gas property.
16	UTILITY'S HAVE GOT HIGH IN THE LAST TEN YEARS OVER DOUBLED OF WHAT WAS. OTHERWISE CITY IS GREAT WOULD LIKE BUSINESS TO STAY OPEN LONGER IN TOWN WHEN WE GET HOME FROM WORK THERE CLOSED 7:00-8:00 ?
17	I think the cost of the utilities to live in Barnesville is extremely high
18	public restrooms at blue eagle should be open all the time. More water fountains would be appreciated in area parks. trash cans are hard to find when running thru town.
19	I love living in Barnesville. It's a great community. One thing I would like to see is some updating of play equipment at some of the parks. Some of the play equipment is quite old. I would particularly like to see new play equipment at McCraff Park and Blue Eagle.
20	The manholes are a problem in the streets. They are not level with the streets. People drive around them to avoid damage to their vehicles. This could cause an accident.
21	clean up the buildings and properties that are eye-sores along front street!
22	The City looks good and citizens obviously take pride in the city.
23	Parks are great; always could use faster internet
24	Barnesville is a great place to live. A more vibrant business community would be nice but I don't see that happening with our proximity to Fargo/Moorhead. Need to keep promoting our school, our parks, our housing, and try to attract smaller 2-10 employees businesses.
25	Communicate fire hydrant flushing times better to citizens so they know when NOT to wash clothes. There are some problems with computer usage and users are unaware the trouble is with the city access to internet.
26	There needs to be better cable TV service on weekends & nights. We should not have to wait for a Police Office to answer the answering machine, then find someone to call. There needs to be a on call service personal at all times. Police officers need to spend more time on the streets not in the cop shop playing on

	the computer or watching TV. Plus the Cheif needs to hit the streets and do some patrolling. I've never seen a City that has four patrol cars and they are always inside the cop shop! Get out, write some tickets and find some bad guys, it's what we pay for!
27	Excellent small town living.
28	The water even after putting it through a filter it is still scummy. The internet service is horrible.
29	Water quality is poor and leaves a film. Internet quality with conectivity and speed is poor, during weekends sometimes nonexistent.
30	Barnesville is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. I have always felt very comfortable and safe living here. It has everything you need to live here and people are very friendly.
31	Am disappointed that our cable bills are tied to our land line phones. There should be an option to have these two services separated. This would allow people who don't rely on their home phone to still receive cable services. Also, would like to see some police presence on main street in area of Catholic Church early in the work morning,(ie 6:30-8:00), to cut down on the speeding that usually takes place during those hours in that vicinity.
32	Snow removal was not done very well with few snows we had this winter as compared to the past. In the past it was excellent!
33	WHY DO WE SPEND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO MAKE ALL THOSE TURNING LANES ON 19/41 USED MOSTLY FOR PEOPLE PASSING THROUG. WHEN THE STREETS WE LIVE ON NEEDS VAS IMPROVEMENTS
34	Many of the sidewalks a block off Front ST are in very poor shape and make it very unsafe to walk on. Also the random brown water in the older part of town. Barnesville is a great place to raise a family if your in the new part of town.
35	Should open the bowling alley for the summer. itd give kids something to do.. and on like a friday or something host a teen night..itd be a good idea to keep kids out of trouble n there still having fun cuz who doesn't like bowling? even if it was only open for the weeknd like saturday n friday id deff spend money n take my kids
36	i feel the streets are the only place you can walk around in the city. Most of the sidewalks are in very poor and unsafe conditions to walk or allow children to ride bikes down. Also the buildings that remain unused on Main street are a huge eye sore. Once we moved to barnesville it became very aperient that if you do not live in "New Barnesville" you quickly are forgotten about and feel like less of a citizen of barnesville. Barnesville promotes moving to barnesville and receive great incentives and discounts, but if you choose to move into an older section of barnesville, buy an older house and fix it up there are no incentives.
37	Barnesville is billed as a people/business friendly community. Yet nothing is done to increase businesses or affordadle housing. Right now it is to expensive to start a business in town which would increase the downtown life and bring more people in.
38	Barnesville is a great place the live. I think it has a lot of positive things going for it.
39	Yes, I would like to see sidewalks all the way around the block of the elementary school. It does not seem safe to have yound students walking, especially in the winter time when it is slippery and a car and/or child could slide and slip, in the street of 5th Ave. SE.
40	I live on 10th Ave. SE and there is an empty lot to the east of our house. The snow plow crews push snow into our yard, which literally stacked as high to meet the roof of our garage. There is no reason for the snow to be plowed or dumped into our yard when there is an empty lot literally feet away. It created a huge problem with backing out of our driveway because we could not see any cars/pets/people coming from the east. It also created huge drifts in our driveway and on the road. Also, I don't think we should have to register our pets every year nor pay for it. There are so many other towns around the area that do not do this and have no problems. The walking path around the Barnesville lake needs to be repaved. The junk place on Front Street and 10th Ave. SE is a horrible sight to see every single day I have to drive by it to get to my house. The fence system they put up does nothing to conceal what they have sitting there. Same with the place across the street.
41	why does Karen L still have a job here when she lives in North Dakota and chases away more business then she is supposed to be bringing in And why and how does this city let a sexual predator work for them still. Last time I check the law library pretty sure it is still against the law. Sounds to me there seems to be a good old boy network in this town. So I guess if you work for the city you can go around and break the laws and get away with it! Maybe its time for a new city council, new city admin, and a mayor with a spine
42	Need more restaurants
43	You should do a survey on the performance of city council members and the mayor. Why didn't you do a survey on how the main street improvement project should have been paid for? Tree trimming service is terrible.
44	I think there should be letters sent out to the residents of Bville, alot of elderly do not have access to computers, or have interest in them.
45	mcgrath park needs lots of work ..just because it's the older side of town does not mean it should be neglected. there are many families with children that live close to that park and those children should have the opportunity to be able to play as well on items that are just as good as the fire station park... skateboard park etc... there is nothing hardly for swings there at all and for being such a large park old materials are basically only thing there

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