



# **Residential Permit Parking Program Code Updates**



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**City of Pittsburgh  
Department of City Planning  
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# What is the Residential Permit Parking Program?

This Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Program provides residents in a designated area with a better opportunity to park near their homes. It does not guarantee parking for residents.

Each designated area must meet certain impact criteria, and areas are typically located around major institutions such as hospitals and universities or business districts.



# DCP & RPP



Currently, the Department of City Planning (DCP) **authors and edits the City Code for the RPP Program**, which is voted on and adopted by the City Council on behalf of City residents.

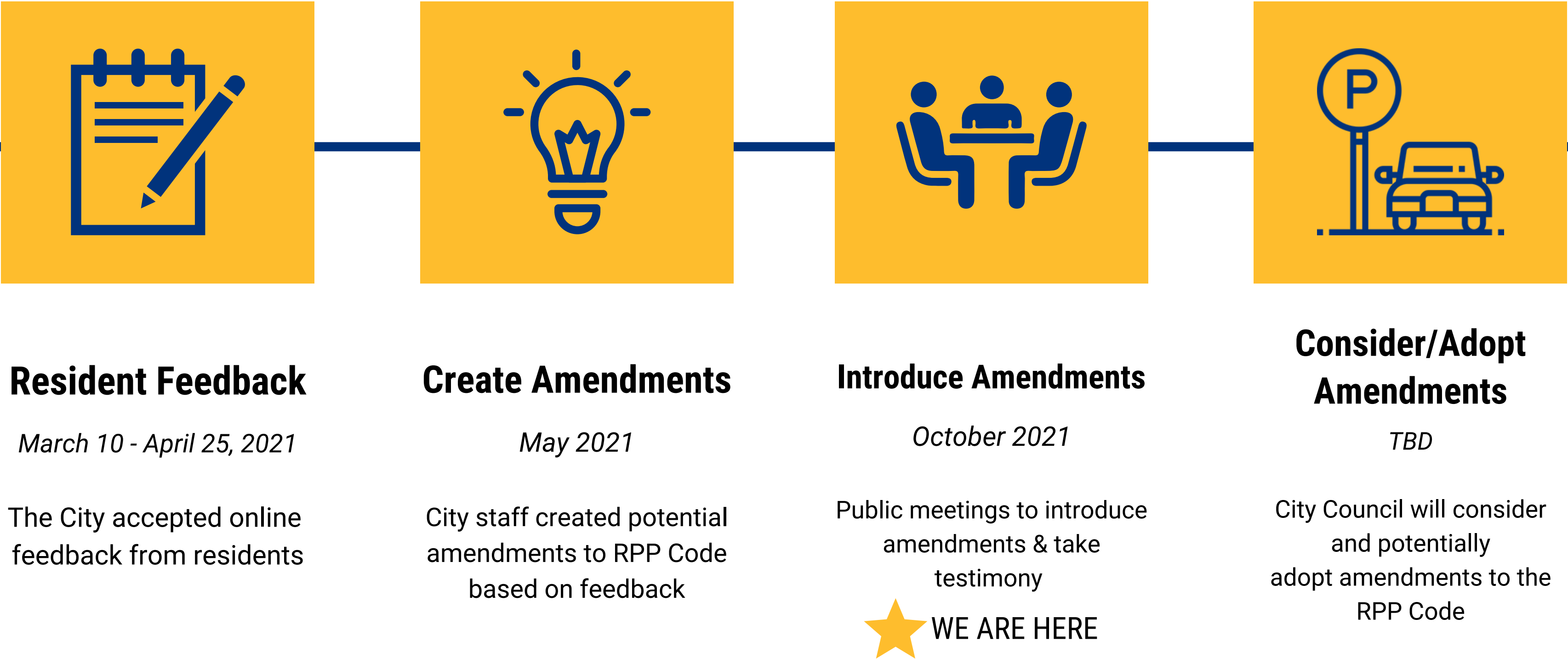
The department also currently **administers the certification of new RPP areas and recertifies existing RPP areas**.

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The City is in the process of *transferring* these duties from DCP.

Since this transfer requires a change to the City Code, the City decided to engage the public and make simultaneous Code Changes based on community sentiment.

In March 2021, the Department of City Planning launched a community engagement process through EngagePGH to learn what changes residents would like to see in the RPP program.





