

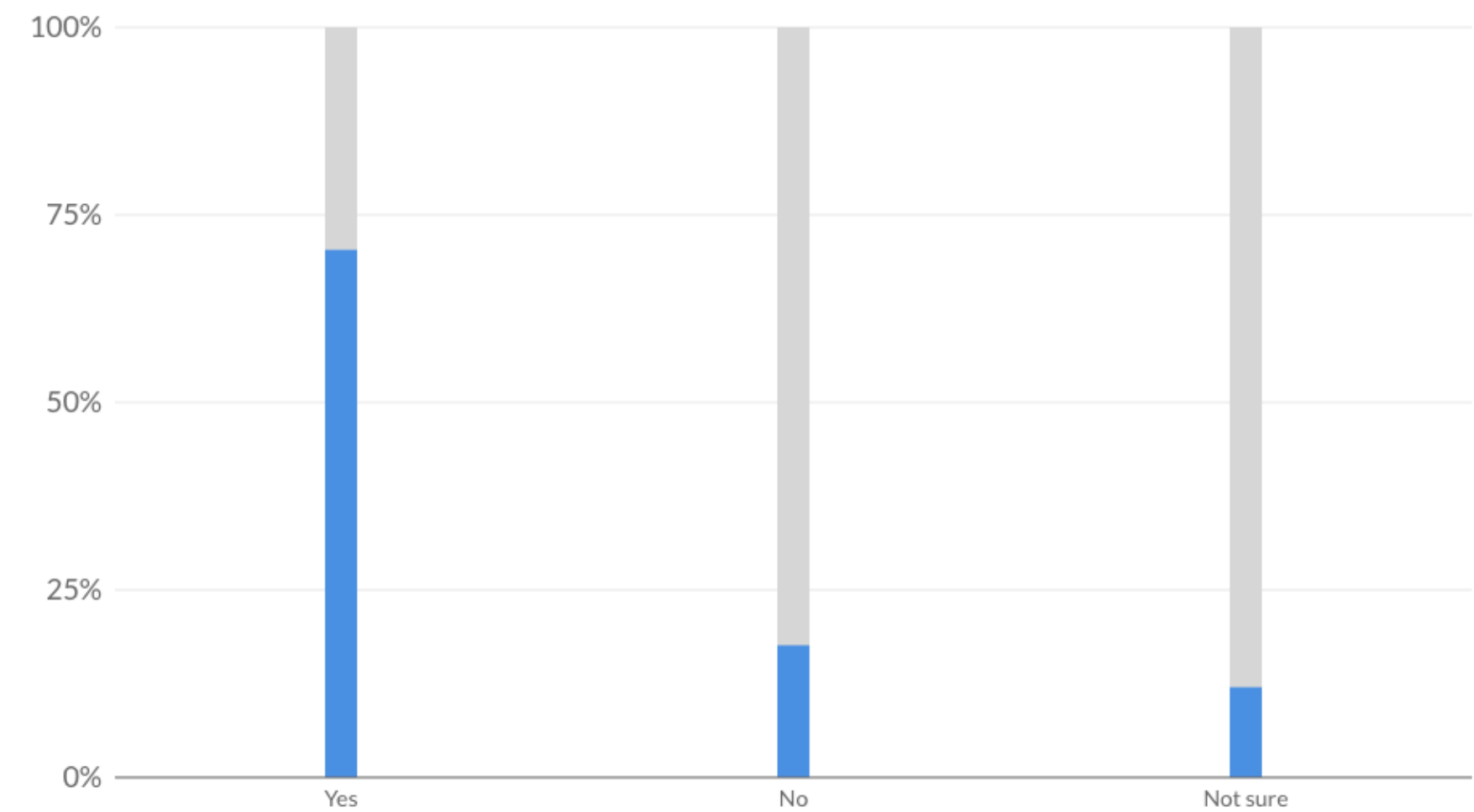
Results of Camping Code Update Survey

As the number of people experiencing homelessness has increased, federal courts have issued decisions that restrict local governments' ability to regulate or prohibit sleeping on public property when people experiencing homelessness do not have a shelter bed available to them. Additionally, in 2021 the Oregon Legislature passed Oregon House Bill 3115, which reinforced the federal court rulings and added requirements that any laws regulating lying, sleeping, or sitting on public property must be reasonable to all stakeholders including people experiencing homelessness.

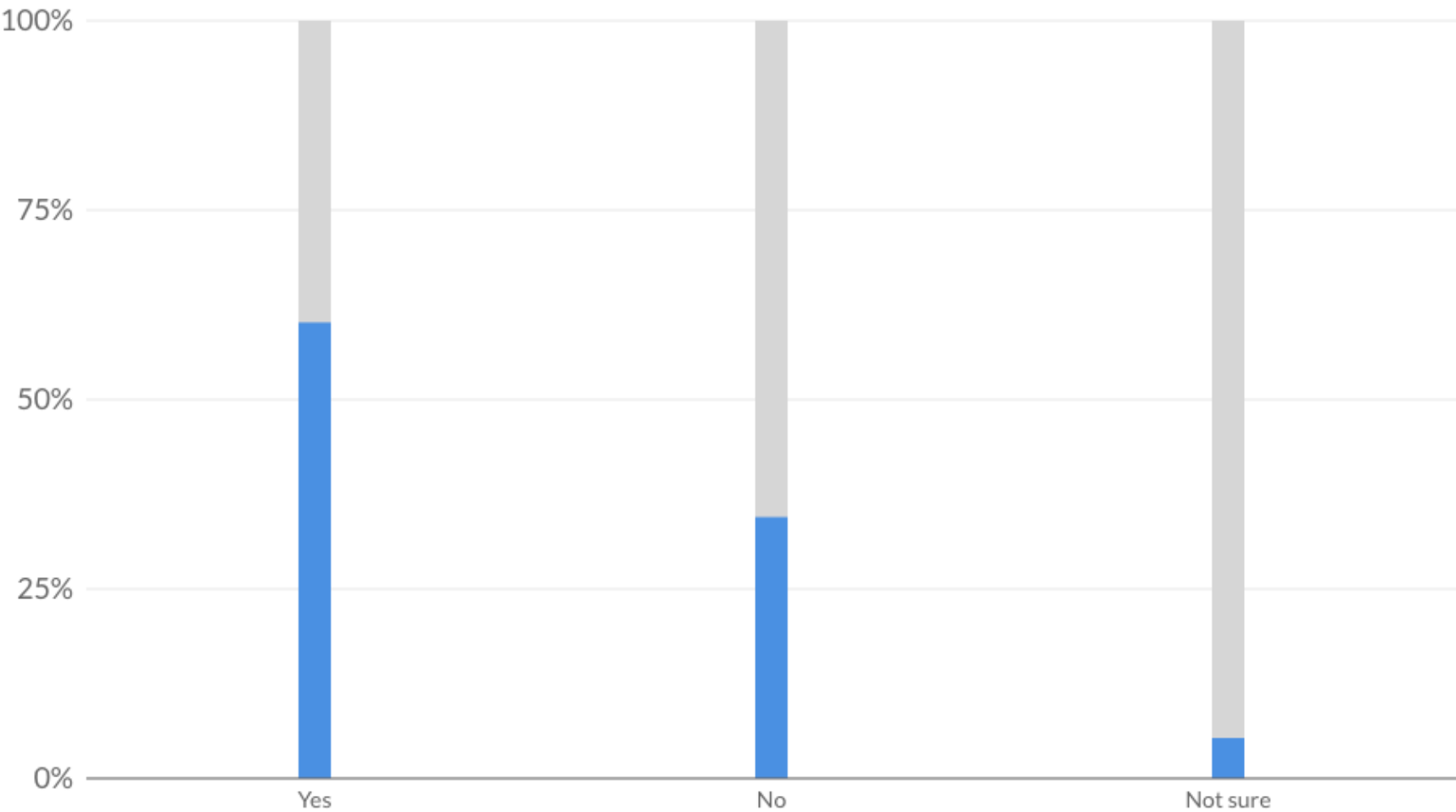
The City's code must be updated to comply with these federal court rulings (Martin v Boise and Blake v Grants Pass) and Oregon House Bill 3115. The City must revise its camping code to include reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions about camping on public land within City limits. Time restrictions are when a person may camp, place establishes where people may and may not camp, and manner describes how people may camp such as not allowing open fires.

