



RPP REFRESH: **AN UPDATE TO THE RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING (RPP) PROGRAM**

**Subcommittee of the Traffic and Parking Board
MEETING #5**

April 22, 2019
City Hall, Council Work Room



AGENDA

1. Meeting #4 Recap
2. Questionnaire Results
 - Posted Restrictions
 - Permit Fees/Limits
 - Process
3. Public Comment



PROJECT OVERVIEW

OBJECTIVES

Update the Residential Permit Parking (RPP) program to:

- **better address** current residential parking issues
- improve the City's ability to **proactively manage** parking
- be **easy** to understand, enforce, and administer



PROJECT OVERVIEW

SUBCOMMITTEE ROLE

1. Review materials related to the project
2. Provide input on issues to address
3. Receive and consider public feedback
4. Review potential recommendations
5. Update the Traffic and Parking Board



PROJECT OVERVIEW

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INPUT

1. Subcommittee meetings
2. Online Questionnaires – *December 2018 and April 2019*
3. Presentations to citizens associations
4. Open House - *May*
5. Traffic and Parking Board Public Hearing
6. City Council Public Hearing



MEETING #4 RECAP

- Posted Restrictions
- Permit Fees/Limits
- Process



Questionnaire

- Open April 1 – April 16
- Questions regarding RPP options on the three project topics:
 - Posted Restrictions
 - Permit Fees/Limits
 - Process
- 553 responses received

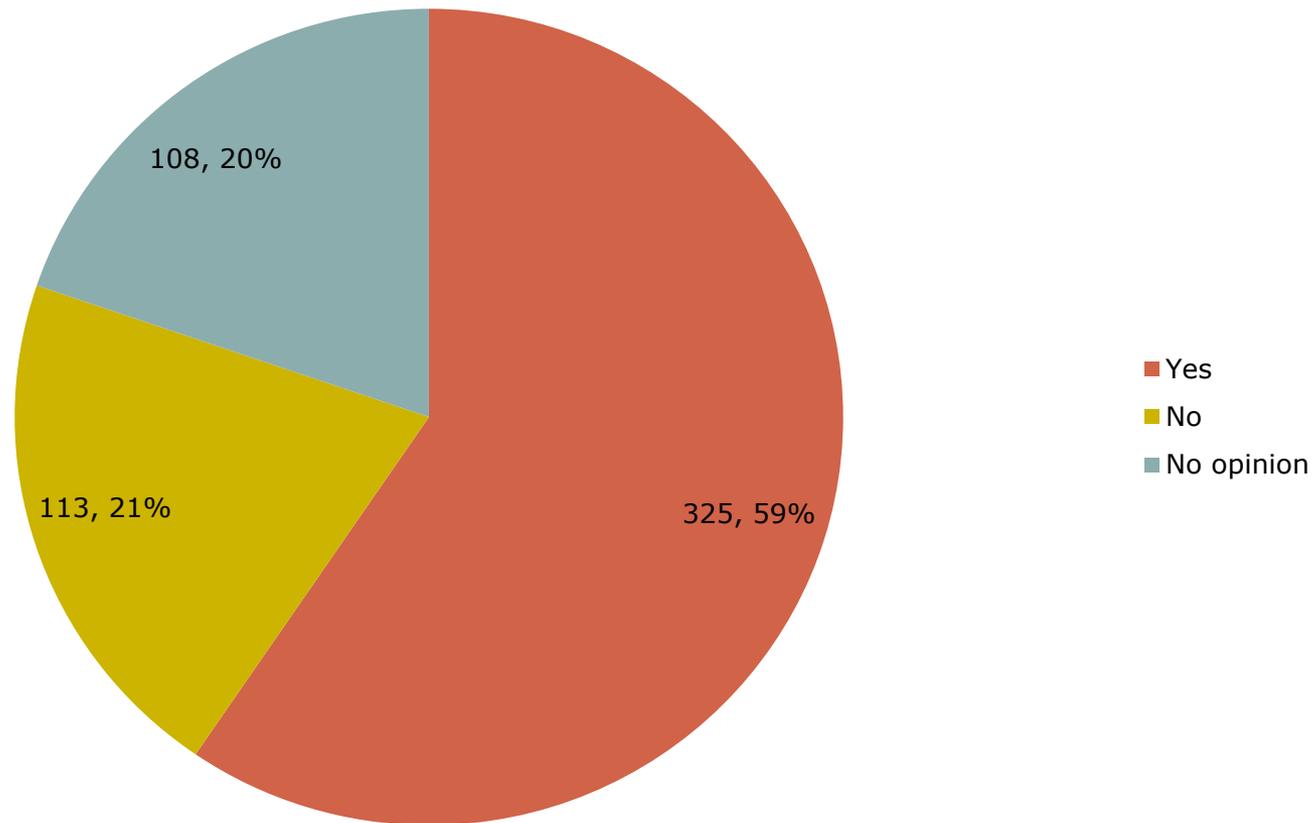


Questionnaire Responses: Posted Restrictions

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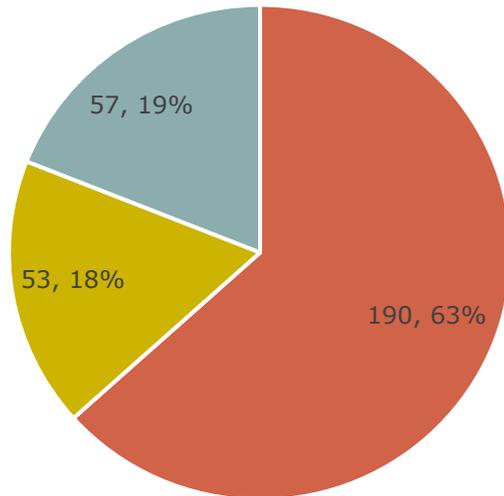
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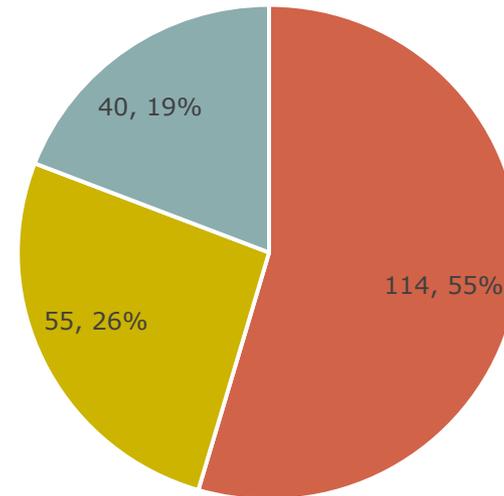
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Non RPP Respondents



