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Franklin that we fell in love with is no more. No more just regular folks raising families. The more you slam into this area the more crime! Just stop. Let us breathe! It's simply out of control.

No affordable housing. So many people that work here cannot afford to live anywhere in the city or county.

Not quite sure.

, Attainable housing and increasing housing stock without losing greenspace.

1) Traffic: Neighborhoods and commercial areas may be well planned, but we lack the broader infrastructure to support them. 2) Connected pathways: connect neighborhoods to commercial/recreational areas with safe walking/bike paths! I live in Ladd Over, with over 1,000 homes, that does not have a connecting path to the businesses by Carothers/Longpoint, or the upcoming Pearlene M. Bransford Complex. 3) Wallet family activities: Invest in playgrounds, a splash pad - outdoor activities families/kids can go to. I see "what activities can I do with my kids" in multiple Franklin mom groups ALL THE TIME - This shouldn't happen for a place that claims to be all about A county school board that works in opposition to the best interest of the school system. Lack of competitive salaries in some areas is a concern, as well as the exorbitant cost of housing.

Acceptance of all races and religions

Acceptance of all residents. Those who complain the loudest are the ones heard. Decisions are based on political divides and religious beliefs.

Acceptance of current residents that are Hispanics/potential illegal immigrants. I am concerned about those who have been here 10+, 20+ years with no criminal background being deported.

Adding too many subdivisions and apartments

Adjusting building code to the realities and more extremes from climate change.

Affordability

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Affordability and overdevelopment

affordability and variety of housing options

Affordability of housing - finding a way to make housing more affordable without reducing quality of town.

Affordability, as my children won't be able to live where they grew up, and reputation. Franklin is not known to be welcoming to diverse populations.

Affordability.

Affordability. Too many apartments, not enough affordable townhomes and normal size single family homes. Too many huge \$1 million plus homes.

Affordable family houses - not townhomes or apartments. Old fashioned houses with yards that your children can run & play in.

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Affordable housing for everyone; accepting diversity

Affordable housing for middle class

Affordable housing for the working class. People who work here can't afford to live in Williamson County or Franklin.

Home ownership for young families is essential to continue communities not just apartment living.

Affordable housing options

Affordable Housing!!!!

Affordable housing.

Affordable living for all existing and future residents.

Affordable living for the poor, young adults just getting started and retired people on limited incomes - it is VERY expensive to live here.

Affordable workforce housing. It's important that our firefighters, police, school teachers & workers in our local establishments can afford to live here & be part of the community.

Affordable, safe, quality housing for Seniors and those with developmental disabilities., singles and young families and the continual building on all of the open green spaces. Rental prices are also outrageous.

All of the green spaces, natural areas, and hills are being ruined by overpriced and cramped housing. It takes away from the draw of Franklin, which is the beautiful natural spaces and scenic views. There need to be more restrictions on buildings and restrictions on what kinds of businesses are allowed. We need to focus on quality. We need to focus on preserving Franklin's natural spaces and utilize them in an eco friendly way.

Allowance of TOO much growth

Allowing low quality development, too much high density

Allowing to much growth less open space

Arrogant alderman don't listen to public only special interests.

Attracting business to the area

Balanced growth and maintaining a small town sense of community.

Balancing growth and open space preservation.

Balancing the influx of new citizens while maintaining Franklin's good standards

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Being able to afford to live in franklin with the price of housing and then having your taxes go up because of the cost of your home.

Better planned growth; and the need to expand infrastructure to match this growth before the growth takes place.

Bigotry

Both my children attended FSSD schools and are currently attending or have graduated from Centennial. I would love to see renovations/cosmetic upgrades for these schools. The facilities are aging and there is a stark difference between the newer schools that have recently been built (with a much higher percentage of students coming from middle to upper class families) and these buildings which are really starting to show wear and tear.

Bringing in quality shopping and restaurants comparable to Nashville.

Building affordable homes, as opposed to apartments.

Building and engineering dept. Getting direct answers, as well as there inspection and surveying processes.

Business infrastructure - more grocery stores, restaurants, etc to support the growing population.

Californian's!!! I'm native Franklin, TN and what has happened the last 5 years is truly heart breaking.

Carefully managing growth, both residential and business, to preserve the charming, small town feel of Franklin and the quality of life for existing residents.

Challenge is to keep green space, hill views not 6 and 8 storied apartments. Challenge to broaden historic overlay to keep Franklin feeling like Franklin.

Changes to zoning must be made or this beautiful town will be overbuilt by developers purchasing large parcels of land/farms and turning open space into a ton of homes. Zoning changes specific to density allotments per parcel of land...if a farm is sold, there must be restrictions on the density allowed for the new owner.

Changing the uniqueness of this town.

Childcare is so expensive, as is the cost of homes in the area. We spend as much on childcare as we do on rent.

Christian Nationalism. Road Rage. Storm Drainage.

Christian Nationalists trying to undermine quality education in schools.

City of Franklin government officials, alderman, mayor need to have at least some integrity....they are all corrupt

Cleaning up the Harpeth for recreation. It is toxic for dogs right now.

Community morale

Concerned about DEI and Wokeness and LGBTQ +++. We don't need or want that junk. Don't you dare start bringing that stuff in.

connecting the community with the elderly, both at private assisted living and homes. much was lost due to pandemic and has not returned

Contain growth.

Continual approval of building without infrastructure to support the growth. If we cannot handle the traffic, stop approving the building.

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Continued approval of new developments prior to infrastructures being built to sustain the increase in population. I'm very concerned that water or lack of water will be an issue for Franklin as more and more developments are built. We are at capacity at our sewage treatment facility and now need an additional one. The increase in the water bills to facilitate this should be transferred to the developers. Our water in Franklin is not the best quality and has as much chlorine in it as a public pool. I've lived her for 30 years and have seen many changes. I realize growth will happen, but I fear the west side of the city will become gridlock very soon. We need to put on the brakes. Franklin leaders need to be fiscally responsible with our dollars and need to look at our debt.

Continued support and expansion of water and wastewater infrastructure

Continuing to build housing and businesses in spaces that will cause even more traffic congestion.

Continuous and rapid growth of infrastructure and houses/subdivisions without concern for maintaining natural aspects of city.

CONTROL our growth. It is out of control allowing development without proper infrastructure/horrible tariffic now

Controlling growth as our roads are severely behind.

Cost of growth and maintenance, I fear taxes will continue to balloon

Cost of living

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Cost of living & cost of business. Small business owners (esp restaurants) are closing and chains are coming in. It takes away from the uniqueness and character of Franklin. Not to mention someone's livelihood

Cost of living for lower wage workers

Cost of living in Franklin is rapidly increasing, and I'm deeply concerned that I might be priced out of the area

Cost of living is out of control

Cost of living.

Cost of living. Increased noise levels.

Crime

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Cultural changes. Miss old Franklin. Increasing CRIME

Curbing growth and enlarging the historic overlay to stop the destruction of our quaint downtown...

CURTAILING GROWTH

Dealing with growth in a way that doesn't compromise the natural beauty (too many HOAs and large communities taking up beautiful land).

Demolition of natural/green spaces.

Dense population and over abundance of property renters instead of owners

Density must be reduced. All these apartments are creating a nightmare of TRAFFIC.

Density of homes

Destroying our green spaces and over developing, keep Franklin green and quaint.