A survey was conducted to gather resident feedback to help inform updates to the camping code. Over 1000 responses were collected, with 99.46% of submissions in English and 0.54% in Spanish.

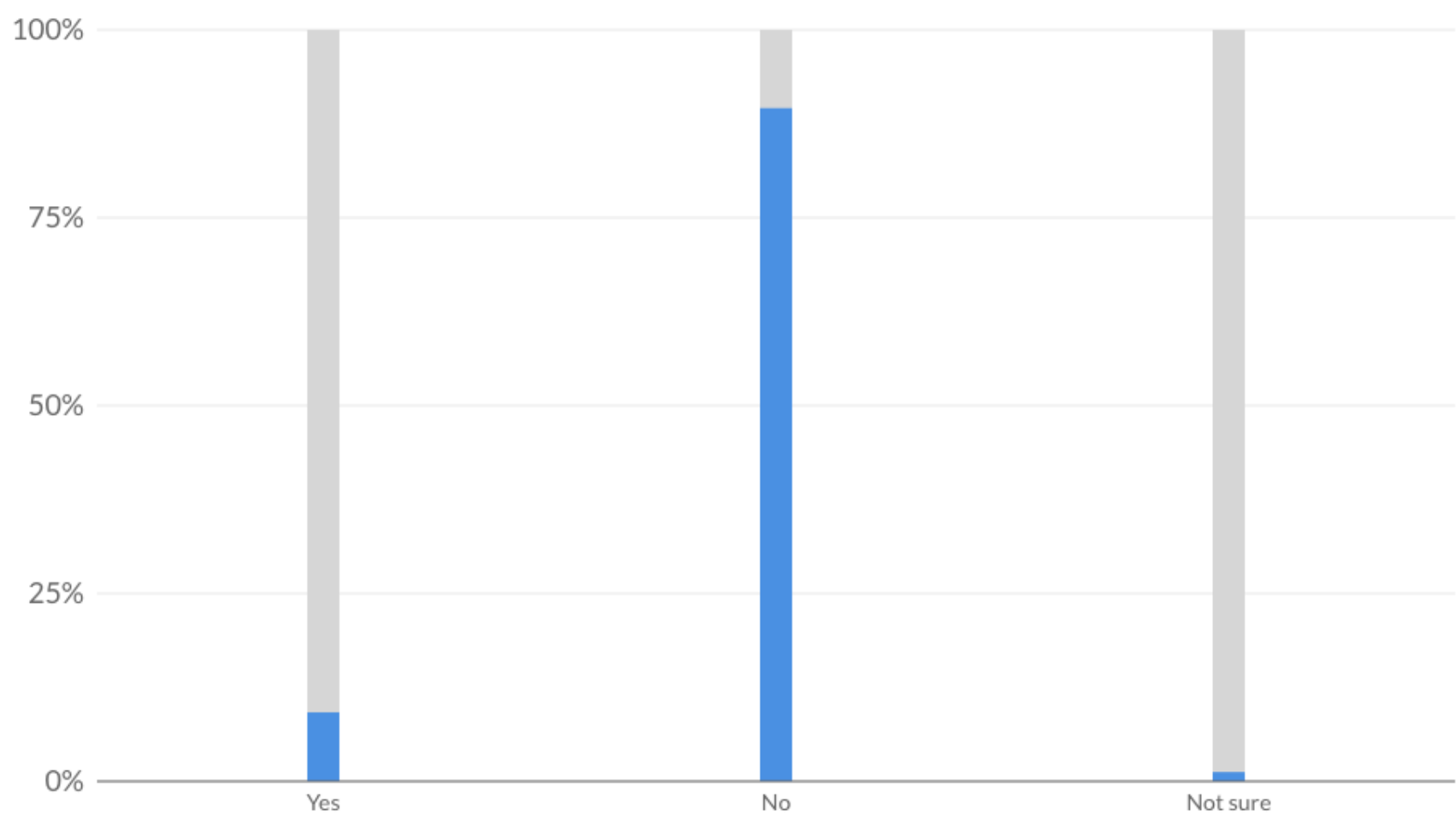
Do you feel homelessness is a problem in the City of Springfield?



Do you know someone who has experienced homelessness?



Have you previously experienced or are you currently experiencing homelessness?



Where do you feel the most safe and comfortable sleeping?

Top keywords

- 1. home
- 2. bed
- 3. car
- 4. house
- 5. homeless
- 6. shelter
- 7. sleep
- 8. areas
- 9. camping
- 10.safe

Where do you feel the most safe and comfortable sleeping?

In my home that I rent
Apr 11, 2023

in my home
Apr 11, 2023

home
Apr 11, 2023

In my home or At shelters/car when homeless
Apr 10, 2023

I believe the City should invest in transitional, short term housing options and long term stable housing.
Apr 10, 2023

local paths and parks are good areas to be safe and close to needed amenities
Apr 10, 2023

home
Apr 3, 2023

No where
Apr 1, 2023

At home
Apr 1, 2023

In a home. But without a home, under a bridge or somewhere dry!
Apr 1, 2023

In the room I rent, which is thankfully below market rates due to Oregon's rent control laws.
Mar 31, 2023

Woods and in a camp
Mar 31, 2023

home
Mar 31, 2023

At home
Mar 31, 2023

In my home
Mar 31, 2023

If I experienced homelessness again, temporary shelter or public camping space with access to water, bathroom and other facilities.
Mar 31, 2023

Near places with open public restrooms. The river areas are safest, but no one should be contaminating the shoreline with human waste.
Mar 31, 2023

In my bed at home
Mar 31, 2023

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Mar 31, 2023

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Mar 31, 2023

In my bed at home

Mar 31, 2023

if it is not wet, hidden in a ditch. if wet, under an eave behind some forgotten office building.

Mar 31, 2023

government bldg., hospital, hospital chapel, church.

Mar 31, 2023

In my bed knowing there are no camps close to me.

Mar 31, 2023

at home or at an airbnb

Mar 30, 2023

My home

Mar 29, 2023

In a car, if I have no home.