■ Yes ■ No ■ No opinion

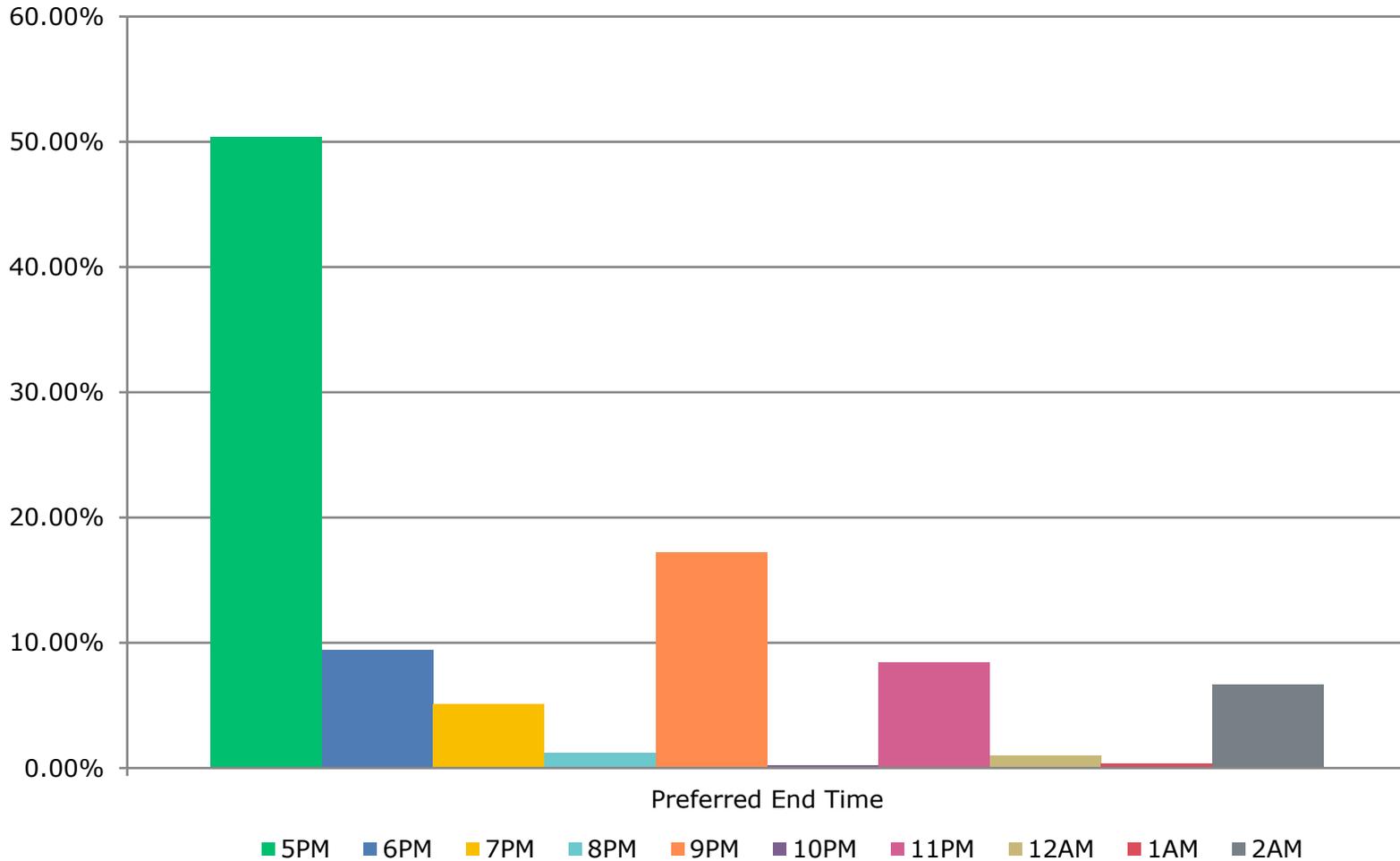
RPP Respondents



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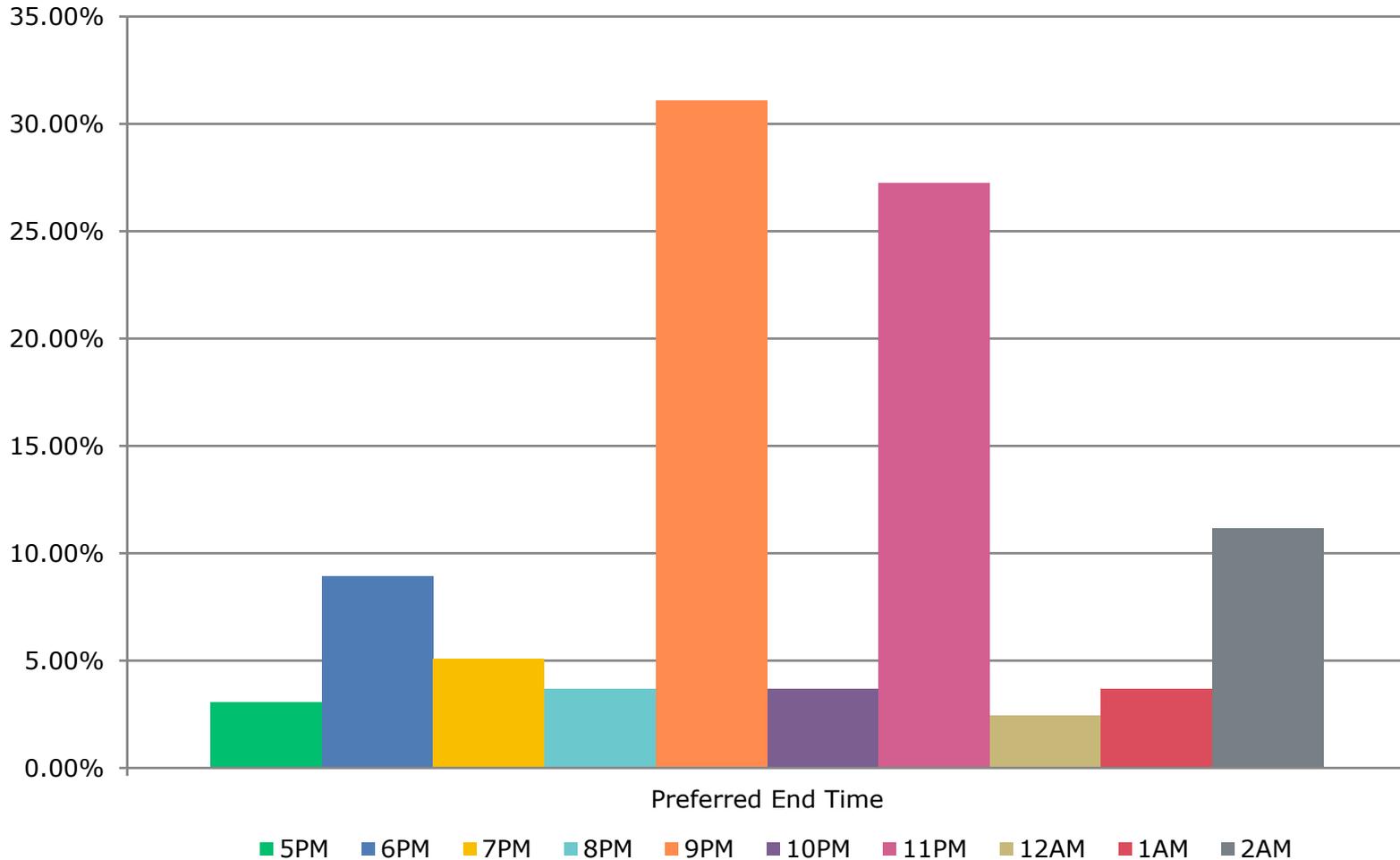