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Destruction of classic buildings and loss of farm land/green space for the sake of new development. Franklin is losing its charm and bucolic heritage to subdivisions.

Development and infrastructure. Too much residential development without infrastructure in place. Following rules relating to historic overlays, etc. Need much more affordable housing and I mean affordable, not \$250,000 homes!

Development moving too fast

Diminishing open space

Disinformation

Diverse population.

Diversity

Diversity of housing options

Diversity of opinions and people

Diversity, inclusion.

Diversity. You have two goals, diversity and community engagement/safety, which are diametrically opposed.

Feelings of safety, community involvement, and generally happiness decline as diversity grows. Pick heritage

Americans who have been with Franklin for decades to make it what it is now.

Dumb People

Economic/debt issues. Rapid growth has changed the small town charm and friendliness. Need to stay true to our

Enforcement of codes. Stop irresponsible growth to accommodate buddies of city officials

Engaged, dedicated workforce. And quality parks (the current options are in need of serious repair).

Enough doctors and nurses and health facilities for the growing population.

Excessive growth is ruining the hometown vibe that Franklin had in the past.

Excessive growth, not affordable, no moderately priced housing options

Excessive growth...far too many people here now and Franklin has lost it's small town feel.

Excessive new residence building, particularly high rise apartment buildings

Excessive uncontrolled growth and traffic - but no one listens!

Expanding to quickly for the infrastructure to support

Extensive growth causing the disappearance of scenic countryside, ruining the small-town feel, and resulting in

MASSIVE traffic issues. STOP building everywhere - it is horrible to see this City being ruined.

Extreme political environment- no compromise, no unity for the good of the community. Extreme views impacting public schools, neighborhoods and community unity

Extreme right wing conservatism influencing policies especially libraries and schools

Facsim

Fast growth, affordable housing

Fire

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First, Franklin should consider appropriate growth not growth benefiting outside companies regardless of our ability to finance the roads , infrastructure, public services , safety. I'm not opposed to paying a little more taxes but not to just complete a project. Hopefully to develop a smart transportation system that makes sense, Why the Cool Springs Mall re development prior to Mallory being able to handle traffic or building developments and widening Columbia with no flow on Mack Hatcher. People are blowing through intersections because they are slowed by traffic without enough police force to have eyes on. Second, Franklin had a wonderful recreation parks system but now seems difficult to find the same reasonably priced offerings with availability of classes, sports and fields but they market Franklin to families as well as a great retirement city for seniors on fixed incomes.Third, increased flooding on Lewisburg Pike again near Carnton and the duration of the roadwork in downtown is making it difficult for citizens to Franklin does not have the infrastructure in place for how fast it is growing (schools, teachers, healthcare providers, emergency staff, roads repaired, water, sewage etc.).

Franklin is losing it's small town charm. While growth needs to happen, it's sad when I go downtown and it's full of more and more places to eat for tourists and wealthy residents. Fortunately, I moved to Franklin earlier or I would never be able to afford to buy a home in Franklin today. The city needs to begin focusing on more affordable housing opportunities that aren't condos! About 12 years ago I was a part of a Habitat for Humanities group that build a home near downtown Franklin for a family in need. I'd love to see more of that being done to keep our community diverse and not a place that approves of tearing down older homes to replace them with mega mansions.

Franklin is vulnerable to coming under the control of extreme religious control, as is evident with current school Franklin isn't Franklin anymore. Too much development is taking away from the quaint community. Too expensive. Franklin needs to be more bike/walk friendly.

Franklin, Tennessee holds a profound place in American history, yet it risks losing the rich legacy that shaped it. As a pivotal site during the Civil War, where countless men gave their lives, Franklin stands as a testament to the struggles and sacrifices that define our nation's past. We must place greater focus on preserving and honoring this heritage by expanding landmarks, hosting more reenactments, and creating educational opportunities that bring the city's founding story to life. Without a renewed commitment, the cultural significance of Franklin may slowly be forgotten, and with it, the deep roots that connect us to our national identity.

Franklin's problem today is growing too fast and not looking at future results and issues for its local residents who created a beautiful small town and welcomed visitors. We are now bitter and wanting out. The community created is now filled with apartments, chain restaurants and price hikes matching large scale cities. I remember when an issue was Ben and Jerry's store front in downtown being too commercial with the large ice cream cone and The Golden Corral could not have their red awning. At that point I thought those issues were ridiculous. Now I understand. We have gone too far the other way. The worst thing that could happen to Franklin is large scale public transportation into Nashville. That would end Franklin as a small safe community. Actually unless you go downtown it is no longer a small community. It is like the suburbs of Atlanta. You just have to keep moving further away to find what we had 15 years ago in Franklin. Please stop the massive growth for 5 years to figure out what you are doing to our city and see how to move forward for our future residents. I am going to move away but I do want and hope this city figures out growth is not always going make life better. Locals will leave and the beautiful community once created by locals Future crime from the onslaught of "affordable Housing" apartments.

Gentrification and pushing out low income and even middle class families.

Gentrification/Greed. Too many people moving here, too much ridiculous house prices, too much development.

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- Good affordable restaurants.
- Government related issues, especially regarding DEI.
- Greed. Huge houses going up on tiny lots.
- Green space is disappearing. Stop building homes and residential areas. Beautiful Franklin is just going to be a regular ole city soon. Nothing special with all this concrete.
- Growing to fast
- growing to fast and too many housing developments taking over open areas
- Growing to quick with no real plan.
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- Growth - losing identity
- Growth and affordable housing
- Growth and infrastructure to support it
- Growth and perception of growth
- Growth and traffic
- Growth and Traffic congestion
- Growth and traffic on roada
- Growth is too fast, the Harper river is in terrible shape
- Growth it is out of control
- Growth of neighborhoods/density
- Growth- please put a mortoreum on new residential construction, we need people to STOP moving here .
- Growth without smart planning
- Growth! We are growing too fast and infrastructure is not keeping up with the growth! Plus outside builders, who don't know anything about Franklin, are eating up all the green space! We were once a quiet, rural community. Now we have subdivisions everywhere!
- Growth. Slow it down Need the infrastructure (roads, schools, medical) need to be upgraded before we add more

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Growth. Too fast and too many people for the size of town.

Growth. Do you ever say "no" to a development? Can you produce a viable 10 - 30 year plan that shows how roads and services will keep up with new neighborhoods? Are you building schools to match the 10 - 30 year growth plan? Will we have the ability to find, acquire, and retain school staff to accommodate the 10 year plan for growth? Where will all of the continued new residents and visitors park in and around downtown? Do you have a parking plan for 10 year growth? Instead of new neighborhoods, start building schools, parking garages, and affordable housing for those that can keep Franklin moving steady for the foreseeable future.

Growth. We cannot keep building and inviting more to this community if we do not somehow work on traffic. Stop more building for a period to properly address the current residential issue.

Having our leaders manage (meaning not exploiting Franklin) to fast growth. Envision Franklin is driving this, but it clearly needs to be re-assessed. Having a survey that asks if quality on development needs attention doesn't necessarily mean BUILD MORE. Quality also means managing it both economically and for paced growth.