Mar 29, 2023

My home

Mar 29, 2023

Varies
Mar 28, 2023

In sheltered areas. If not that, then vehicles like a car or rv. If that's not an option, camping.
Mar 28, 2023

with my spouse in a secure space
Mar 27, 2023

In a staffed shelter setting for my identified gender.
Mar 27, 2023

at home in my bed
Mar 27, 2023

when camping, I prefer to sleep in places concealed from view so as not to attract attention from police
Mar 24, 2023

usually in a house
Mar 24, 2023

Not in springfield
Mar 24, 2023

In my home.
Mar 24, 2023

In my car
Mar 23, 2023

Park
Mar 22, 2023

In a deaignated free public camping area in a tent.
Mar 21, 2023

Away from weridos
Mar 21, 2023

At my home.
Mar 21, 2023

Nowhere now
Translated from - *Nowhere now*
Mar 21, 2023

A clean place, like a park or in a car if I was houseless
Translated from - *A clean place, like a park or in a car if I was houseless*
Mar 21, 2023

Somewhere excluded from open view
Mar 21, 2023

Out of the elements and If I must sleep in the elements inside a tent.
Mar 21, 2023

Parks/Shelters
Mar 20, 2023

Springfield OR, my home
Mar 20, 2023

my RV
Mar 20, 2023

Home
Mar 19, 2023

I am now housed after 8 years of housing insecurity. In the past places like Safe Sleep Sites, Conestoga Huts, Eagan Warming Center, In vehicles or parking lots have been options. I have also had to sleep in a tent by the river or in abandon houses.
Mar 19, 2023

In a house
Mar 18, 2023

My house
Mar 18, 2023

In my bed at home. If I was homeless, I would prefer a safe shelter or place where I could camp with my vehicle.
Mar 18, 2023

In a house
Mar 17, 2023

In my house
Mar 17, 2023

Car or shelter
Mar 17, 2023

parks
Mar 17, 2023

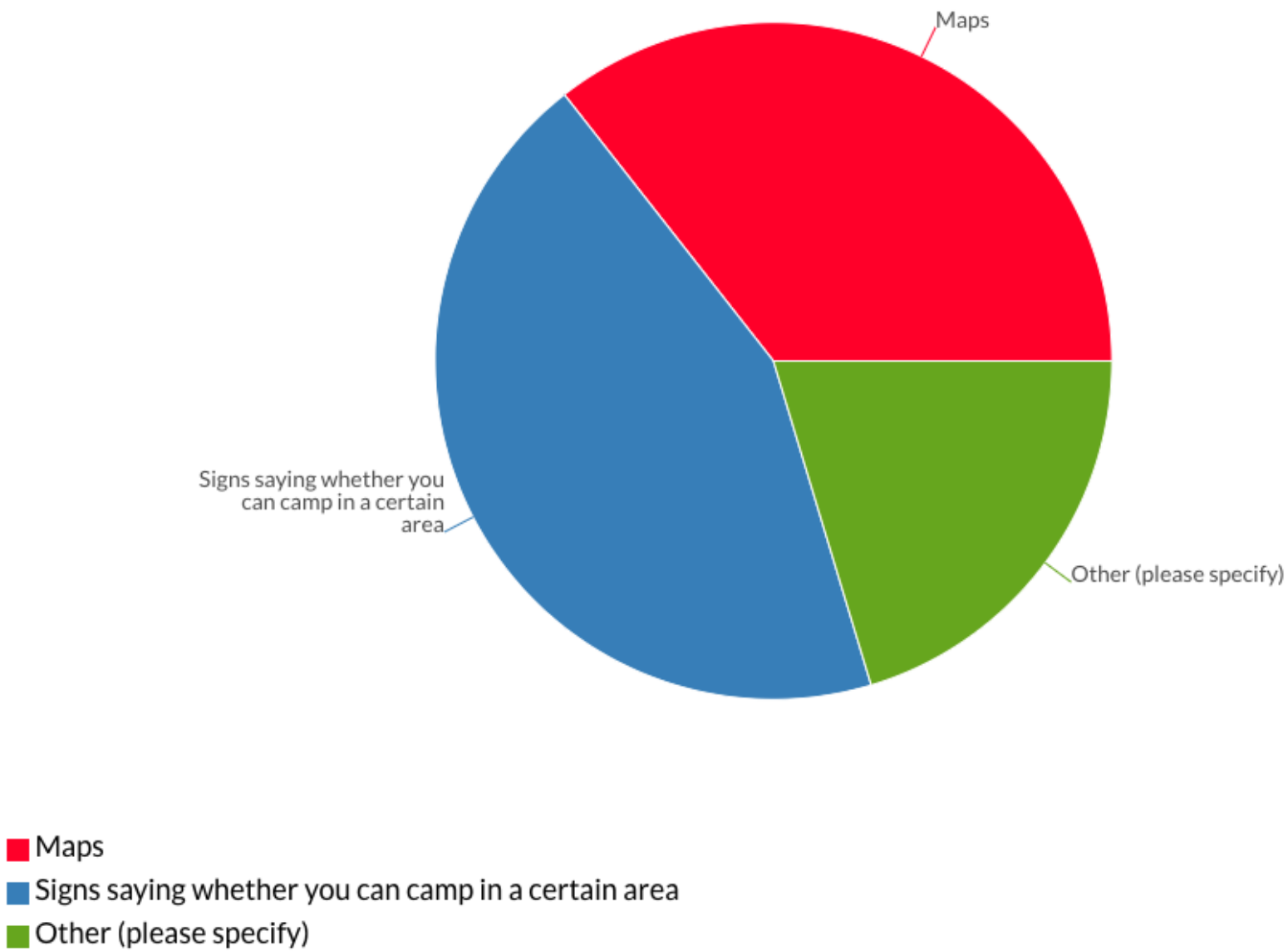
City buildings/property
Mar 16, 2023

Home
Mar 16, 2023

In a bed
Mar 16, 2023

At home.
Mar 16, 2023

What resources would most help you understand where you can camp?



What services/support would help you maintain your camp free of litter and excess items?

Top keywords

1. trash
2. cans
3. garbage
4. clean
5. public
6. services
7. bags
8. dumpster
9. service
- 10.access

What services/support would help you maintain your camp free of litter and excess items?

Camp rules and regulations.

Apr 11, 2023

trash cans

Apr 11, 2023

Extra composting areas and garbage areas

Apr 11, 2023

Dumpster

Apr 10, 2023

A rotating Sanipac travel route to all authorized camp site locations

Apr 10, 2023

water, sewer and garbage services and maintenance of them

Apr 10, 2023

city trash bins, outhouses

Apr 3, 2023

Trash bins and regular garbage service

Apr 1, 2023

Police presence

Apr 1, 2023

Available trash cans, usable restrooms, rules about keeping your space clean and neat.

Apr 1, 2023

Provided garbage bags, defined dropoff/pickup locations, and consequences for littering/hoarding garbage

Mar 31, 2023

More public dumpsters, free trash bags, notices of needing to vacate if the area is not cleaned.

Mar 31, 2023

Not possible

Mar 31, 2023

Campers must participate in an education course, highlighting the impact to others and the environment

Mar 31, 2023

Staffed public camping sites with trash cans or dumpster.

Mar 31, 2023

Open restroom facilities, garbage service

Mar 31, 2023

More local trash cans throughout the city or recycling bins

Mar 31, 2023

Storage just should not be allowed. Possessions should be in vehicles, self-storage or discarded. Daily cleanup.

Mar 31, 2023

trashbags

Mar 31, 2023

To obtain benefits, make civil service a requirement. In addition, the biggest problem is the inability to afford housing.