Preferred End Time 1





Preferred End Time 2





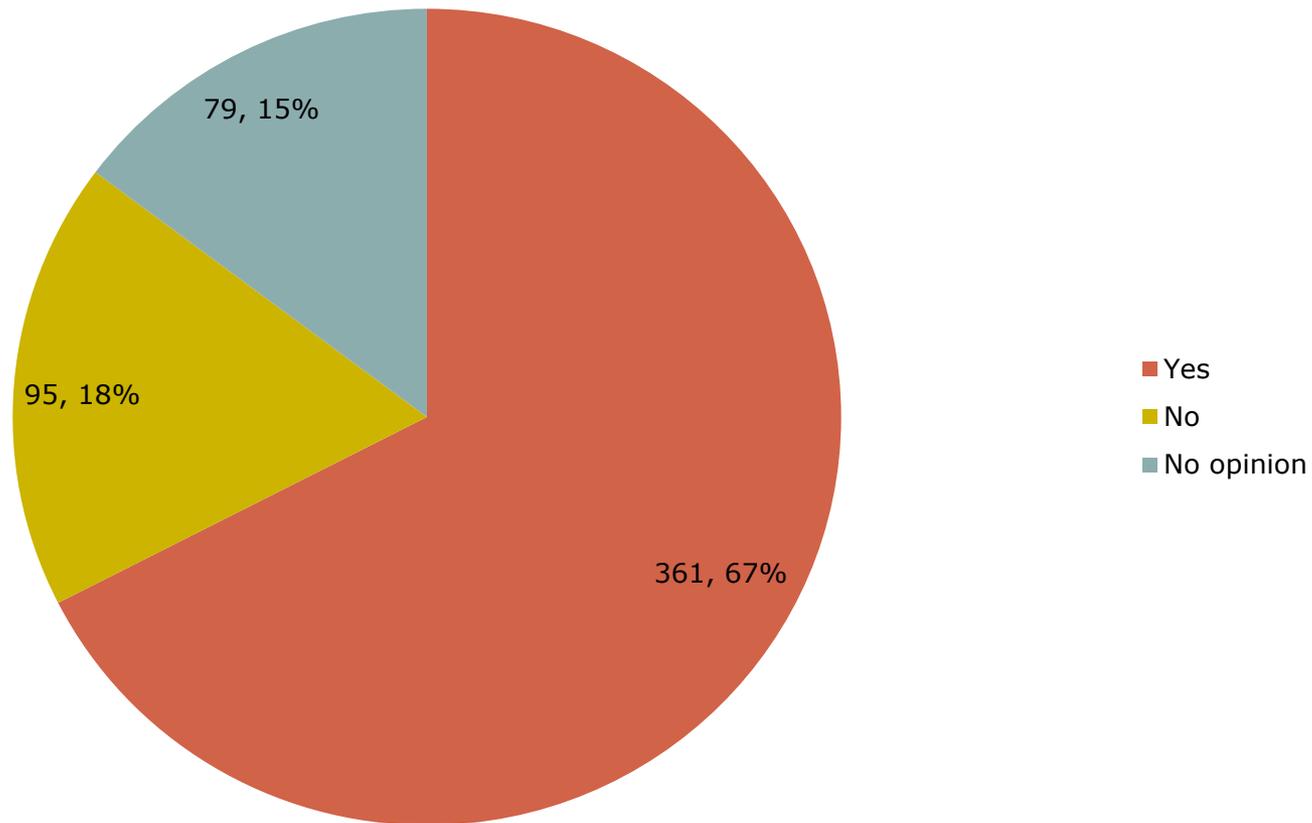
Top Preferred End Times by District

District	Preferred End Time 1	Preferred End Time 2
1	5PM	9PM
2	5PM	11PM
3	5PM	9PM
4	9PM	11PM
5	5PM	11PM
6	5PM	9PM
7	5PM	9PM
8	*	*
8A	*	*
9	*	*
10	*	*
11	*	*
12	*	*
12A	*	*

*Less than 10 responses

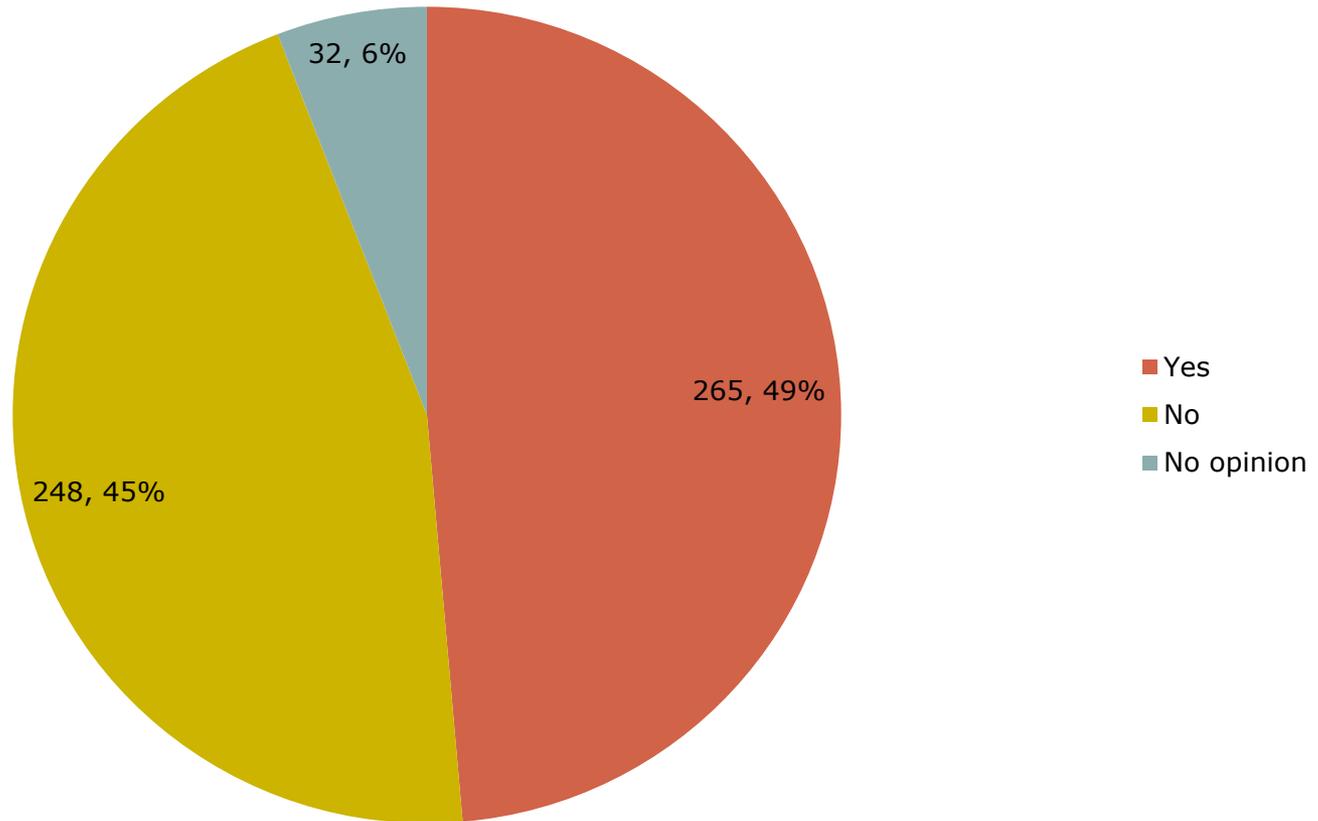


Do you think the options for restrictions should be different for different RPP districts?





Would you support 2-hour parking as the only option for residential parking restrictions?





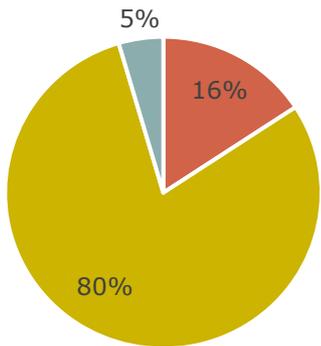
Questionnaire Responses: Permit Limits/Fees

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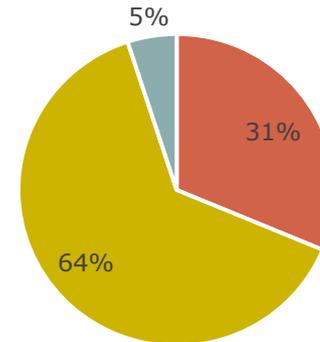
Would you support increasing annual permit fees for...