Increasing population drives more traffic problems - you can't make numbers go away with a lane change. New PUDs and new homes are hurting existing home sellers and is out of balance. Annexing areas into the city is not what the people want. I have heard many meetings where this is evident - leaders aren't listening to the people who make Franklin what it became and made it "favored". Franklin will quickly become driven in the ground and avoided if there isn't change in their approach that addressed much more moderate growth than what is being approved. I hear it all the time that Franklin isn't what it used to be - from Franklin residents and other Nashville area residents. We are slowly but surely losing our "sweet spot as a small town". I know leaders here this all the time but they seem to shrug it off. It's sad that a small group of alderman and leaders can overturn the heart of a city. My voting will

High cost of living

Home prices increasing to unattainable amounts

Housing

Housing affordability

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Housing affordability and diversity

Housing cost

Housing costs

Housing is so expensive that our young adult children cannot afford to live here and too much growth. We don't want Franklin to be a little Nashville.

Housing need affordable options

Housing options

Housing options and affordability. This is a well run city!

How to make our ever-growing town feel like a tighter knit community.

Hyper growth! Infrastructure, mis management of natural water shed, causing erosion to property! Traffic is a disaster! Traffic lights are entirely too long!

I am very concerned about the many multi-family (apartments) that are being built. Expanding roads, and alternative forms of transportation seems to be an after thought.

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I brought my family there on Saturday to the opening of Slice House. After we left we decided to have a fun family day and walk around the town and have coffee, ice cream and shop. I had to hear swearing and see **** Donald Trump signs. Absolutely an embarrassment for Franklin and for the idiot town manager who approved this. We decided to go home for the day!! I just moved to Franklin from the west coast to get away from this divisiveness and it felt like another woke California city on Saturday. You should never ever ever have approved political anything in downtown Franklin other than voting. It turned a family friendly did into a mini hatred mob. My answer would be the same if it were a pro Trump rally. This has no business in family friendly Franklin. Unless your goal is to form a city with with foul mouthed hatred protesters. Maybe it will take a fight between MAGA and the woke crowd for Franklin to get their I do worry that some of the militia groups are gaining strength.

I don't feel that Franklin is a welcome community for diverse people. It isn't welcoming for the LGBT community, non-Christians, and many people of color. Bullying in schools hasn't seemed to improve and I'm not sure the Franklin government cares. I think a diverse community is stronger and more economically viable in the long term.

I think we could benefit by putting sidewalks all the way down Downs blvd to connect the soccer fields on Dows and Boyd Mill. This is an area where a lot of people walk but it is missing sidewalks. We have a beautiful historic town with a heritage foundation that doesn't have a preservationist and the CEO runs around spending the money on herself and parties. I realize this isn't a city of Franklin employee/company but their work or lack their of does impact I wish you could please remove that statue in the middle of downtown Franklin! It's not erasing history. Put it in a museum. And then put something that brings the city together in its place! Don't keep this divisive statue. Times have changed. Again, not erasing history, just a change to reflect our current day and welcome attitude!!! Also, we need more affordable housing. Average families are having a hard time buying a house. I saw a sign on McEwen/Cool Springs about some new luxury condos for \$1-2M! That's not right. We need more housing for regular If you haven't read The Anxious Generation, then read it, and think about the types of things we need to put into place as a community in order to encourage our youth to flourish. Banning cell phones from public schools needs to happen yesterday. Our schools are amazing and are doing a fantastic job. Our teachers are top notch, but an overall tech plan of the type mentioned in The Anxious Generation must be planned from the top down or teachers' hands I'm greatly concerned that Franklin has fallen in with other surrounding communities when it comes to their love of money over residents. If leaders aren't careful, Franklin will lose its small city charm (as it already is), and this wonderful town will no longer be the sought after place it once was. People moved here for the small town feel, and now we are rapidly growing into something fewer and fewer people want to be part of.

Increase in crime! The vehicle break ins all over Franklin at hotels and apartments (and in a lot of neighborhoods) is ridiculous. Also, stop building apartments. The infrastructure cannot handle all these additional people living in Cool Springs!!!

Increase in property crime, neighborhood car break-ins

Increase walkable connections

Infrastructure planning for growth

Instead of "maintaining the small town feel" and continuing to allow outsiders come in and run long term locals off.

Focus more on trying to help and make things easier and more accessible for people that want to stay here.

It's feeling less and less safe to be out and about jogging or walking around, cars drive too fast, there are not good pedestrian crossings and much of the green space is being torn down. Franklin is losing its charm.

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Keeping a balance on political issues so community remains united. Quality of life is adversely affected when city is politically divided. Franklin has managed to navigate this well, thanks to exceptional leadership.

Keeping a small town image while trying to expand the Central downtown Franklin area.

Keeping the high quality of life that we have now with budgetary challenges.

Keeping the separation of church and state in government. STOP BANNING BOOKS. Align elections so we aren't off year randomly voting for things and no one shows up to vote.

lack of affordable housing and education in fssd

Lack of affordable housing and no longer has a small town feel. I built and sold a home in downtown Franklin in 2018 for \$650,000. Someone came in from California, purchased it, and immediately sold it for 1.2 million. Since then it has sold for 2 million. This is ridiculous. I would love to leave Franklin, but have been here most of my life, as well as my entire family. This is no longer our Franklin. In my job, I encounter people every day that have moved here from California, Chicago, and other areas. They always comment they moved here because of the small town feel. Well, it

Lack of affordable housing is killing the town's ability to attract and keep younger residents

Lack of affordable housing that can fit more than 2-3 people and still have a yard.

Lack of consistent side walks, options for recreation for working adults

Lack of discipline in public education. The city needs and ALC for elementary students who are behavior problems!

Lack of diversity

Lack of diversity caused by lack of affordable housing and the MAGA-fication of Williamson county.

Lack of diversity in population / elected officials (aldermen)

Lack of funding for non profit organizations

Lack of housing that is affordable for working adults and families.

Lack of on street parking

Lack of side walks. Especially off of Columbia ave and downs. There have have been several accidents with pedestrians on Columbia in the last few years.

Lack of sidewalks to all resident to walk to shopping, entertainment, dining, recreation if you live in a subdivision that isn't Berry Farms, Westhaven, or similar.

Lack of traffic planning and developers not doing what they say, example Mack Hatcher

Lack of welcoming and respecting diversity

Lack of workforce/affordable housing options

Lacking new/clean playgrounds, activities for kids, museums. Franklin would also thrive with a riverwalk with outdoor patios, walking path, playground. Look into Naperville, IL- franklin would do great modeling after that city.

More big name stores downtown. Stay open later. Franklin is stuck in the past and needs to move forward. And what is being built is on top of each other with no parking or the infrastructure to support it. City planning is horrible.

Seems like you just take small parcels of land and fit as many buildings as you can. Look at Longpoint. Great idea- Land use- so much of our beautiful countryside has been destroyed for subdivisions. Even my children have noticed that "we can't just have land". Sad.

Land use, housing, manufacturing, commercial, over building.

Large developers continuing to buy up large tracks of land to build developments. The open spaces and green spaces are disappearing and the area is way too over crowded.

Leaders are too focused on allowing growth with no infrastructure

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LGBTQ parades & change in the overall culture over the past 5 years, affordability of living here, green space & farmlands being overdeveloped

Liberals in government with their ideological subversion

Logical control over the growth of the community. The good news is Franklin has earned a great reputation. The bad news is Franklin has earned a great reputation. As Tennessee native we came back to the area 13 years ago.

Expansion is inevitable and generally a good thing. However, it appears to me the significant influx of new residents has significantly outpaced the infrastructure to support it. Look at the traffic on Split Log or Crockett as examples.

You can ask to put transportation aside..... but it is the issue, and it seems to become more challenging every year.