Mar 31, 2023

Jail terms for drug use illegal camping and littering
Mar 30, 2023

N/a
Mar 29, 2023

Sanipac weekly pick up
Mar 29, 2023

Daily clean up
Mar 29, 2023

regular trash collection
Mar 28, 2023

Garbage service, hygiene services
Mar 28, 2023

Garbage and porta pottys
Mar 27, 2023

Garbage cans, outreach services to help
Mar 27, 2023

Toilets and dumpster access
Mar 27, 2023

garbage cans but first we need affordable housing and addiction services
Mar 27, 2023

access to garbage bags and public waste disposal services would improve my ability to keep my camp clean
Mar 24, 2023

free trash bags for pick up and a drop off location nearby
Mar 24, 2023

Public garbage cans, free trash drop-offs
Mar 24, 2023

No camping here. I want low income housing, or apartments in Eugene.
Mar 24, 2023

Trash cans, bags, toilets,
Mar 23, 2023

I should be able to keep my area clean myself
Mar 22, 2023

Sanitation
Mar 22, 2023

The groups set up next to Churches are a great start.. with kitchen/bathrooms/ and shower facilities..
butthere needs to be on site managers .. making sure rules are followed. Chore lists for those who
enter the programs to better themselves.
Mar 21, 2023

Garbage/Recycling
Mar 21, 2023

Trash cans
Translated from - Trash cans
Mar 21, 2023

Letting homeless people sleep safely, and not being forced out every few months
Translated from - Letting homeless people sleep safely, and not being forced out every few months
Mar 21, 2023

More public trash cans
Mar 21, 2023

Large trash receptacles
Mar 21, 2023

Sanitation services, Storage Programs, 24-hr bathrooms with showers, free campsites like a state park
Mar 20, 2023

Having access to trash buckets and regular pick-up.
Mar 20, 2023

Dumpster and portable toilets
Mar 20, 2023

Garbage receptacles and Portable Toilets
Mar 19, 2023

Garbage cans/Toilets
Mar 18, 2023

Trash cans
Mar 18, 2023

Dumpsters. Garbage cans.
Mar 18, 2023

Garbage cans and toilets
Mar 17, 2023

Water fountains around town. Or a porta potty Access near areas allowed for camping even a dumpster. I'm sure people that respect it will keep it clean.
Mar 17, 2023

Garbage service toilet
Mar 17, 2023

Garbage cans
Mar 17, 2023

trash cans, rentable mini sheds,
Mar 17, 2023

Larger waste receptacles
Mar 16, 2023

Not having to move so much; trash service
Mar 16, 2023

Na
Mar 16, 2023

Trash bags and dumpsters to put them in
Mar 16, 2023

Sanipac should have public accessible trash pick up locations. And public restrooms.
Mar 16, 2023

The Council is also looking at vehicle parking rules as they relate to overnight parking for sleeping and shelter. If you use or have used a vehicle for sleeping or shelter, what do you look for when considering a place to park?

Top keywords

1. safe
2. lit
3. safety
4. parking
5. quiet
6. well
7. away
8. area
9. police
- 10.areas

The Council is also looking at vehicle parking rules as they relate to overnight parking for sleeping and shelter. If you use or have used a vehicle for sleeping or shelter, what do you look for when considering a place to park?

safe and well lit. Used to go to rest stops, because public restrooms were available. Also utilized shelters in the past if there were available space.

Apr 11, 2023

space

Apr 11, 2023

NA

Apr 11, 2023

Well lit, safe, away from residents/homes

Apr 10, 2023

Lighting, safety patrols, access to Cahoots, trash service, showers and toilet services as well as food and clothing pantries, access to camp stove.

Apr 10, 2023

quiet area, away from homes

Apr 10, 2023

safety, discreet

Apr 3, 2023

Acceptance, well lit, near bathrooms

Apr 1, 2023

1 day limit

Apr 1, 2023

Anywhere that seems safe at the moment. Preferably well lit areas.
Apr 1, 2023

Safe & quiet: no drugs, stealing, or violence, wrap-around support for people with mental health issues
Mar 31, 2023

Dark and quiet
Mar 31, 2023

Safe sleep parking sites
Mar 31, 2023

That it is welcomed by neighboring residents
Mar 31, 2023

Same as previous questions.
Mar 31, 2023

Anywhere quiet enough to sleep where we wouldn't get ticketed. In the case of people without RVs with toilets, anywhere quiet enough to sleep and nearby open restroom facilities.
Mar 31, 2023

Over head lights and a sign saying can't be there then I had to keep looking
Mar 31, 2023

parking time limits, which should be city-wide and consistent... e.g. 72 hours or whatever.
Mar 31, 2023

open space with a good view, or a walled corner.
Mar 31, 2023

Safety. We would benefit from a large temp policed shelter constructed of tiny homes like in Eugene. Away from neighborhoods. Fenced. In turn occupants need to be available for civil service.
Mar 31, 2023

strict term limits. folks car camp in our neighborhood and its fine when they don't stay long. It makes it safe for everyone.
Mar 30, 2023

N/an/a
Mar 29, 2023

Lighting and safety
Mar 29, 2023

Far away from people
Mar 29, 2023

the likelihood of being harassed by police. (less police foot and vehicle traffic)
Mar 28, 2023

Church parking lots, lighting, somewhere where police won't hassle
Mar 28, 2023

safety, lights
Mar 27, 2023

Have a designated safe zone for cars that are monitored by security to keep everyone safe. Women and children should have priority for safety
Mar 27, 2023

Safe, patrolled, inconspicuous.
Mar 27, 2023

I look for an area that is quiet and away from high-traffic areas. I try to keep away from businesses who might call police to remove me from the premises.

Mar 24, 2023

any spot that is open for overnight parking

Mar 24, 2023

A quiet street away from harassment police patrols

Mar 24, 2023

Drug Intervention is the key to the issue.

Mar 24, 2023

A lighted area, in a well traveled area (gas station etc)

Mar 23, 2023

A quiet, deserted spot

Mar 22, 2023

I parked near my work. On my days off I'd move. I'd move the car. Especially if I was out of gas.. it would take time to push

Mar 21, 2023

Is it lit?

Mar 21, 2023

Is it lit and is it safe.

Mar 21, 2023

Proximity to a bathroom and safety of area

Translated from - *Proximity to a bathroom and safety of area*

Mar 21, 2023

A safe place, where police won't bother me and i'm close to the city and resource

Translated from - *A safe place, where police won't bother me and i'm close to the city and resource*

Mar 21, 2023

Is it safe, public restrooms, and water availability

Mar 21, 2023

Find a secluded area away from residential areas if possible so as not to bother anyone.

Mar 21, 2023

A place where people will not light my RV on fire or yell at my family.

Mar 20, 2023

Permission

Mar 20, 2023

If I am allowed to park there, the hours of parking, and if the site is patrolled by security that will call the police if I am not legally parked.

Mar 19, 2023

Lights/Safety

Mar 18, 2023

Usually ask someone to park for the night

Mar 18, 2023

Well lit

Mar 17, 2023

Kinda quiet private. Not in front of houses off on industrial roads maybe churches. If parked on street I would like a chance to move after 24 hrs of parking in spot.
Mar 17, 2023

Somewhere safe
Mar 17, 2023

Do I feel safe in this area-- church parking lot, grocery store parking lot
Mar 17, 2023

safety, well lit,
Mar 17, 2023

Privacy
Mar 16, 2023

Safe place with legal hookup and dispoosal
Mar 16, 2023

Na
Mar 16, 2023

Safety
Mar 16, 2023

Somewhere we'll lit and surveillance is needed. Public areas with free public parking.
Mar 16, 2023

If you use or have used a vehicle for sleeping or shelter, how do you take care of other needs like cooking or using the bathroom?