The first vehicle



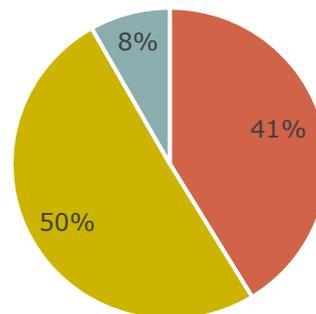
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The second vehicle



■ Yes ■ No ■ No Opinion

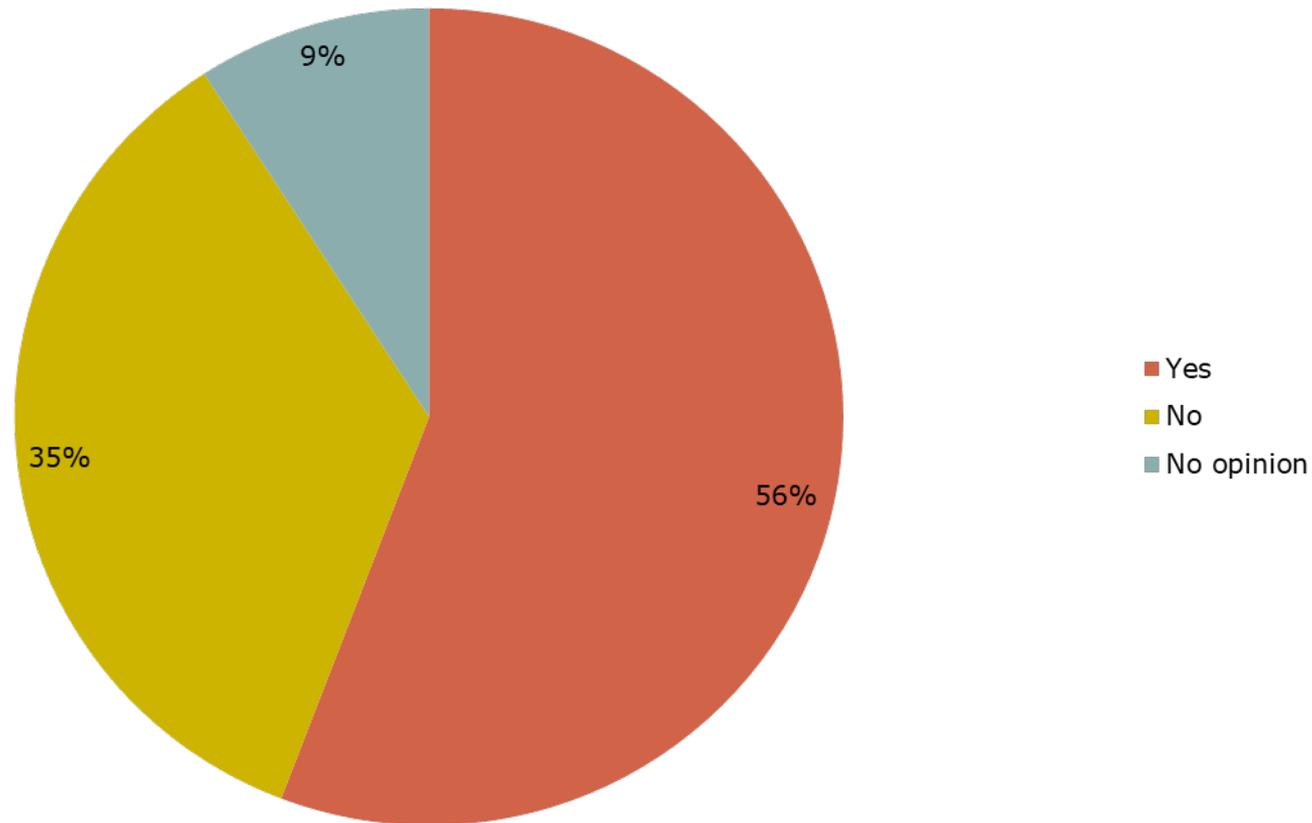
Additional vehicles



■ Yes ■ No ■ No Opinion

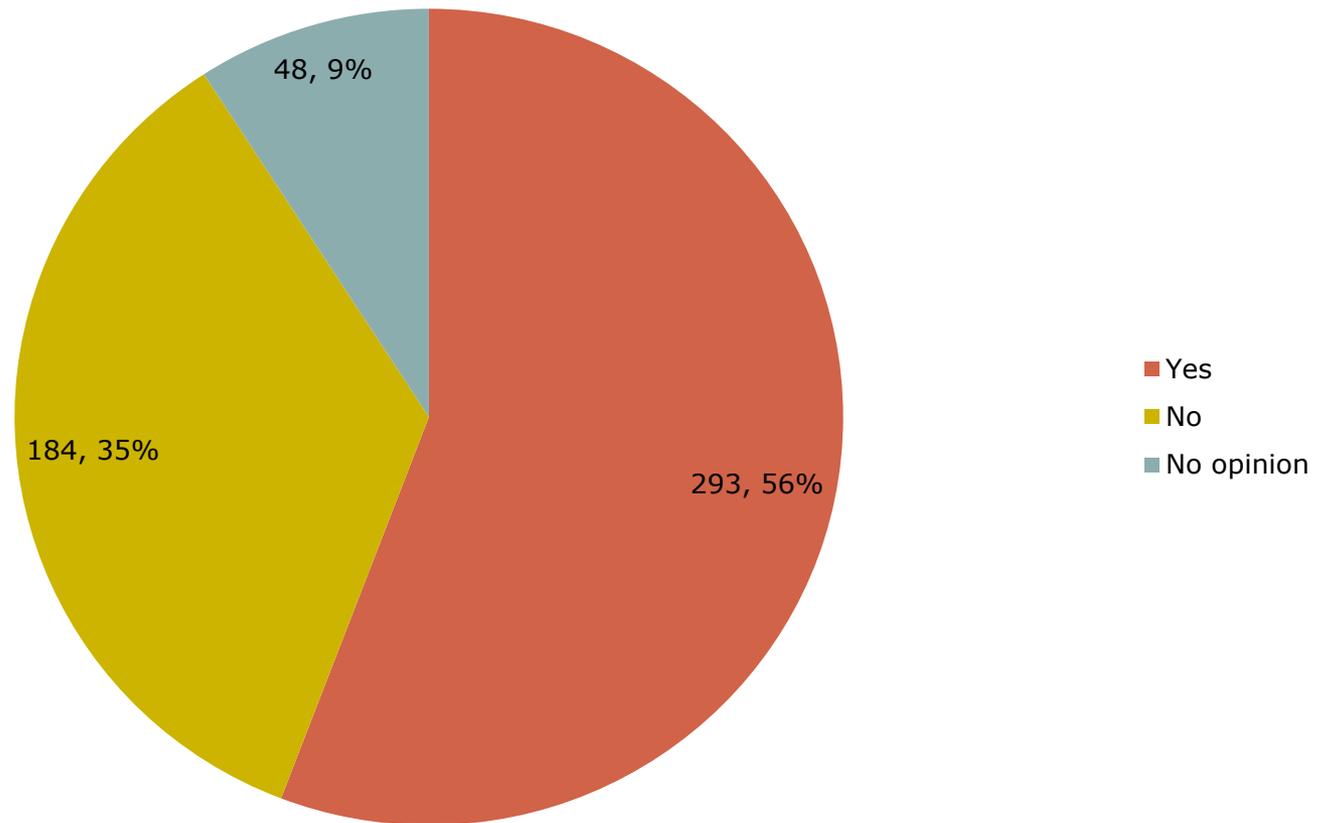


Do you support exploring different permit fees for different districts based on overall parking capacity and demand?