Losing identity

Losing safety, peace and family core for the sake of woke agendas

Losing the local feel of community. Tourism has become too important. I hate losing green space and our skyline.

Every space is filled with a new building or parking garage. It's just gross.

Loss of "mom and pop" shops and restaurants. It would be great for the city to promote locally-owned commercial use and resident-artisans at the street festivals (not just booths that are extended storefronts).

Loss of character / Events are now too crowded to enjoy attending.

Loss of farms, open space. Way too much building of houses with too small of lots and commercialization.

Loss of green space, too much new building when places sit empty.

Loss of open land; uncontrolled development

MAGA

Maintain Franklin's Charm Despite Huge Growth

Maintaining a sense of community when so many transplants appear to be uninterested in truly becoming a part of the community.

Maintaining its current reputation as a top place to live in America. Keeping our community safe and family friendly.

Maintaining our natural beauty- Protecting hills, historic places, and farms. Requiring new neighborhoods to have larger lot sizes and green spaces in order to preserve beauty.

Maintaining the character of the location while accommodating growth. New development should continue in the direction of Cool Springs.

Making sure all are welcomed

Making sure Franklin keeps its character by maintaining extremely high standards for any new housing developments. Also, new housing developments absolutely have to have middle class housing. It feels like all new developments cater only to \$1m+ large houses on tiny plots. It's also very important to keep growth in the cool springs direction and green space west and southwest of Franklin open. I do have concerns with large developments on Columbia which is a road that can only be widened so far and can bottleneck easily.

Making sure infrastructure in utilities is ready for growth

Managed Growth

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Managing growth and affordable housing.

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Managing growth and the stress on infrastructure, particularly roads

Managing growth and traffic

Managing growth of our city while maintaining our country feel

Managing growth well and preventing overcrowding

Managing growth!

Managing growth. Franklin is becoming a very popular place to live (for sound reasons!). We need to keep the balance going between sensible growth and destroying the very aspects of Franklin that people find most appealing.

Managing housing growth.

Managing rapid growth and development. Continuing to be good stewards of this wonderful city.

Managing the rate of growth

massive over development

Mismanaged growth; too many neighborhoods popping up, too expensive

More green space, keeping houses out of flood prone areas ,building homes with with yards

More Third inclusive spaces that are affordable and relational

My biggest concern is that the public schools are struggling to retain and attract top talent. For decades, Franklin's schools have been elite and have attracted great families, but the quality appears to be moving in the wrong direction. The other big concern is the population density, which is increasing with multi-family dwellings and dense neighborhoods taking away some of the beautiful land--eg, Cool Springs & Mack Hatcher, Mack Hatcher & Franklin Rd, and new development popping up on Cotton Lane.

Na

Need more affordable housing

Need to find a way to integrate affordable, quality housing. Need a larger sports team/venue (Nashville Stars baseball?) to bring taxes in not on the backs of residents but those spending money in our area from our of the city
Neighborhood streets are not wide enough when cars park on them. Poor neighborhood planning.

Neighborhoods in wooded/rural areas of Franklin don't have as good of infrastructure as suburban areas and are usually last to see needed repair/improvement/upgrades.

Neighborhoods with no yards.

New neighborhoods being allowed to cram in so many huge houses on such little land. Also, we don't need more apartments.

No bike lanes and lack of trails.

No diversity, just grumpy old white people. Between that and the confederate statue in town square, I'm embarrassed to tell people I live here. Smaller issues: lack of sidewalks (can't walk to work even though it would make sense for me to); no adult activities or bars/clubs unless you go into Nashville, really nothing to do if you don't have or want kids. Worried the city is not set up to grow if these changes aren't made because the younger people

No new or expanded roads but keep adding housing

No other place to put this comment. I have been looking into bringing a small conference (<300) to Franklin, but I can't make it work because conference attendees look for walkable restaurant choices (that are not chain restaurants) and the downtown Franklin area's only hotel isn't even close to being affordable for something like this. Please bring a nice but affordable hotel with event space to downtown Franklin. It's such a perfect area to bring small conferences in and attract more tourism to the area.

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Noise. Downtown living very noisy. Speeding vehicles, loud mufflers. No effort being made to minimize this. Trees disappearing. When lots redeveloped, entire lot covered by house. No open space or trees left. Character of town completely changed by this approach. When parks developed, trees and grass should be priority, not acres of hard scape. We have hard scape downtown. Parks should be an escape from this. Parks baking in summer sun are not really useable. Light pollution. Hillsboro Road and Franklin Road, as they approach downtown, look like airport runways. Maybe in the future, fewer lamp posts with light directed toward the ground would help? Summary, more of what Franklin once had; trees, shade, quiet; and less embellishment (which is costing us taxpayers).

None

Non-stop growth, destruction of viewsheds, lack of leadership in protecting zoning.

Not enough diversity

Not enough infrastructure to support the fast growing population. Signal need to design better.

Not enough moderate housing costs

Not enough police presence

Not enough schools. The hill view project needs to be pushed back until the infrastructure is in place. Columbia avenue is a terrible. Downs to Mack Hatcher took longer than my doctors appointment.

Open carry weapons. Violence isn't welcome in our community

Opposing TN views and supporting DEI and Health/Safety programs to support all residents

Our "leaders" are spending money right and left. Our debt continues to rise. Not many residents are aware of this but I am. I used to share my opinions via email to elected officials and either never heard back, board of education rep was disrespectful but more likely it doesn't make any difference what I say "they" are going to do what they want to do. This jail expense is preposterous!!!! And there it is further down this page. There is only 1 gender to say otherwise Our schools are the source of our prosperity and I worry that the unwarranted intrusion of politics will kill the golden Out of control growth and favoritism towards construction companies.

Out of control growth!

Out of control growth, horrible traffic

Over building

Over- building , therefore adding too many more vehicles to an already stressed Franklin.

over crowded.

Over development

over development and population density projects

Over development not caring about the land, animals and environment. Stop building neighborhoods. Over crowd traffic caused by over development not keeping up with the roads. Potholes damaging cars. Traffic lights not Synced on Murfreesboro Road/96. I feel like developers are lining people's pockets in office so that they can destroy lands trees. Looking like a cookie cutter city. Lost its charm and tranquility by all the development Stop developing.

Over development of remaining green space, especially the over building of dense, multi-story apartment complexes. Very opposed to the dense, multi-story residential development planned near the Factory which will degrade the historic downtown Franklin area.

Over growth. Our roads and schools are getting over crowded. We need to stop the growth!!

Over growth. Ruin of farms, loss of our natural beauty and calm in town. All you see are roofs of houses and traffic. The beauty is gone

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Over population. We are losing what made Franklin Franklin by destroying the beauty of Franklin to try and keep up with the mass migration of Californians and Northerners. They move here but don't assimilate to the culture that made Franklin Franklin. I've lived here my entire life and feel like it is changing for the worst every day.

Over reaching government control.

