

# Strong Towns Strength Test

Here are ten simple questions we call the Strong Towns Strength Test. A Strong Town should be able to answer “yes” to each of these questions.

- Take a photo of your main street at midday. Does the picture show more people than cars? [Take the test.](#)
- If there were a revolution in your town, would people instinctively know where to gather to participate? [Take the test.](#)
- Imagine your favorite street in town didn't exist. Could it be built today if the construction had to follow your local rules? [Take the test.](#)
- Is an owner of a single family home able to get permission to add a small rental unit onto their property without any real hassle? [Take the test.](#)
- If your largest employer left town, are you confident the city would survive? [Take the test.](#)
- Is it safe for children to walk or bike to school and many of their other activities without adult supervision? [Take the test.](#)
- Are there neighborhoods where three generations of a family could reasonably find a place to live, all within walking distance of each other? [Take the test.](#)
- If you wanted to eat only locally-produced food for a month, could you? [Take the test.](#)
- Before building or accepting new infrastructure, does the local government clearly identify how future generations will afford to maintain it?
- Does the city government spend no more than 10% of its locally-generated revenue on debt service?