Would you like to see a limit on the number of permits a resident can purchase added in Alexandria?



If a limit were implemented, what should be the maximum number of permits a resident can obtain?

Average response: **3.5**



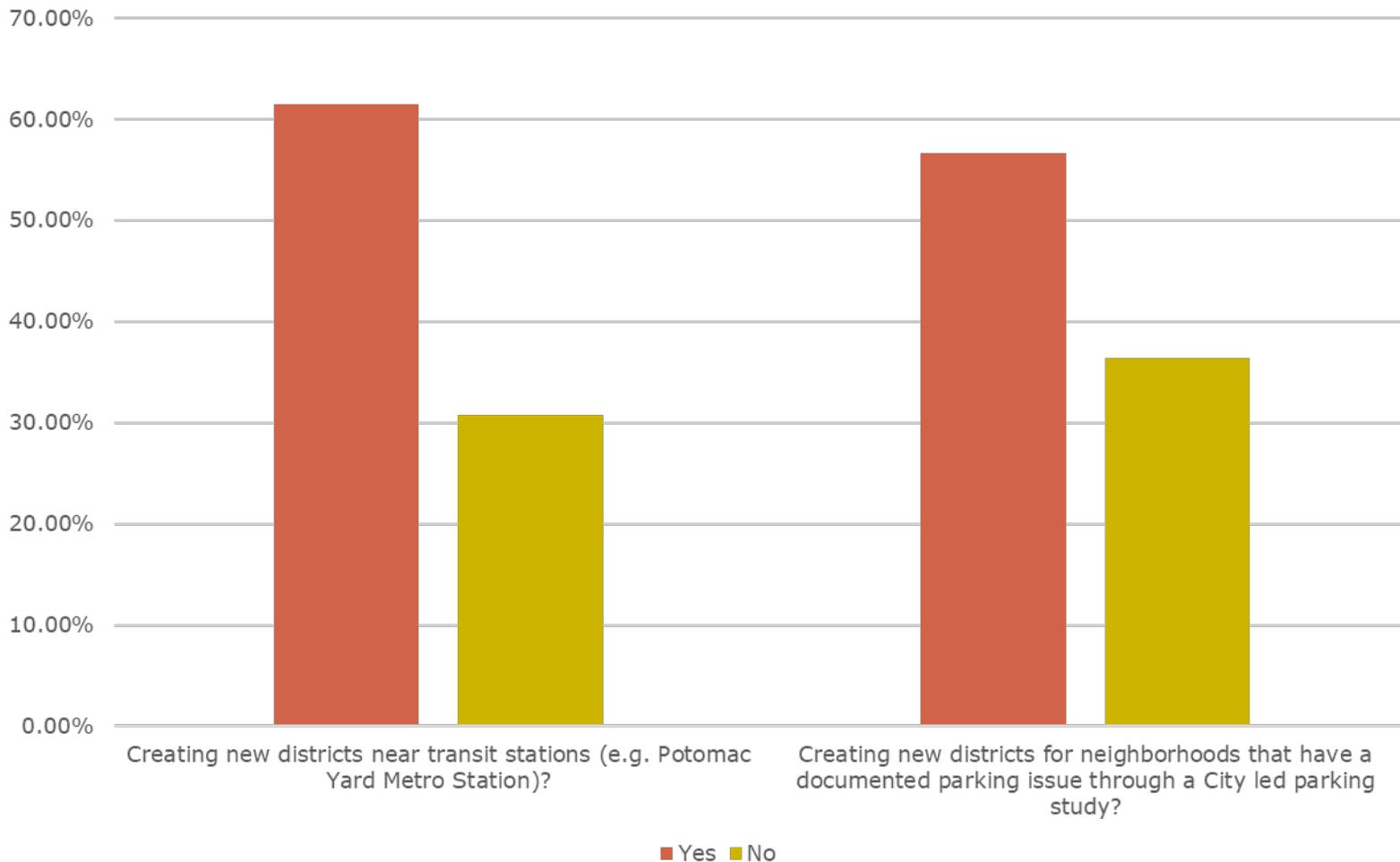


Questionnaire Responses: Process

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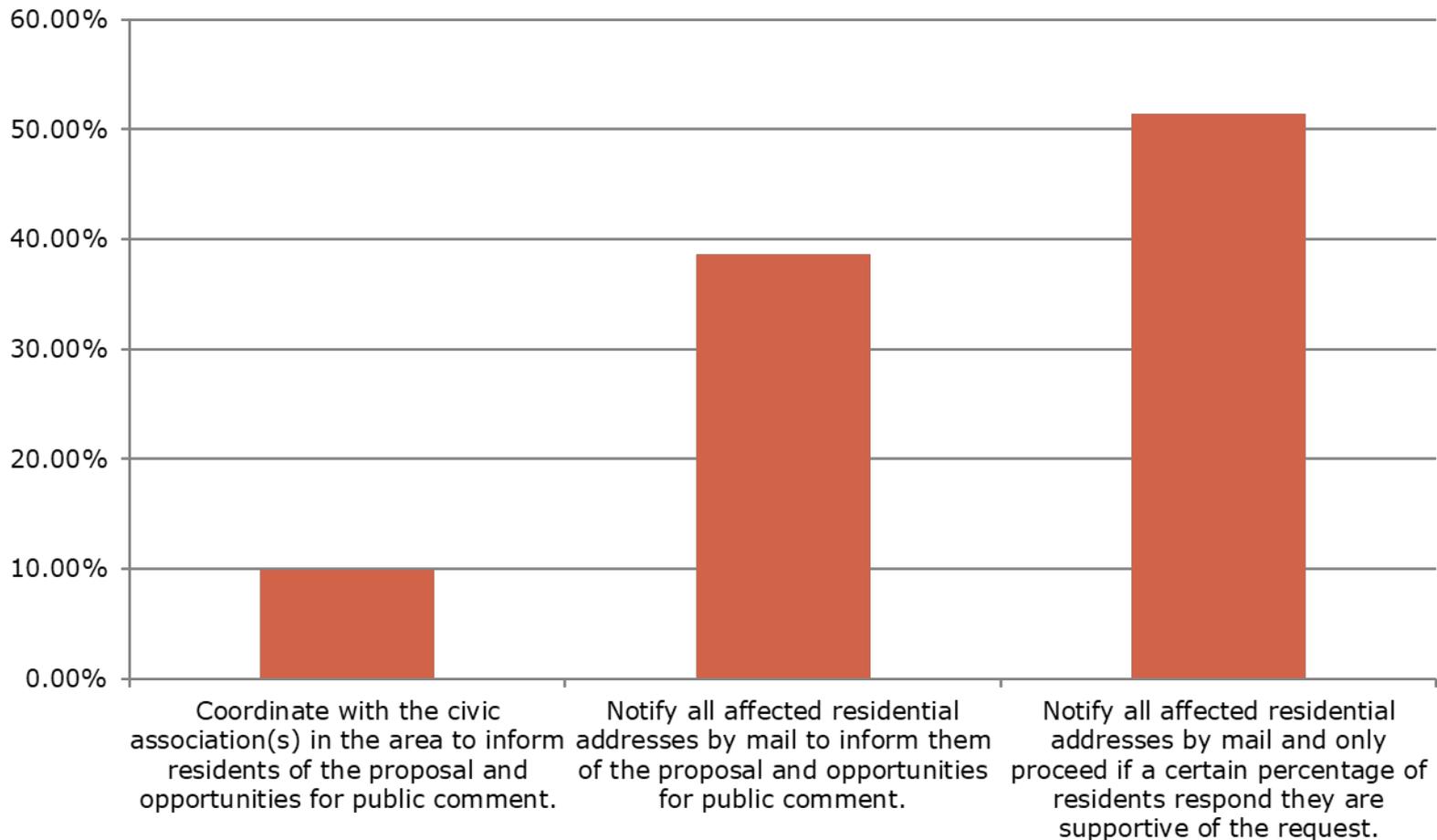