Overall, uninhibited growth. It's like the city officials cannot say no to anything so we just keep getting more condos, more apartments, more housing developments and the infrastructure is not in place (which you obviously know) to handle any growth, because it is not adequate to handle what we currently have - yet we still build, build, build. Poor planning, limited foresight and I've listened to enough meeting to feel as though residents' input absolutely does not

Overbuilding

Overbuilding. No infrastructure. Developers are dishonest,

Overcrowded, too expensive, no longer feels friendly, poor service, horrible traffic

Overcrowding

Overcrowding - Too much development too quickly. Preservation of our NATURAL greenspaces, rivers, creeks, and historical landmarks are being swallowed up by the push for hyper-growth. What makes Franklin so unique and beautiful is being destroyed by concrete building - surrounded by a few cement fountains. The City CAN SAY "NO" to unchecked growth - but unfortunately they believe in a "pro-growth at all cost" mindset. We are becoming another "me too" urban city. I would not recommend Franklin as a place to live. It is all very expensive (housing, food, gas, entertainment, restaurants) and what is the unique experience of living here?

Overcrowding and overdevelopment has decreased quality of life. Because of so many people the wait for a doctors appointment can be a year or more. Is there a volunteer center in Franklin to coordinate opportunities.

Overcrowding. Overgrowth. Pricing generational families out of the market. Favoring developers over the good of the area. That goes for ALL of Williamson County.

Over-crowding. The festivals, parades, etc my family once attended, even five years ago, are impossible to participate in due to the amount of people and lack of parking and infrastructure needed for the events.

Overdevelopment

Overdevelopment

Overdevelopment and growth

Over-development of high cost residential zones, new homes pricing out many who would want to move here.

Overgrown and the lack of respect for natives of Franklin.

overgrowth

Overgrowth and too much new housing construction - preserve more green space

Overgrowth/school quality

Overpopulation

Overpopulation and too much residential building

PARKING, PARKING, PARKING

Parks are abysmal and the ones we do have are small and lack anything useful for families (except Pinkerton).

People who don't understand how important continued growth and economic development is to the community.

Planning

Planning and infrastructure

Planning for all the people moving here.

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Political climate and the government being taken over by far-right representatives that do not have the best interest of the city/its residents in mind.

Political division

Poor road conditions

Poor school board at the county level

Poor sidewalk connectivity. Too much land use dedicated to parking and long waits for pedestrians at traffic lights.

Poorly managed growth service focused to higher income areas. It

population

Population control

population growth

Population growth

Preservation of our farmland and open spaces. Developing all the open land especially with dense housing is not what is best for the citizens of Franklin. We need to stop altering the city master plan.

Preserving open space and a rural feel. Also the ability to bike through Franklin.

Preserving the natural environment and unchecked growth.

Prices for apartments are far too expensive and native locals can't afford to live here without multiple roommates.

Properly managing growth and preserving open/natural space

Protection from land grab of beautiful farms and development of high density low income housing. This drags value down of all homes and takes away from the overall beautiful look of Franklin that draws people here.

Providing for more affordable housing

Public playgrounds could use an update

Public service employees; i.e., nurses, teachers, police, fireman who serve Franklin begin able to afford to live in

Public transit. Rail option to Nashville is needed!

Putting affordable housing in Franklin.

Racism, Franklin is perceived as a White only city

Rapid development and rapidly growing tourism.

rapid growing continue to affect the quality of the services you provide. The accessibility and affordability of recreational activities have become way too expensive and people in low income communities do not have the same opportunities to enroll themselves or their children. The accessibility to these activities have become very hard to

Rapid growth and a terrible infrastructure. Cost of living.

Rapid growth no preservation of green

Rate of residential growth is changing the culture of Franklin. When my youngest graduates High School, my wife are leaving Franklin due to the growth.

Real estate availability and price

Recreation for families, specifically smaller kids

rent increases and making it more walkable

Residential and business growth without restriction or plan

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Retaining Quality of Life during all the growth; preserving rural landscape,; not tolerating crime; and very concerning is the infiltration of fringe groups (both on the far left and the far right) and also the people moving here that see one thing wrong or one thing they don't like and getting on a band wagon or crusade and blowing up all the bridges we have built and all the good work that has been done to make Franklin special. Respectful dialogue and working together is starting to deteriorate and we must work to not tolerate this discord and work together to restore civil discourse, understanding and care for our fellow neighbors.

ridiculous growth

road improvement/widening construction prior to it becoming a problem

Road safety for pedestrians walking along 96

Safeguarding our children's innocence in regards to LGBTQ parades.

School zoning/overcrowding at high schools

Servuces

Sewer costs are ridiculous!

Shrinking black community and lack of diversity in the city

Sidewalk gaps for years in certain locations.

Sidewalks! Please add walking sidewalks across Mack Hatcher connecting Sullivan Farms and Polk Place and from Sullivan Farms to Mack Hatcher and to Columbia, headed into downtown. This would allow walkers to be active and explore the city!! Walk to coffee shops and restaurants and library! Enjoy our city

Slow down residential and commercial development

Smart development that can solve it's own problems rather than adding to current issues.

So crowded so much yaffic

Sprawl growth and lack of urban green space planning

State representatives (Blackburn, Ogles, Black) do nor represent the population. They are simply puppets and don't care what happens to us.

Still traffic. Overcrowding of residential areas. Neighborhoods without sidewalks.

STOP BUILDING APARTMENT BUILDINGS. There are too many people here! You're ruining this great city, and at this point, I can't wait to get out of here. You've ruined it with too much growth too fast. Franklin sucks now. Leaving my house is stressful.

Stop intruding on non city residents. Let those living in the UGB be removed and come solely under the governance of the County. Respect the residents and not wealthy donors. Control growth and stop expanding the city into the surrounding countryside. The lack of respect for residents by the local government is palpable. Only the wishes of developers and builders are actually listened to while BOMA pretends to listen to the residents. The infrastructure cannot support the currently approved development much less the development being currently considered. Until the waste water system, the water system and the roads are able to properly support the existing requirements further development should not even be considered. Our schools are bursting at the seams as the quality of education continues to decrease, despite the phony information provided by the school administrators. Of course I realize that the time I have spent on this survey is a waste and time I can never get back.

STOP OVER BUILDING AND RUNING THE BEAUTIFUL FARM LANDS. WE DO NOT NEED ANY MORE APARTMENT BUILDINGS! STOP OVER DEVELOPING!

Stop the high density building. Traffic is the biggest problem as a result of high density building.

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suburban sprawl, too many high-income housing, not enough low-income housing, and houses are millions and sitting in tiny lots, if people want large homes, they should come with larger lots, it is silly looking.

Support of local small businesses. Big businesses seem to be able to "pay a fee" & get whatever they want from the city. This ends up hurting small businesses. Can't even start in on the ridiculous commercial rent prices in Franklin!

Taking away the small town feel, erasing the history of franklin

The amount of growth that has happened in the last few years, everything has gotten so crowded it's not enjoyable. I no longer go downtown or to the factory in the weekends because it is so over crowded. There is also a big political divide and if you do not agree you are treated differently. Also everything here is geared towards children or 50+ completely excluding the growing group of 20-40 year olds that live here. It is almost impossible to connect with anyone in that age group unless you have children or are involved in church.

The banning of books in libraries, defunding of public schools, overall decline in education, increase presence of white supremacists, increase aggression towards those of different political opinions, and racism.

The biggest challenge for Franklin residents is the Franklin and Williamson Co government officials who think they know better than the residents. We do not want or need light rail, "affordable" housing, or other urban projects in our small town. We like the small town community and the city govt wants to turn Franklin into Nashville-South. Just The BOMA's approval of growth-related issues in Franklin. They continue to approve things without thinking about the infrastructure, parking or green spaces in Franklin.