Top keywords

1. use
2. food
3. public
4. restrooms
5. bathrooms
6. cooking
7. go
8. cook
9. foods
- 10.gym

If you use or have used a vehicle for sleeping or shelter, how do you take care of other needs like cooking or using the bathroom?

I purchased ready made foods that are made for camping, and don't need to be refrigerated. Also are high in nutrients for your body, and are healthy. and sustainable. Like I said above, when I was homeless before I utilized shelters and services available., also utilized rest stops.

Apr 11, 2023

public places

Apr 11, 2023

NA

Apr 11, 2023

Fast food, stores, Catholic Community Services, St. Vincent de Paul

Apr 10, 2023

need to go to public restrooms, cooking is generally not available

Apr 10, 2023

cold foods. visits to a park restroom

Apr 3, 2023

Food markets and store bathrooms

Apr 1, 2023

Paid gym membership

Apr 1, 2023

There is very little COOKING options for homeless. When I was homeless the only time I had warm food was at a shelter or from a store or fast food.

Apr 1, 2023

When you gotta go, you gotta go.
Mar 31, 2023

local businesses, public restrooms, and camping stoves
Mar 31, 2023

Store/ rest area
Mar 31, 2023

Public, but mostly remained off-grid in more appropriate camp areas
Mar 31, 2023

same as previous questions.
Mar 31, 2023

We were lucky and had a motorhome. When I was homeless 20 years ago we tried to find places near friends that had facilities. There were many times we couldn't cook. Just went to feeds when they occurred, and ate whatever cold from a can or whatever other desperate things if we had to.
Mar 31, 2023

I had to eat cold food or use a friends or family's kitchen and wipes and bottled water
Mar 31, 2023

processed foods and public restrooms. Showers are a problem... motel stays or health clubs.
Mar 31, 2023

convenience store microwave, fire, bbq hibachi. Bathroom - dig 7" hole or paper bag.
Mar 31, 2023

We need supervised community washrooms, showers, laundry. Period. Or you'll find people use the streets.
Mar 31, 2023

Gym membership. Doesn't cost much.
Mar 30, 2023

n/a
Mar 29, 2023

Pee outside, go to restaurant to poop, by foods that don't need cook.
Mar 29, 2023

Lots of ways
Mar 29, 2023

varies day to day
Mar 28, 2023

Mar 27, 2023

I used to rely on public amenities like public restrooms, and any place that allowed campfires.
Mar 27, 2023

Toilet: Use an open business if possible, use a throwaway container if no other access. Cooking: Don't.
Mar 27, 2023

I am unable to cook while camping in a vehicle. I use public bathrooms wherever possible, but access is often limited.
Mar 24, 2023

drive to a resource center or just go without
Mar 24, 2023

Not having hot food. Using public restrooms (if I can find any)
Mar 24, 2023

State run free Drug Treatment Facilities with a job program at the end of 90 days.
Mar 24, 2023

Not easily. Being an older female makes these thing very difficult
Mar 23, 2023

Winco
Mar 22, 2023

At work in the morning.
Mar 21, 2023

Well I converted my tailgate into a pop open stove and countertop
Mar 21, 2023

I would use the service station on hwy 99.
Mar 21, 2023

Camp stove national parks
Translated from - *Camp stove national parks*
Mar 21, 2023

If I'm able to use a store for a bathroom, or even a porta potty, that's enough for me
Translated from - *If I'm able to use a store for a bathroom, or even a porta potty, that's enough for me*
Mar 21, 2023

Restroom, or gas station. Cooking outside on asphalt
Mar 21, 2023

No cooking and bathroom in publics bathrooms
Mar 21, 2023

Cooking is not a need - food is a need. Food and restrooms are accessed through the kindness of local agencies and community members.

Mar 20, 2023

no cooking, pine needles or kitty litter in a bag in a bucket in a trash can. like dogshit or diapers. pee in jug, pour in storm drain

Mar 20, 2023

Wait till morning and buy a coffee and use their restroom

Mar 19, 2023

Yes, I have slept in vehicles. I access day centers for showers and laundry. Most restrooms are closed to homeless people, so I would have to use Walmart bathrooms.

Mar 19, 2023

Local businesses

Mar 18, 2023

By non perishable foods, rest areas, stores

Mar 18, 2023

I relied on friends and my school's facilities — this was nearly 40 years ago.

Mar 18, 2023

Use the gym where I have a membership

Mar 17, 2023

I use a public restroom. I use a stove on my tail gate

Mar 17, 2023

Stores for toilets

Mar 17, 2023

Grocery store bathroom or go in a bush
Mar 17, 2023

public restrooms, free meal places
Mar 17, 2023

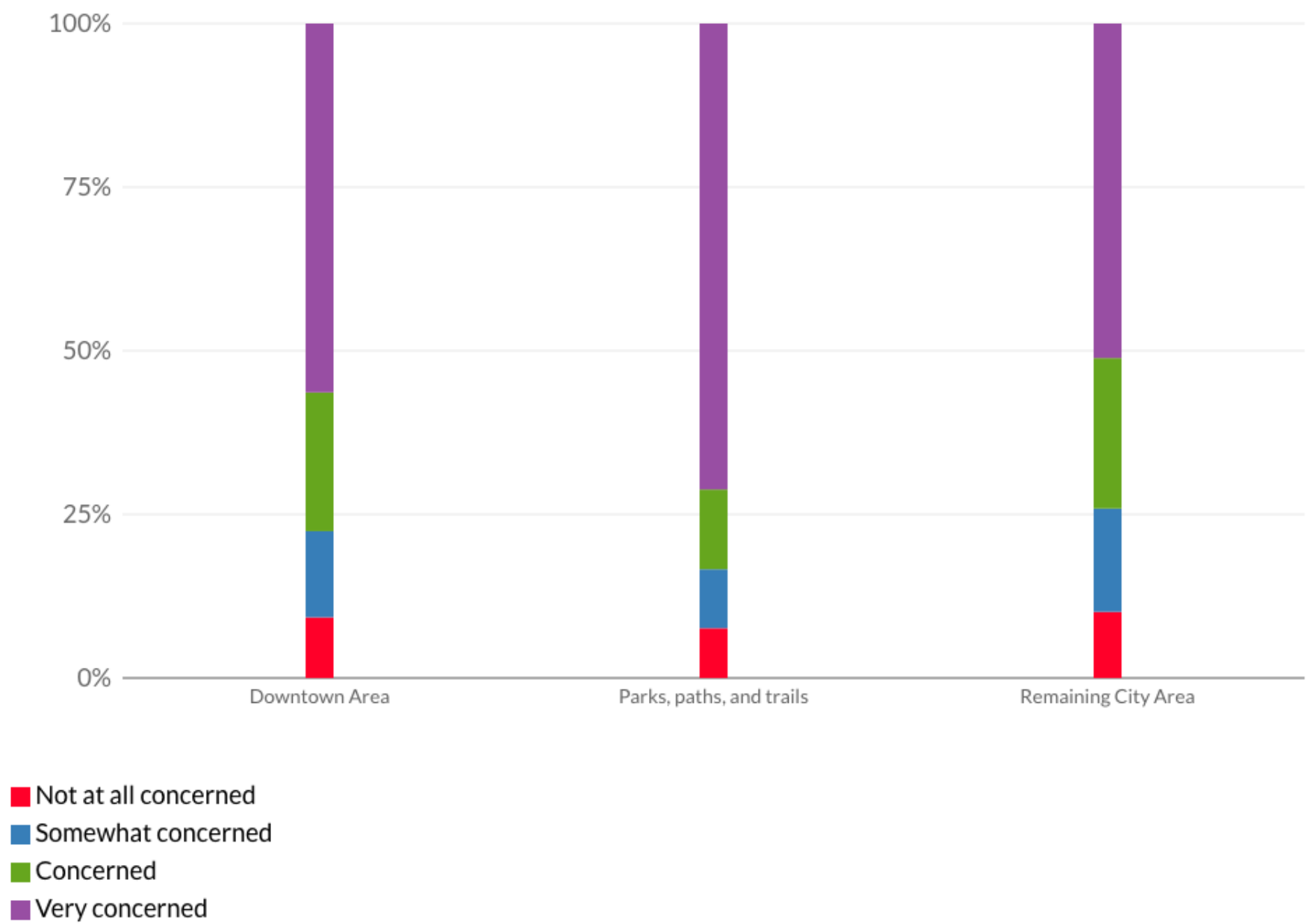
Gas stations, gym, free meal sites
Mar 16, 2023