Do you support allowing staff to initiate the process for creating or amending residential parking districts in the following situations:



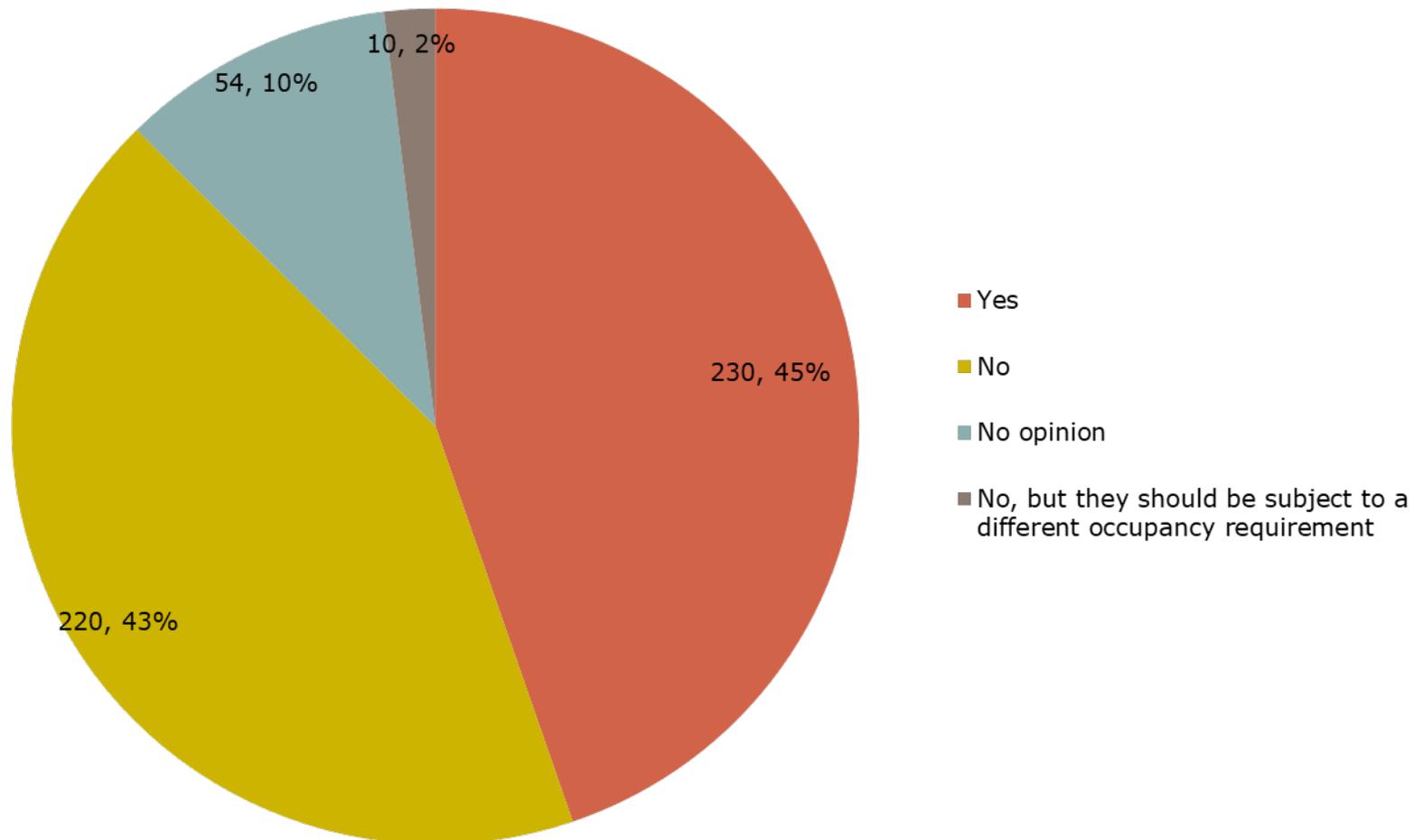


If a staff-initiated process were developed, how should staff notify the public of a proposals?





Do you support allowing residents in existing districts to request restrictions for their block without having to demonstrate a parking issue through the current occupancy requirements?