The boundary laying of local high schools is quite frankly shameful. I dread my kids going to Centennial and will likely move before that time. The kids in apartment buildings and mobile home parks deserve to go to school. Franklin deserves to send them to the school closest to them. Instead, you've sanctioned crazy boundaries, bussing them across town to sacrifice Centennial at the expense of other high schools. It's shameful. And I hate it. Almost as much as I hate the awful public transportation or walkability.

The city annexing the county for apartments and dense residential development. It needs to stop. Franklin is no longer Franklin.

The city is growing too fast. It's doesn't feel like Franklin anymore. The cost of housing is astronomical. I am born and raised Franklinite, but I can only barely afford to live in Franklin, and that is because I split the costs.

The complete dilution of our culture thanks to the hundreds of thousands of transplants who have brought their bad habits here. Visit Franklin needs to dial it back, and the City of Franklin needs to say "no" to developers every once in a while. Ditch Envision Franklin and overhaul the Interstate Commerce zoning designation to scale it back.

The construction near Main Street is ridiculous

The cost of living has skyrocketed and as a single mom who moved here before the boom, I'm not sure if I can afford to live here anymore. This city only caters to dual income upper class families and it shows. I can't even begin to tell you how many hard working dual income and single income earning middle class families simply can't afford to stay. It's not the Franklin I moved here for, any more.

The cost of living is obscenely high. My husband and I are architects and even we can't buy a home here. It's really The cost of living is too high.

The destruction of our natural, tree-filled land in favor of uncontrolled growth with obscenely ugly, high-rise apartment complexes. It's beginning to look like China. STOP IT!!

The experience of marginalization of minority groups (also women, LGBTQ people, non-white inhabitants)

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The fact that the water dept refuses to allow residents to add an additional water meter at or near cost rather than charging sewer fees for irrigation system usage, is nothing more than taking advantage of its residents. It isn't right and they know it, yet they refuse to change it.

The focus appears to be on multi-family development; which, in my opinion, is not good for a city. Too much

The high housing prices

The increase of what seems to be people's inability to accept diversity, but rather wants to drive out anyone who does not look like them, agree with them, have the same religion, etc.

The infrastructure cannot keep up with the growth and development.. There are crater sized pot holes all over the city, the water coming into our home is somedays crystal blue and other days murky yellow, I have made multiple requests for officers to control speeding through our neighborhood with no follow through on their part. These are not growing pains, but rather signs that the city needs to pause and really reassess the path forward. The boom in development is harming the natural beauty and southern rhythms that made this city so special. A number of the people who moved here 6-10 years ago were looking for a break from the big city and the hustle, the traffic and the crime. Franklin is placing themselves on a path to have big city issues. without the infrastructure to support it. Development should serve the people who already live here as much as those you are hoping to draw in and in Franklin's case I believe it should be slowed down or you risk losing something that can never be regained.

The irresponsible growth before infrastructure is in place to support the growth. Bowing to what developers want and dismiss resident's concerns.

The loss of green space and farms. The majority of the new neighborhoods have tons of houses on very little land and it is destroying the feel of Franklin. We do not need every new neighborhood to be designed like Westhaven and Berry Farms. The congestion is adding up and it takes away from the charm of our city and is making it a place I do not want to live. The Loss of the natural landscape that made Franklin desirable to begin with, and the loss of the personality of a small town. Franklin gov is "selling" small town but delivering large town amenities and feel. Too many apartments bringing mass people in, without preparing for mass people.

The middle 8 and how horrible it would be for our community and traffic.

The most important challenge affecting Franklin in my opinion is the wealth and attention that is coming into the area which leads to greenspaces being destroyed to make way for suburbs and an increasing amount of a 'Real Housewives of Beverly Hills' lifestyle.

The national political divide..

The number of people blindly supporting our current federal administration

The overgrowth and lack of infrastructure. Franklin is behind in building roads before allowing growth

The population is becoming too dense and therefore Franklin is becoming an undesirable place to live, but great place to enjoy for residents of Williamson County. My wife and I would love to live in Franklin but all new developments in our price range tend to be on less than a quarter acre and we require at least a third of an acre in our next home. I am not sure why you guys are trying to squeeze so many people into one place

The prevalent Christian Nationalism in our community is scary and is what causes me to fear violence and crime. It is also embarrassing to others who view Franklin from the outside. I think it is something that would cause me to move or not move here.

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The problem of too much growth! My family and I live in a rural part of the county, and we are so tired of all of the growth that's happening. I understand that change happens and is sometimes a necessary thing, but I don't understand why every available piece of land has to be turned into a new subdivision or something like that. I would say most of us who live in the rural parts have been there for decades and are still living there for a reason and we don't want to have to deal with the increase of traffic and housing in what should be a quiet, peaceful place.

The quarry on downs blvd is running the street and the air we breathe.

The REAL City of Franklin is fading away to a "Little Hollywood". The city government is more concerned with tourist than they are with the actual citizens that have grown up here, live here, had children here, pay local taxes, and created Franklin. The beautiful city of Franklin, Tennessee is dead and has been replaced with a High Traffic, Thousands of Apartments, Tourist Central, and a "DRIVE THROUGH CITY". There have been numerous days when it has taken me 45 minutes to an hour to drive from the south end of Franklin to the Brentwood side. My solution: charge a toll to enter Hwy 31 just north of Thompson Station and just south of Brentwood. Locals will pay it to have our roads back and it will do away with all the individuals using Franklin roads that don't live here, don't contribute to our city, and generally just destroy the roads due to the volume of traffic. What is NOT the solution: asking local businesses to MOVE because we need wider roads to accommodate people that don't live here! People that are using Franklin as a "pass through town". If we charge a TOLL, the roads could be improved AND it would remove all The reckless development of the area.

The rise in authoritarian government officials and lack of respect for lower class and immigrant populations. This city, county, and state is being run by far-right politicians who increasing only make decisions based on the upper class and fear-mongering. There is no way we can say the city of Franklin is developing or encouraging diversity given the rhetoric from the citizens and people they vote for. If you are not Christian or white, you feeling less and less part of the Franklin community. Beside the fact they are trying to dissolve the public education that makes Franklin a desirable place to live. Claim all you want this is a great place to live but the elected officials of this city and county The rise of white nationalism in Franklin. Williamson County has done an extremely poor job at countering the racists and crazies that have moved here/feel welcomed here. A prime example was BOMA's failure to get rid of Gabrielle Hanson. It took local news and constituents to sound the alarm about Ms Hanson and had that not happened. I am fairly certain she would be the Mayor; not Ken Moore. Another issue is that we don't arrest and criminally charge these crazies. Nearly three years ago at the Juneteenth festival in downtown Franklin. That white supremacist group showed up wearing their white ski masks. We all know they were paying homage to the Klan with that choice. Instead of being arrested they were escorted away. They were shouting racist slurs and causing a public disturbance as well as threatening attendees. They were there to intimidate. That was a failure on the City of Franklin in dealing with these nutcases. The third issue is Westhaven. This issue would be better served for the Election Commission but the Westhaven poll center needs to be moved and shut down from that neighborhood. Every election we get crazies from that neighborhood who intimidate and threaten some of the campaign volunteers that are there. It is a failure on the City with dealing with that. I grew up in Franklin, was raised here. It has been my home. But Franklin's relationship with white supremacists is a major turn off for me wanting to spend my life here any longer. I look forward to moving so I can put my time in Franklin behind me. After Gabrielle Hanson doxxed me on Election Day a couple years ago while I was serving as a Poll Watcher for Organize Tennessee, I am still dealing with continued harassment when I'm out in public whether in downtown or at my local Publix. It's shame that I feel that I'm being run out of the town that raised me because its leaders continue to do nothing about the radicals in their own political party are allowed to run

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The school board is trending to the right and losing focus of what their role should be.