City sites; food boxes
Mar 16, 2023

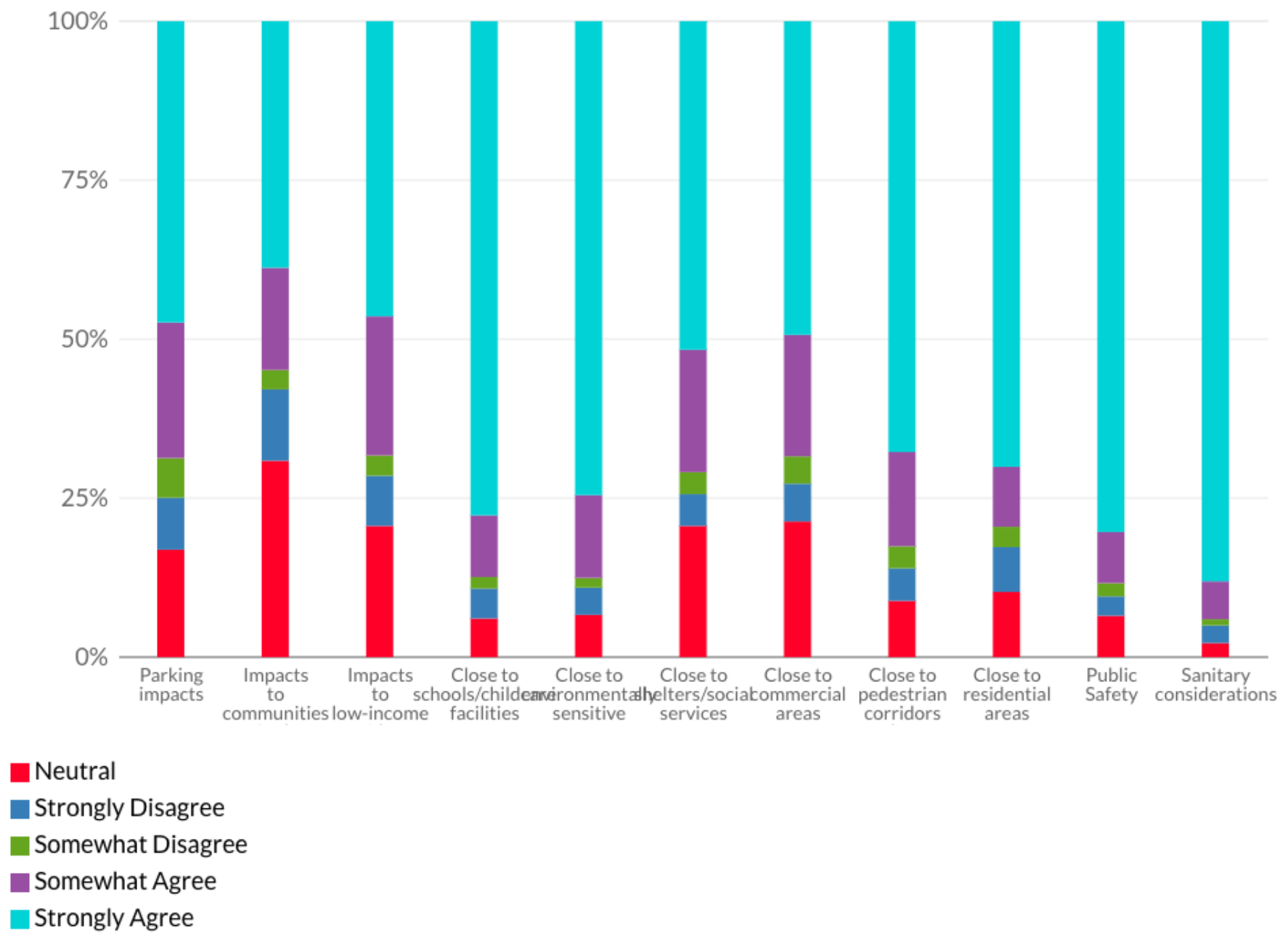
Na
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You don't.
Mar 16, 2023

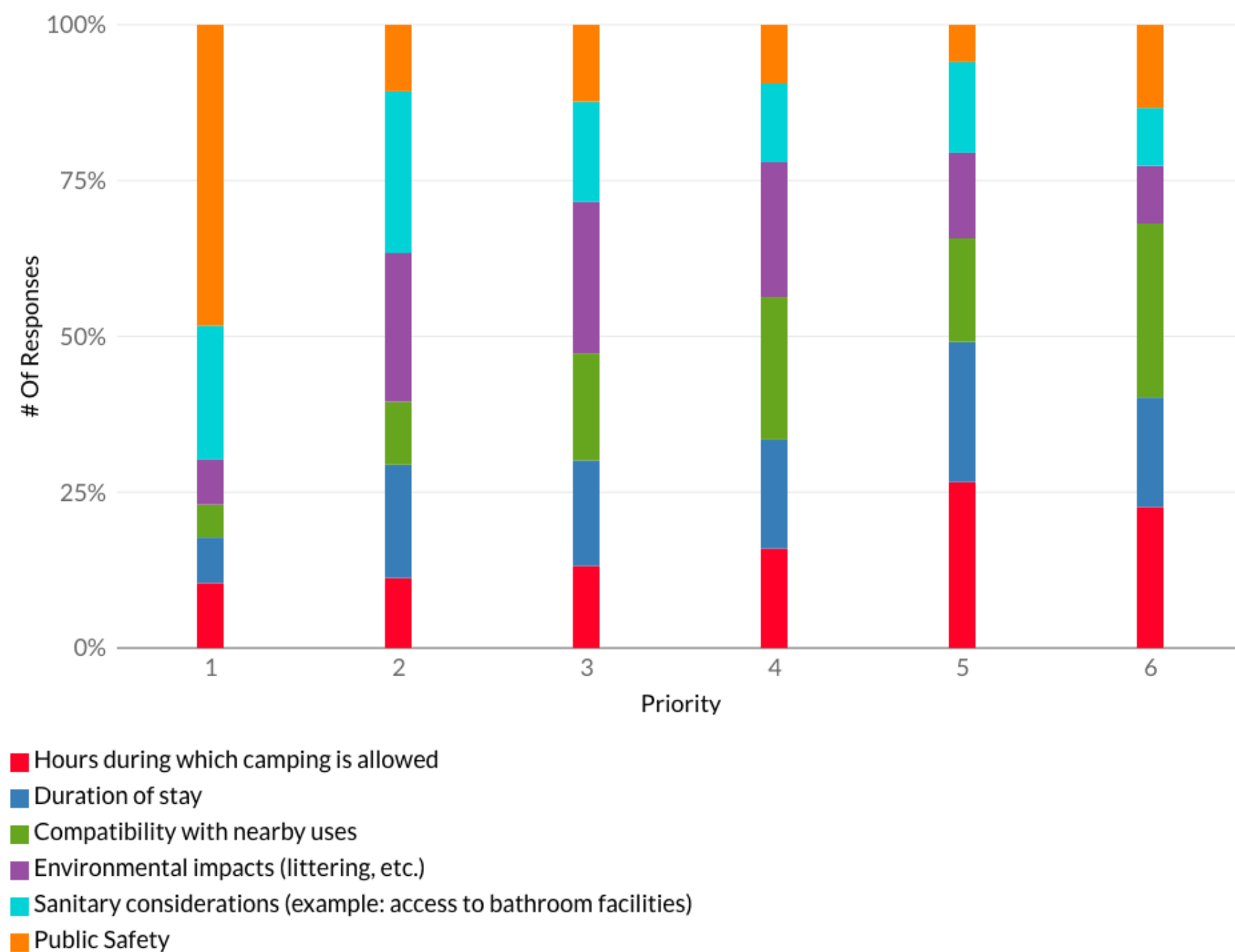
How concerned are you about people camping within the following public property areas in the City?