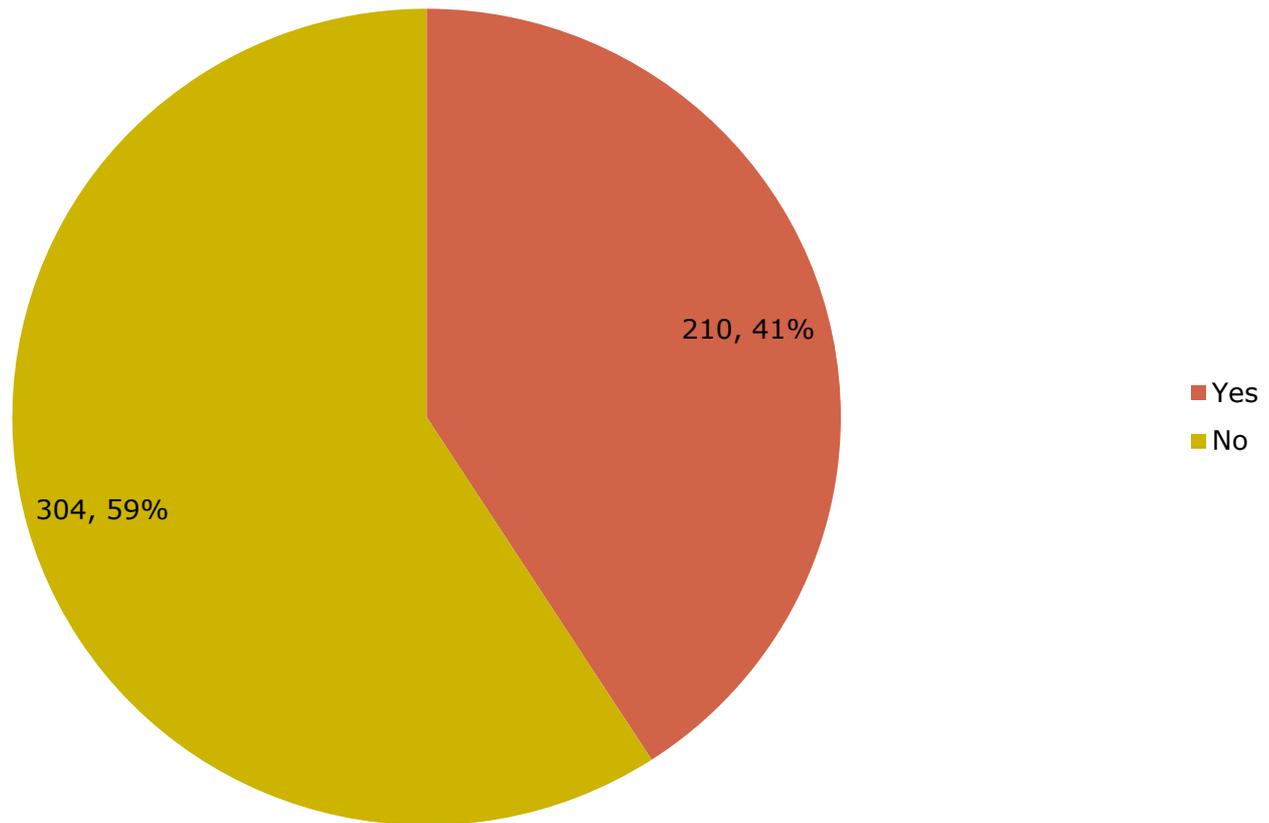


Questionnaire Responses: Survey Respondents

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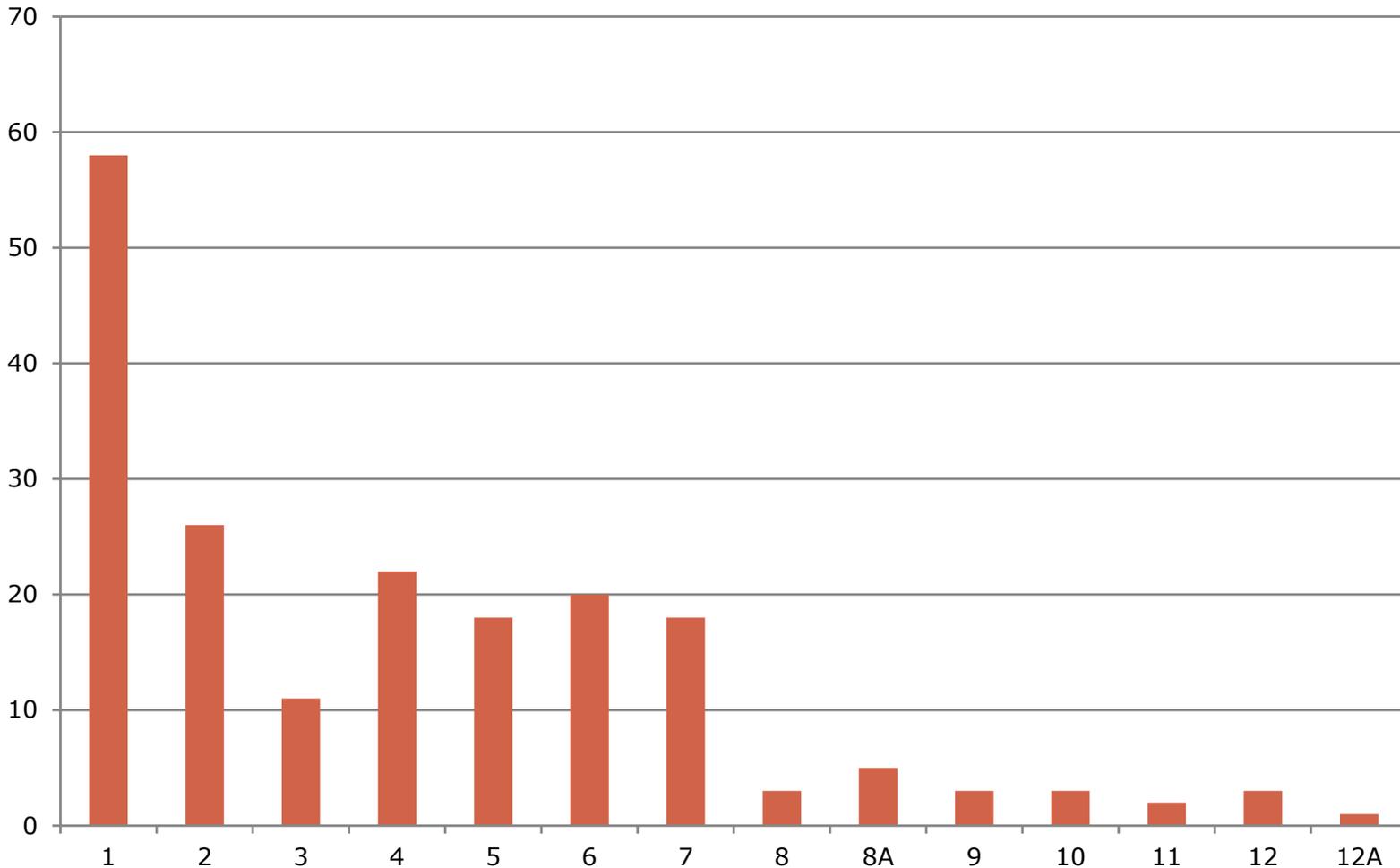


Do you currently live in a Residential Permit Parking district?



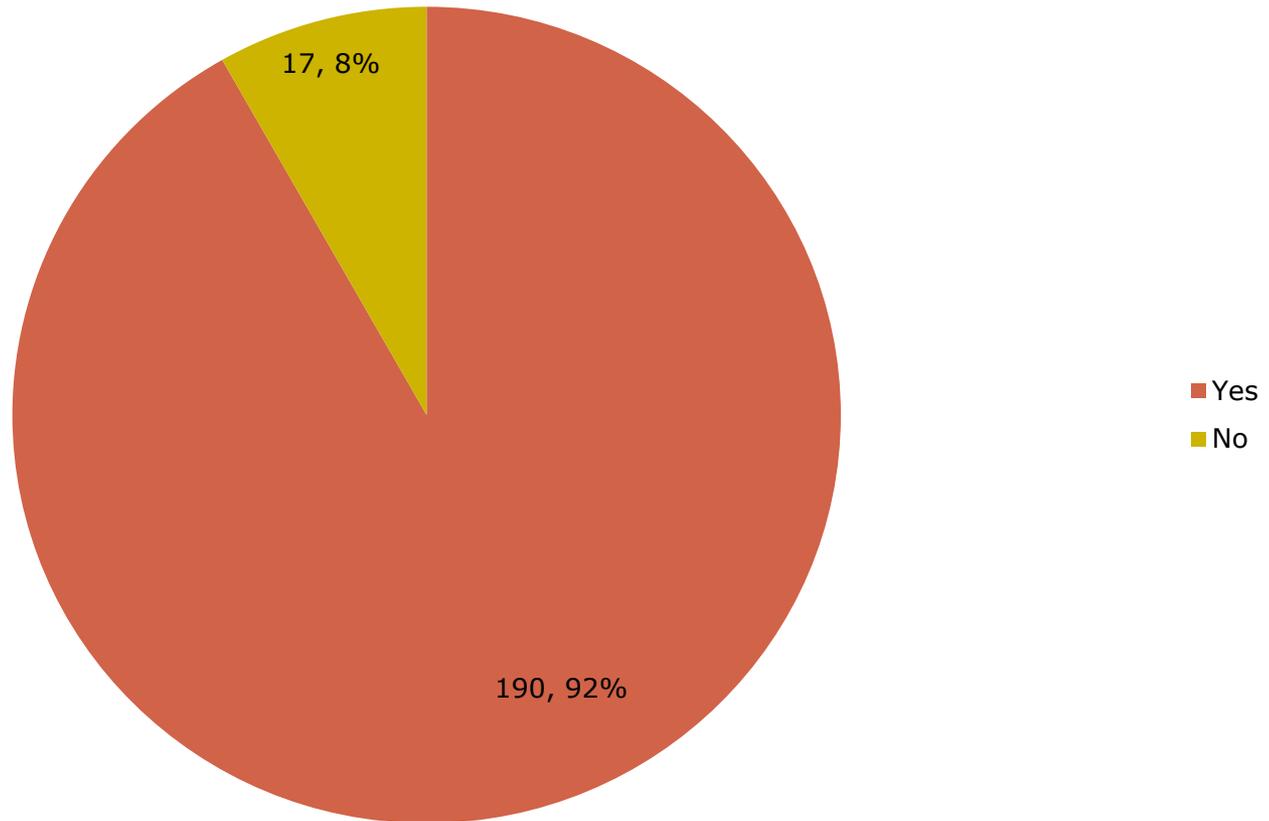


For those in an RPP District: Which residential permit parking district do you live in?