The school board! They are single handily destroying Franklin's schools! The main reason 80-90% of people move here is because of the schools. You like those 1# spots we hold, well good luck keeping any of those with the way they are acting. They are an embarrassment, they've put us in public eye more than once shaming this amazing city and Schools. Also, the speeding/drag racing. Bev got those tiny "bumps" installed that were useless and did nothing but annoy everyone with the noise.

The seemingly unrestricted growth the city is allowing to happen. Including, but not limited to the new "Margin District" and new hotel at the Factory.

The takeover of extreme right-wing Christian Nationalists - it embarrassed the community in the last mayoral election and continues to do so under the current federal administration

The unplanned growth that your Mayor, Commissioners and BOMA keep wanting and forcing onto the people that don't want that. This used to be a great town but it has drastically dropped in the hometown feel. You kept asking about resident's engagement and community efforts but that's what you had with a smaller Franklin not with what you have now or continue to force onto the public.

The way minorities are being treated and targeted.

there are no affordable housing in the communities. there are vacant houses in the west main area that should be zoned residential that are now commercial. there are too many oversized houses in the natchez, granberry, west main area. there is property that housed mobile homes that has been removed to allow for unaffordable homes. it should be used for updated mobile homes, manufactured homes. People cannot afford to work and live here. there is a lack of food stores . you have to travel by car or bus to get to the grocery store. not one in walking distance.

There is a serious lack of amenities in the southern part of the city. Carothers parkway is taking too long to complete and lacks a bike lane and sidewalks, which would be nice.

There is far too much growth being approved before infrastructure is put in place. It is crippling the residents. Make these large corporations we shouldn't be allowing in the small town feel put in the infrastructure BEFORE approving these projects. Also, keep the rent down in downtown to support mom and pop shops and not these big companies it ruins the allure of the city.

There needs to be an emphasis on organized renovation/remodeling/preservation vs taking our green spaces for new construction.

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There's a MAJOR lack of parks and recreational spaces for residents on east side of i65 in Franklin. Pinkerton is technically our closest park, but it's quite a trek—and frankly, it feels like it's over 100 years old. Meanwhile, the parks in Brentwood are beautifully maintained, new and much more accessible. We also have no biking or walking paths. Carothers Parkway is full sun, extremely loud, and unpleasant to walk along. You can't even carry on a conversation because of the traffic noise. Are there muffler laws in Franklin? There is definitely some drag racing that goes on at night on Carothers. It's loud and it's gone on for years. I feel like trees might help. While we're at it, could we bury those power lines? The traffic situation near Thales Academy is another major concern. That area was not designed for a school, and the drop-off/pick-up congestion creates daily headaches for residents. It doesn't seem like anyone has addressed the impact on the surrounding neighborhoods. The DMV is insanely busy right there by Thales and I'm shocked the city has allowed this to go unchecked. While we're talking about Carothers, it would be wonderful to see some investment in green space and walking paths near Lockwood Glen, Waters Edge, Ladd Park, Saint Marlo, and or Creekside Elementary. Where are families supposed to safely walk, bike, scooter, or roller skate on the east side of Franklin? Yes, I realize that a park is going in but it's been under construction for years. We need some walking paths now. We love our community, but we'd really appreciate thoughtful improvements that support too much development too fast. This is a problem that started over 20yrs ago and not much has been done to address and improve the situation

To much growth. Destroy history.

Too any people moving in.

Too expensive , too many new builds , too many apts

Too many apartment building popping up that are too expensive. Would love to be able to retire in Franklin but there are no affordable housing options. We will have to leave the area.

too many apartment communities. And the in town commercial properties are too large or too square/close to the

Too many apartment units being built - need more owner occupied residences

Too many apartments

Too many apartments and other growth

Too many apartments being built. 30-years from now this will be remembered as a time the BOMA allowed a transition in this once beautiful and quaint little city to turn itself into a very "mid" town. Very disappointed in the city officials to not better protect the city from this scourge.

Too many Apartments, Too many new Houses and no new infrastructure being built

Too many apartments. Loss of natural feel.

Too many Californians and newcomers killing the small town traditional values and vibe! Local can't afford to live here anymore! Growing too fast and only concerned with money and not preserving the way of life!!!

Too many Hines. Leave land open with large yards

Too many home being build

Too many new developments, both commercial and residential. Stop approving every request for new development. What made Franklin special is eroding. We're so overcrowded now that the community is suffering, yet you approve a new development every single time.

Too many new neighborhoods.. stretching infrastructure, less safe and taking our beautiful farm land!!

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Too many people are moving to this area. It is no longer a great place to live because of all the transplants. They have ruined this charming and quaint town. Stop advertising this as a great place to live. You are attracting rude, obnoxious, arrogant and disrespectful people. I am a native, my family has been in this town since 1911 and there are too many people here but I refuse to let them run me out. The city and county sold your souls to the devil by allowing these developers to put houses on 1/4 acre lots. We need more neighborhoods like Green Valley and too many people moving here and losing the small town feel :)

Too many people moving in and therefore destroying the "hallmark card-like" image that Franklin had.

Too many people moving into the area

Too many people who think their opinions are the only ones that are right. I've lived here for over 40 years and it's just gone downhill with the amount of growth we've had in the amount of crazy people, especially in politics who have joined our community. I really appreciate the mayor and the board of alderman for Franklin.

Too many people, traffic. Just say no.

Too many people. Stop developing farmland and adding tract home developments-even the \$5M tract homes. It's ugly and it's growing too fast and the city is losing its "hallmark town" appeal quickly. It's turning into Southern California in a hurry because of the number of new homes being built and the city's just seeing revenue from the growth and forgetting what made Franklin Franklin in the first place. Do not add public transportation and bike lane availability unless you want more and more people. Study states that have seen massive decline due to rapid growth before making decisions. If Franklin continues this development pace, there will be no native residents left in a few
Too many regulations/permits for new or exciting business's. Who can afford to start a small business here! Uh!

Too many residential buildings being built(houses, condos, apartments), need more sidewalks and bike lanes

Too much building not enough thought to future traffic issues.

Too much building not regarding our natural resources, green spaces, or open spaces.

too much building. too over-priced to live here for employees. road configuration is archaic and catastrophic

Too much development and population growth

Too much growth

Too much growth

Too much growth & development causing lack of small town charm & therefore more traffic, congestion, crowded areas, infrastructure issues...a snowball effect of issues.

Too much growth and the impact on everything

Too much growth at one time

Too much growth for the current infrastructure

Too much growth in short period of time, leading to expensive housing.

Too much growth of overpriced homes. Not a lot of things to do unless you head into Nashville.

Too much growth taking away from the special essence of Franklin

Too much growth too quickly. It's eliminating our green spaces and creating havoc and congestion on our roads.

Would like more green spaces left alone and to focus on incentives to use empty commercial space.

Too much growth with housing and neighborhoods.

Too much growth without being fiscally sound

Too much growth!!! STOP it until you can catch up on the mess you have made.