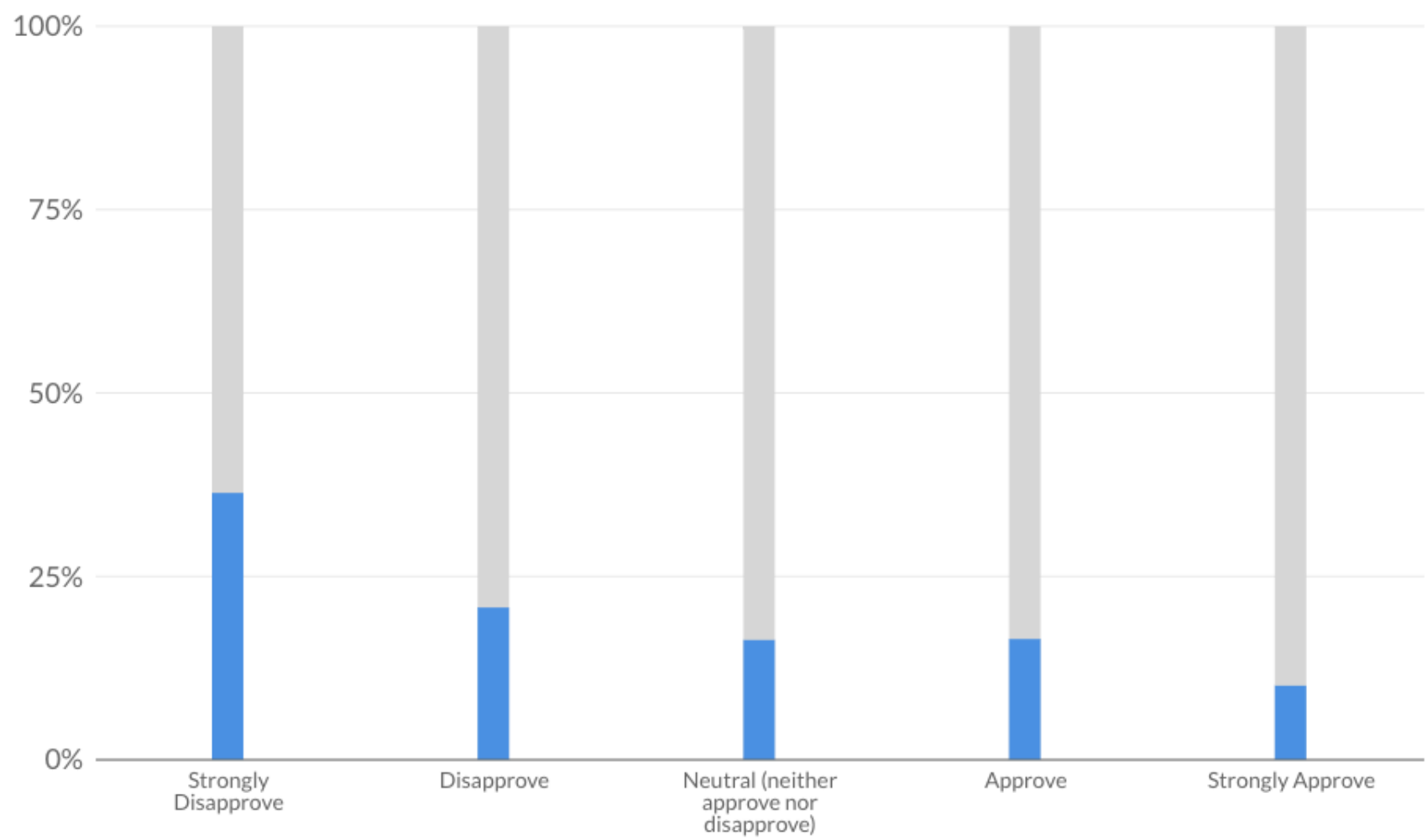
The City should consider the following factors when reviewing potential locations at which to allow overnight camping:



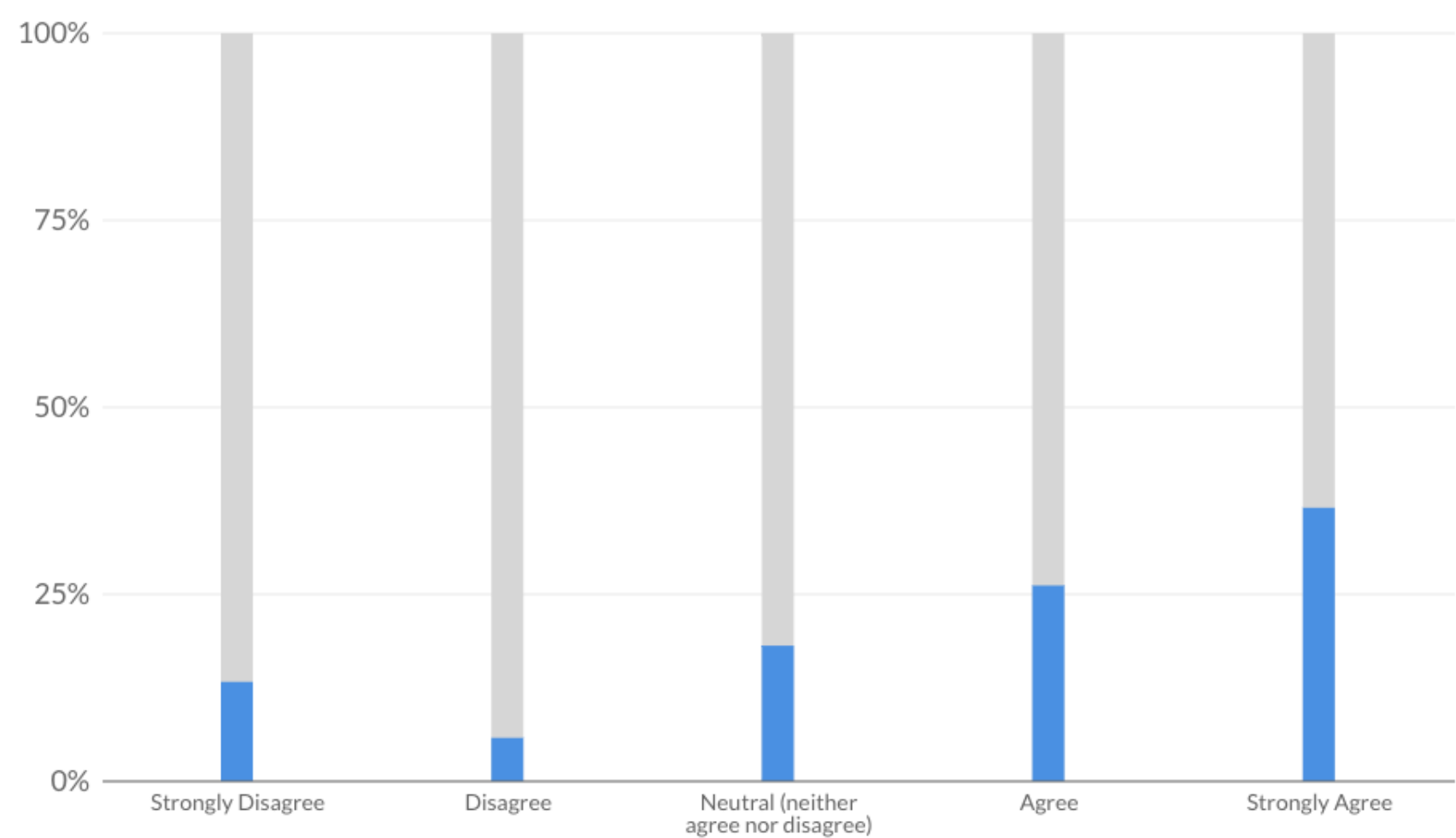
With #1 being the most important, which factors should receive the most consideration for an overnight camping policy?



How do you feel about camping on public property with a 24-hour time limit?



The updated code should limit a campsite size (for example: 20 x 20).



What are your thoughts on limiting the number of campers at an individual site?

Top keywords

- 1. camping
- 2. campers
- 3. limit
- 4. number
- 5. yes
- 6. site
- 7. people
- 8. think
- 9. agree
- 10.limited

See webpage for additional responses.

In your opinion, what would be a safe, comfortable number of campers at an individual site?

Top keywords

- 1. 2
- 2. 0
- 3. site
- 4. 4
- 5. 1
- 6. depends
- 7. none
- 8. size
- 9. people
- 10.zero

[See webpage for additional responses.](#)

Do you have any additional feedback you would like to share regarding the camping code update?

Top keywords

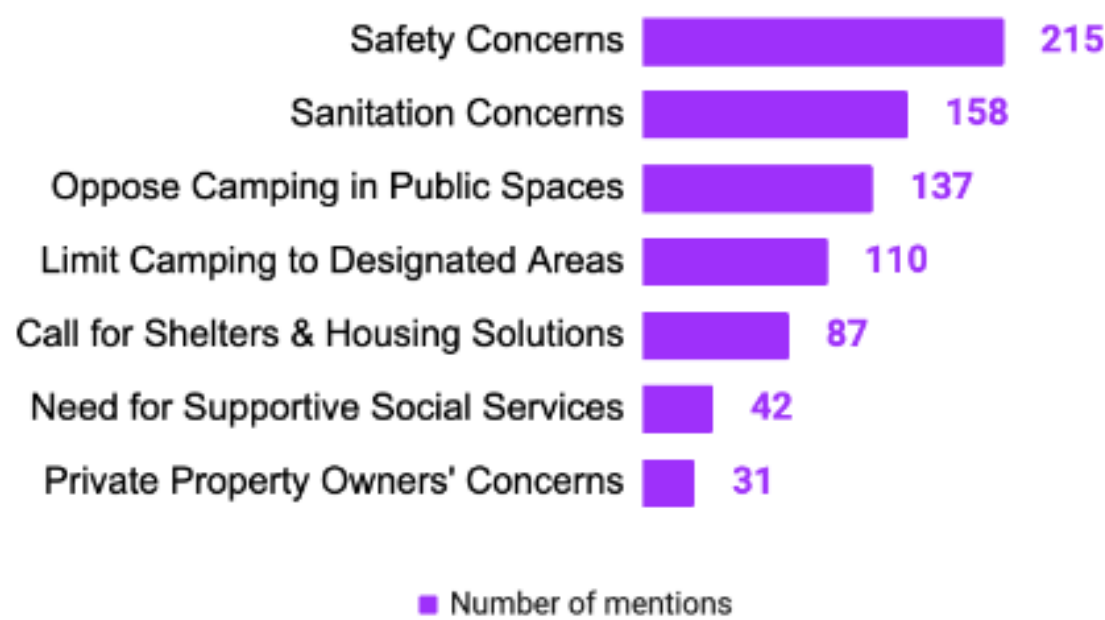
- 1. camping
- 2. people
- 3. springfield
- 4. city
- 5. homeless
- 6. eugene
- 7. public
- 8. need
- 9. like
- 10.want

See webpage for additional responses. Additional analysis was performed on the responses to this question:

Springfield's Camping Code Survey responses to the question – “Do you have any additional feedback you would like to share regarding the camping code update?” – reveal respondents' concerns regarding safety and sanitation, along with opposition to camping in public spaces and a suggestion to limit camping to designated areas.

The following report analyzes resident responses to the **Camping Code Survey** conducted by Springfield, OR, on the Zencity Engage platform, focusing on the survey's last open-ended question – “**Do you have any additional feedback you would like to share regarding the camping code update?**” The survey collected responses between March 15 – May 1, 2023, receiving **778 responses to this question** (out of 1,055 respondents who completed the survey).

An analysis of those responses reveals the following prominent preferences and concerns*:



- Respondents most commonly expressed **safety concerns**, worrying about the negative effects associated with the homeless population: crime, drug use, disturbance to the public, and more. (215 responses)
- The second leading topic was **sanitation concerns**, with many respondents complaining about an excessive amount of trash and litter accumulating in public spaces where the unhoused camp, noting, “*We need to keep the City safe and clean.*” (158 responses)
- Many respondents stated that **camping should not be allowed in public spaces**, expressing concerns that city parks would turn into “campgrounds” and create an unsafe experience for visitors, especially children. Others were worried about the negative environmental impact

camping may have on recreational areas and natural resources, such as trails and rivers. (137 responses)

- Another group of respondents suggested that **camping should be allowed if it's regulated and limited to designated campgrounds**. Several responses emphasized that those areas should include restrooms, showers, and garbage collection services. Others proposed that a camping permit should be temporary and have a nightly fee. (110 responses)
- A substantial group of respondents asserted that the City should focus its efforts on providing **temporary shelters and prominent housing solutions** for the unhoused population. (87 responses)
- Some respondents mentioned the need for **supportive social services for homeless individuals** in the City, such as mental support, rehabilitation programs, health care, community services, and more. (42 responses)
- Lastly, the proposed code prompted **property and business owners' opposition**, with a few dozen respondents voicing concerns about camping in vacant properties and a possible decrease in property value. (31 responses).

**We note that the above groupings are not mutually exclusive, as respondents may express multiple attitudes within individual responses.*