

To start off your career as mayor, flip through to the last page of the task card and gently tear it off. This is the "Tips and Helpful Hints" page. On this page are hints taken from the SimCity User Manual. Next to each hint is a page number. If you want more information on a certain hint, turn to that page in the User Manual. Use this sheet as a reference while building your city. It may help you to avoid some common mistakes.

**BEGINNER:**

Click on the "START NEW GAME" menu option and name your city. Set the game level at "Easy." If you are already familiar with this game and want a challenge, you may set the game level on "Medium," or "Hard." Next, go to the Disasters menu and set it on "Disable." Begin building your city.

As you build, pay special attention to the City Evaluation Box. Check it each time a year passes and note your progress. What is your approval rating? What are your city's worst problems? How can you improve them? (HINT: Check the Hints page for solutions).

To complete this level, you must achieve "Town" status (2,000 residents), and answer the following questions:

1) How did your approval rating change as you progressed through the game? (Did it go up or down?)

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2) What were the top two complaints of the Sims during the game?

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3) What did you do (if anything) to try to get the Sims to stop their complaining?

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4) In what range was your average tax rate? (Circle one)

0-4%   5-7%   8-12%   13-15%   16%+

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5) Do you think your tax rate made enough money for your city? (Circle one)

YES    NO

6) Did it keep the Sims' complaints to a minimum? (Circle one)

YES    NO

**GOOD:**

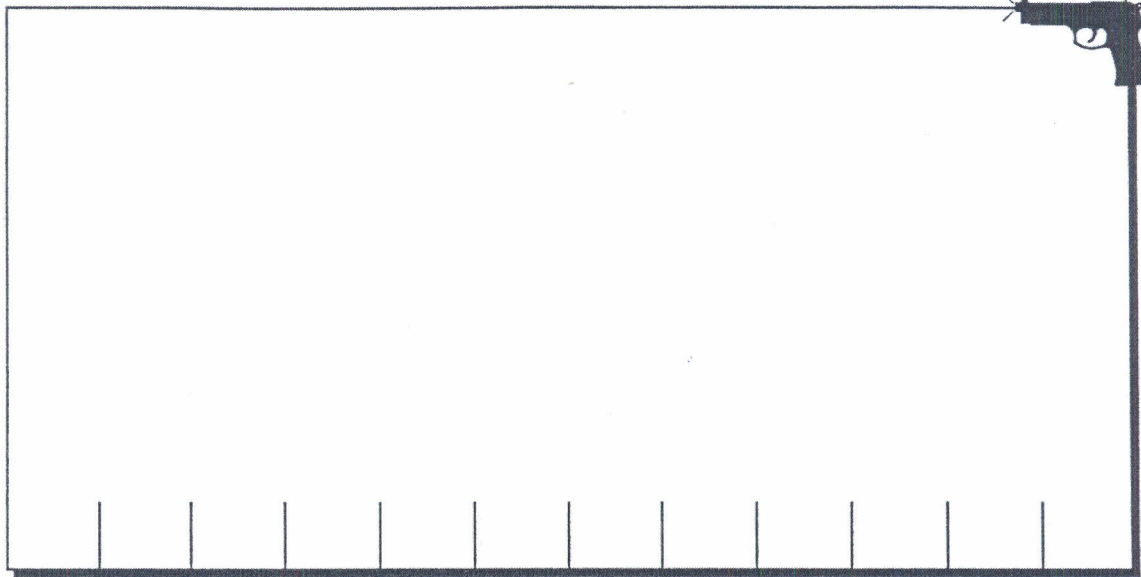
Build your saved town into a "City." You need to get 10,000 residents to achieve "City" status. Pay attention to the graphs and charts as you play. When you receive the bulletin telling you that you have achieved "City" status, click into the Graphs Window and put the game on PAUSE. In the space provided below, draw what you see on the graphs and label or color code each curve. Do one graph for the ten year period, and one for the 120 year period.

**10 YEAR GRAPH**



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# 120 YEAR GRAPH



1) Has the city changed since you took over as mayor? (Circle one)

YES

NO

2) For each of the following, look at the graph, and circle either "INCREASE" or "DECREASE."

RESIDENTIAL POPULATION GRAPH

INCREASE

DECREASE

INDUSTRIAL POPULATION GRAPH

INCREASE

DECREASE

CRIME RATE GRAPH

INCREASE

DECREASE

CASH FLOW GRAPH

INCREASE

DECREASE

POLLUTION GRAPH

INCREASE

DECREASE

Notice your city's trends over time. If your crime rate has increased, your population has decreased, or if you notice any problems on your graphs, look at the Tips sheet for possible solutions before you move on to EXPERT level.

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