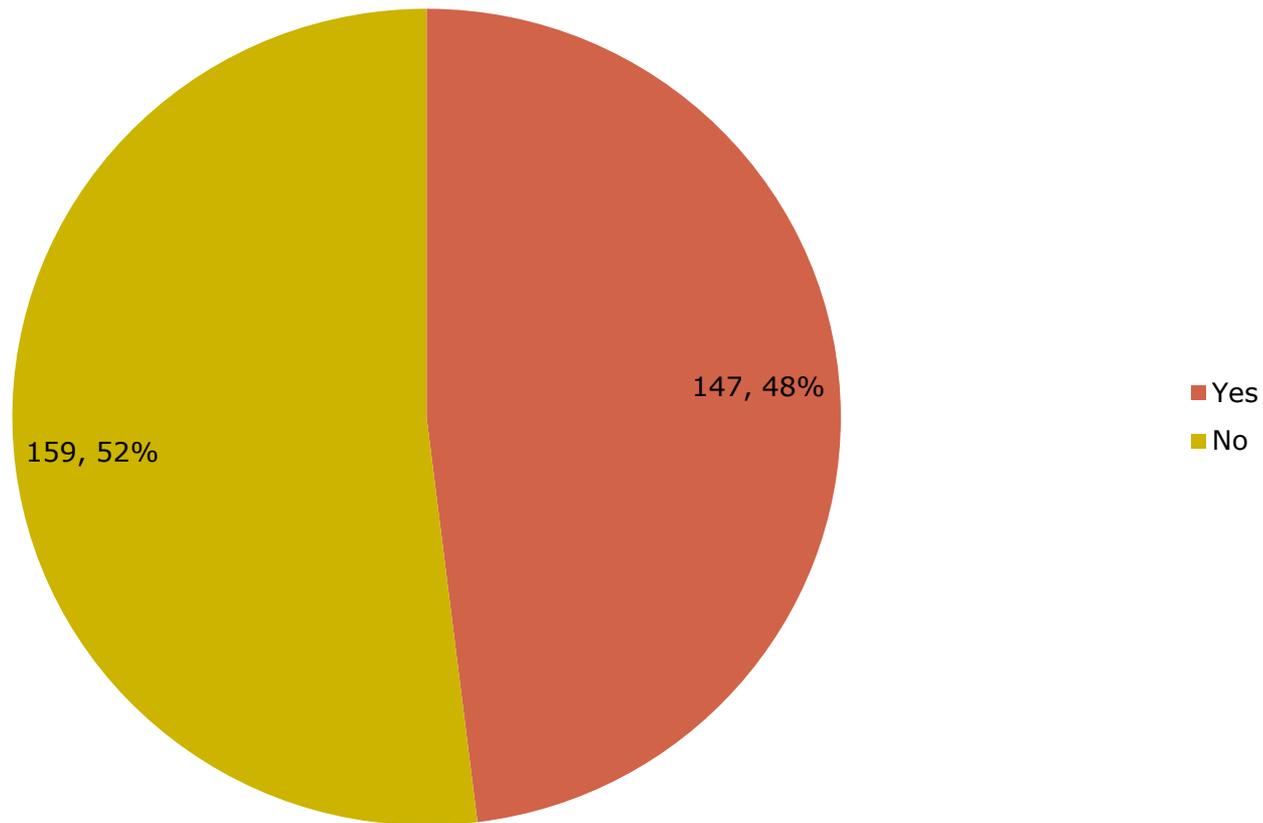


For those in an RPP District: Does your block have parking restrictions posted?





For those not in an RPP District: If you were eligible, would you be interested in adding parking restrictions to your block?





NEXT STEPS

- Discuss draft recommendations considering questionnaire results and public feedback
- Public input
 - Open House
 - Neighborhood meetings
- Finalize recommendations at May subcommittee meeting
- Traffic and Parking Board Public Hearing – July 2019 (Tentative)
- City Council Public Hearing - Fall 2019



PUBLIC COMMENT



Thank you!

NEXT MEETING: MAY 20, 2019 (tentative)

For more information visit
alexandriava.gov/ParkingStudies

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POSTED RESTRICTIONS

Current Conditions:

- City Code allows for 32 variations of posted restrictions:
 - 2-hour or 3-hour limit for non-district parkers
 - End times: 5PM, 9PM, 11PM, 2AM
 - Days of the week: Mon-Fri, Mon-Sat, Mon-Sun
- Residents can request any of these restrictions when submitting a petition



RESOURCES



POSTED RESTRICTIONS

Challenge/Problem:

- Restrictions are inconsistent across blocks and throughout a district
- Variety of restrictions makes it difficult to enforce
- Variety of restrictions is difficult for visitors to understand
- 3-hour restrictions are more difficult to enforce
- In some cases, 2-hour limits are too long to encourage off-street parking



POSTED RESTRICTIONS

Potential Options:

- Eliminate 3-hour limits or specify which districts they are appropriate
- Reduce the end time options to 2 options and consider if different times are needed
- Consider the need for 1-hour parking limits and criteria for where it would be allowed
- Require the same restriction on both sides of the block or for an entire district
- Create a buffer for blocks along district boundaries that allows vehicles from both districts (e.g. 2-hour parking except for District 3 and 5 permit holders)
- Increase the fine for a residential permit parking violation



PERMIT FEES/LIMITS

Current Conditions:

- The annual fees for residential permits as:
 - \$40 for the first vehicle
 - \$50 for the second vehicle
 - \$150 for each additional vehicle
- Permit fees are applied per person
- There is no limit to the number of permits a person can obtain



PERMIT FEES/LIMITS

Challenge/Problem:

- Residential permits are less expensive than off-street parking options, creating an incentive to park on the street
- There is no limit to the number of permits a resident can purchase, which may result in unused vehicles being stored on the street rather than in an off-street location
- In some districts, the number of permits exceeds the number of RPP spaces



PERMIT FEES/LIMITS

Potential Options:

- Set a higher permit fee for the 2nd or 3rd vehicle.
- Set different permits fees for each district based on parking capacity.
- Limit the number of permits allowed per address.



PROCESS

Current Conditions:

Action	Petition Requirement	Survey Requirement**	T&PB Review	Council Review
Changing existing RPP restrictions	More than 50% of residents abutting a block face*	None	Yes	No
Adding RPP restrictions in an existing district	At least 50% of residents abutting a block face	Yes	Yes	No
Expanding an existing RPP district	At least 50% of residents abutting a block face	Yes	Yes	Yes
Creating a new RPP district	More than 50% of residents abutting a block face	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Special Parking District requires more than 50% of the *block*.

**More than 75% of the spaces are occupied, and of those vehicles more than 25% are non-residents of the district.



PROCESS

Challenge/Problem:

- Blocks within an established district must wait until a parking problem occurs (i.e. meet the survey requirements) before being eligible for restrictions
- Requests are processed by block face instead of block which can lead to different restrictions on each side of the street
- The process to expand or create a new district can take several months



PROCESS

Potential Options:

- Eliminate survey requirement for blocks within an existing district.
- Require petitions by block instead of block face.
- Allow property owners who do not live on the block to be able to sign the petition.
- Allow the Traffic and Parking Board to recommend approval to the Director of T&ES for expansions to existing districts.