Too much growth!!! Stop with all the apartments and condos already

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Too much growth, too fast, loss of the character of main street (less family friendly)

Too much growth, too many people, and too much traffic has caused quality of life to decline in Franklin. Too many projects to develop both commercial and residential properties have been approved by our officials and it has not had a positive impact for those of us who moved to Franklin for the charm and small town feel.

Too much growth, too much development and not enough affordable housing.

Too much growth. Born and raised here and it's horrendous! Traffic, apartments everywhere. It's ugly now. It's like Franklin wants no green space left

Too much growth. Changing the reason people like it here. Mayor only cares about adding people to our city but he's ruining it.

Too much growth. End building for five years. Too crowded

too much growth-what is the tipping point? traffic, noise, not enjoyable walking downtown Franklin

too much housing and commercial building, taking away the natural landscape.

Too much land being over developed

Too much rapid growth that impacts the quality of life in Franklin. If things don't slow down, Franklin/Williamson County will become like LA and its surrounding communities. Wondering the motives behind the decisions being made for such rapid growth.

Too much rapid growth.

Too much residential and commercial development too fast

Too much residential growth, too much green space being taken away from natural environments.

Too much residential growth. Ridiculous traffic. It's very upsetting to many

Too quick of residential and commercial growth without the infrastructure to support it

Traffic

Traffic

Traffic

Traffic is a result of the tremendous growth in a relatively short period of time, in Franklin & Williamson County. It appears more attention is paid to Build Build Build (revenue) than through plans for growth!

TRAFFIC IS AWFUL, This city can not sustain the rapid growth that is happening here. too little too late, makes me want to not retire here

Traffic on I-65 to Spring Hill, Traffic at South Royal Oaks and Mac Matcher, Traffic on Columbia Ave, underground, utilities, better and more sidewalks, more street escaping, tree, shrub, flower, plantings, litter pick up, Oak Meadow. Post office is so trashy and they do not keep up the exterior or their lawn maintenance. It's always covered with sticks and overgrown, grass and trash.

Traffic signals won't sync up causing extreme delays, cost of living

Traffic. If half the effort of encouraging tourism here was applied to traffic improvement, this would be a fantastic town to live in. It takes way too long to travel from one side of town to the other and there are very limited bus and Transplants moving here and loudly voicing liberal views - We have a Tesla and have been antagonized multiple times while simply running errands. Even called Nazis - which is especially hurtful as my husband's grandparents were literally held in concentration camps during WW2.

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Trust in leadership and transparency. No One trust them. This survey is a prime example of something not needed and is a waste of time. We don't have subways and half the questions do not apply. As for the tax questions. It is clear this survey is outdated as an alderman has publicly stated get over it and just except it. This tax increase is just plan wrong. Has the government gotten this out of control.? Instead of giving new business millions in tax breaks this money should be used by the city to avoid tax increases to the locals. Someone needs to pull the strings to find out why money was spent on a rigged self serving survey. People try to complain and the city attorneys will not let them. City employees constantly berate citizens calling them stupid and requiring cognitive tests for a citizens who trys to Turning Franklin into California

Two may new apartment complexes being developed.

Unbridled development. Developers and Unelected officials making the decisions that will dictate the direction of Franklin. Current rules and regulations are ignored.

Unbridled growth

Unchecked growth

Unchecked growth. The BOMA has yet to meet a developer they do not like.

Uncontrolled growth

Uncontrolled growth

Uncontrolled growth and lack of tax money to support the growth. What happens to all of he money from

Uncontrolled growth and too much density with not enough green space

Uncontrolled growth has destroyed the city

Uncontrolled growth! Infrastructure does not support the neighborhoods being approved. We need green space not more homes

Uncontrolled growth, overcrowding, over-building. Destroying the character and what everyone fell in love with about Franklin.

Uncontrolled growth.

Uncontrolled growth. The feeling of what Franklin was(what made it so appealing to begin with) is quickly declining.

Uncontrolled growth. Thousands of new apartments and very high density housing units.

Uncontrolled housing development

Unfettered growth

Unfettered growth and the loss of generational farm land

Unfettered growth.

Unfriendly welcome to new residents from out of state, particularly CA. (And we're from TN)

Unleashed animals

Unmanaged growth

Unmanaged single family development.

unrestrained growth and the stress it places on utilities, fire, police

Unwelcome attitudes toward diverse thought

Unwillingness to try to understand the differences of fellow neighbors.

Urban growth

VERY complicated policies for permits, etc. very over reaching

Walkability from surrounding areas (e.g., down Lewisburg, connecting to the battlefield)

Question 16: Aside from transportation (traffic) related issues, what is the most important challenge or problem facing Franklin today?

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Walkability on Columbia, and along Mack Hatcher from Columbia to Murfreesboro's Road.

Walking and biking paths and trails!!!!!!

Water

Water quality

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Water supply, solid waste disposal, compassion, open mindedness

Way too many apartment complexes being built! Please stop allowing so many apartment buildings in Franklin

Way too many new developments like housing, apartments and retail. Growth is not planned well, nor properly controlled. All are very poorly designed with horrible narrow streets and bad parking. Examples are the Chipotle area on Carothers, the Starbucks area on Carothers next to Lifetime Fitness, the Waldo's area on Liberty Pike, etc. Berry Farms retail areas are also horrendously designed.

We are losing our farms and green spaces to overdeveloped residential and commercial spaces. Ex: clovercroft used to be a gorgeous quiet drive and now it is overpopulated with homes that are thrown up and no picturesque drive. It's

We are unaffordable for people without six-figure incomes, and I think that is not only limiting but makes Franklin a very insular community. The city has failed to assertively pursue affordable housing projects and as a native, seeing this town become whiter and more elite (and I am white) troubles me.

We have entirely too much growth and no infrastructure to support her

We need affordable housing

We need more diverse members in our community and less church involvement in political issues.

We need more diverse shopping options.

We need to keep Franklin a beautiful and diverse area where everyone feels welcome.

Welcoming EVERYONE

Westhaven getting too big, it's losing its charm. Also, too many other neighborhoods popping up in every piece of land. It has to stop. The zoning of Franklin, Independence and Centennial. Centennial Has the worst reputation of all Wilco schools and it's not fair that the zoning is rigged for all the lower income living is zoned for the same school.

While not considered essential by some, a town of Franklin's size should have a dedicated ARTS Center. Clearly, Music is supported in the area, but fine ARTS is underrepresented or supported. The ART Crawl is not being supported adequately by the Arts Council, and this once a month event is not enough to say the community is supporting artists. The Enrichment Center is too strict for community use-expensive and complicated. The Fine Arts Center has a classroom space, but it is closed unless there is a play. Why? Why not utilize this space on a regular basis? Harlinsdale, with its many outbuildings, would be an awesome place for an Arts Center--space for artists to meet, a classroom, art gallery! Utilizing the spaces that you have, makes sense--and adds to community and tourism- There are opportunities being missed. Nolansville has a thriving ARTs community, supportive and excited to showcase area artists-- this brings the community together. As new residents of this area, but native Southerners, we are so disappointed in this one area is hugely lacking in Franklin! Even taking one of the many downtown "crafty" weekends, and creating a true fine arts destination, would be a step in the right direction.

Wish there was much more importance placed on land and nature preservation, less/more controlled development with homes that are not built on tiny lots, etc. I'm concerned about safety (Pinkerton Park, etc) and drug use in parks, Would like to see more parks and access areas for kids and families to utilize.

Zoning and overpopulation