# Public Engagement

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We published a 26-question survey asking for feedback on the RPP program and ideas for program changes



Over 4,700 people visited the RPP engagement website to learn more about our work to make changes

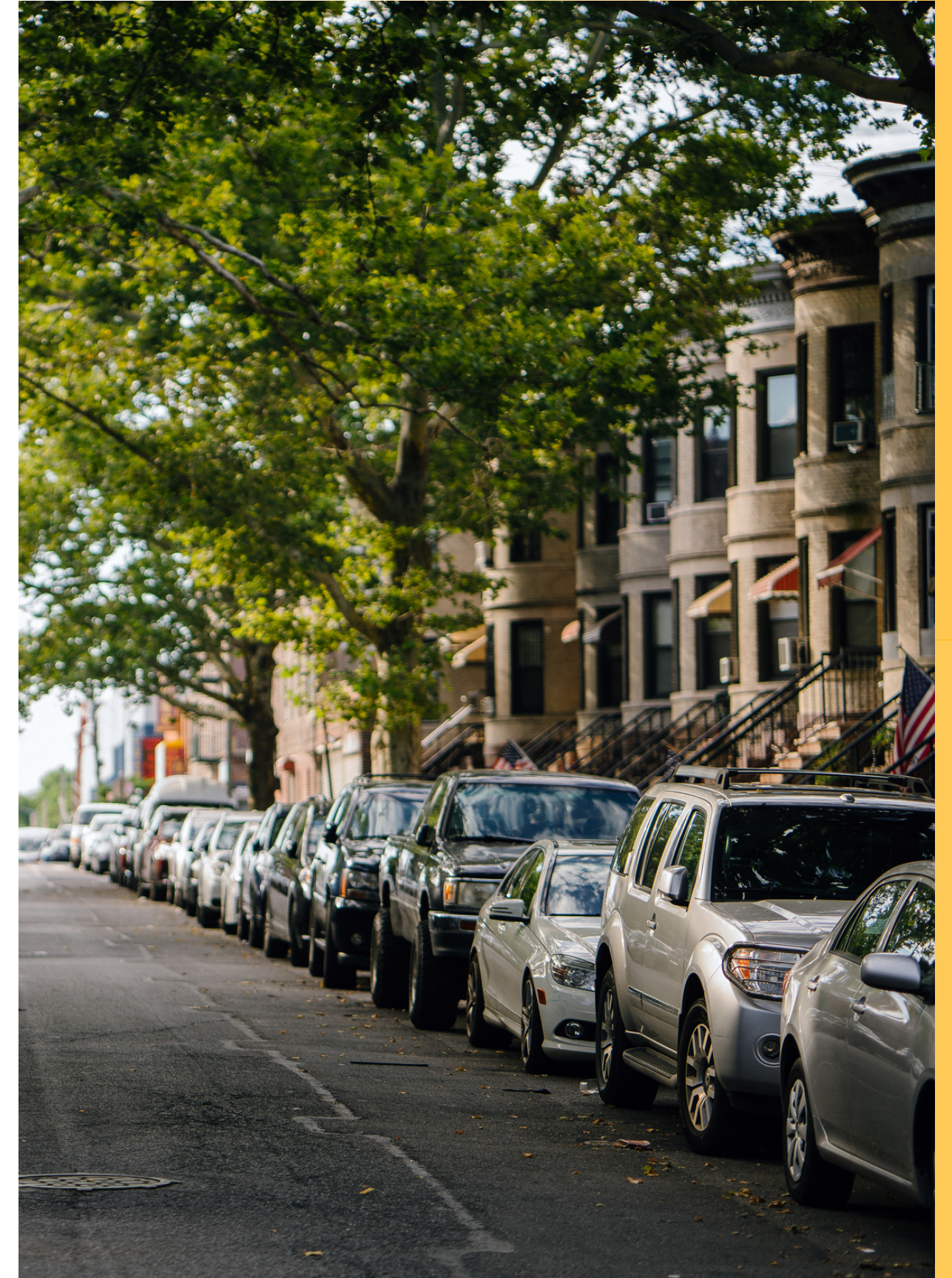


Approximately 2,400 people responded to the survey, 85% of whom live in an RPP Area



# Proposed Changes

- Clarify the RPP Administrative Process
- Process for creating an RPP Area
- Adopt Regulations for the use of Visitor Permits & Non-Resident Permits
- Hybrid RPP Areas
- Progressive Pay Structure







# Clarify the RPP Administrative Process

Removing the Department of City Planning from RPP area identification, eligibility determination, designation, or expansion



# What's Changing?



## Code Author & Editor

The Pittsburgh Parking Authority (PPA) will be responsible for future changes to the RPP code



## RPP Area Certification & Recertification

PPA will determine the certification for new RPP areas and will manage re-certifying existing areas

# What's Not



## Permitting

Residents will still go through the Pittsburgh Parking Authority (PPA) for RPP Permits



## Parking Study

PPA will still conduct Parking Studies to determine if a residential area is adversely affected by commuter vehicles



## Parking Management Plan

Parking Management Plans lay forth recommendations for an RPP area and will still be presented to Planning Commission and adopted by City Council (if recommended).





# Creating new RPP Areas



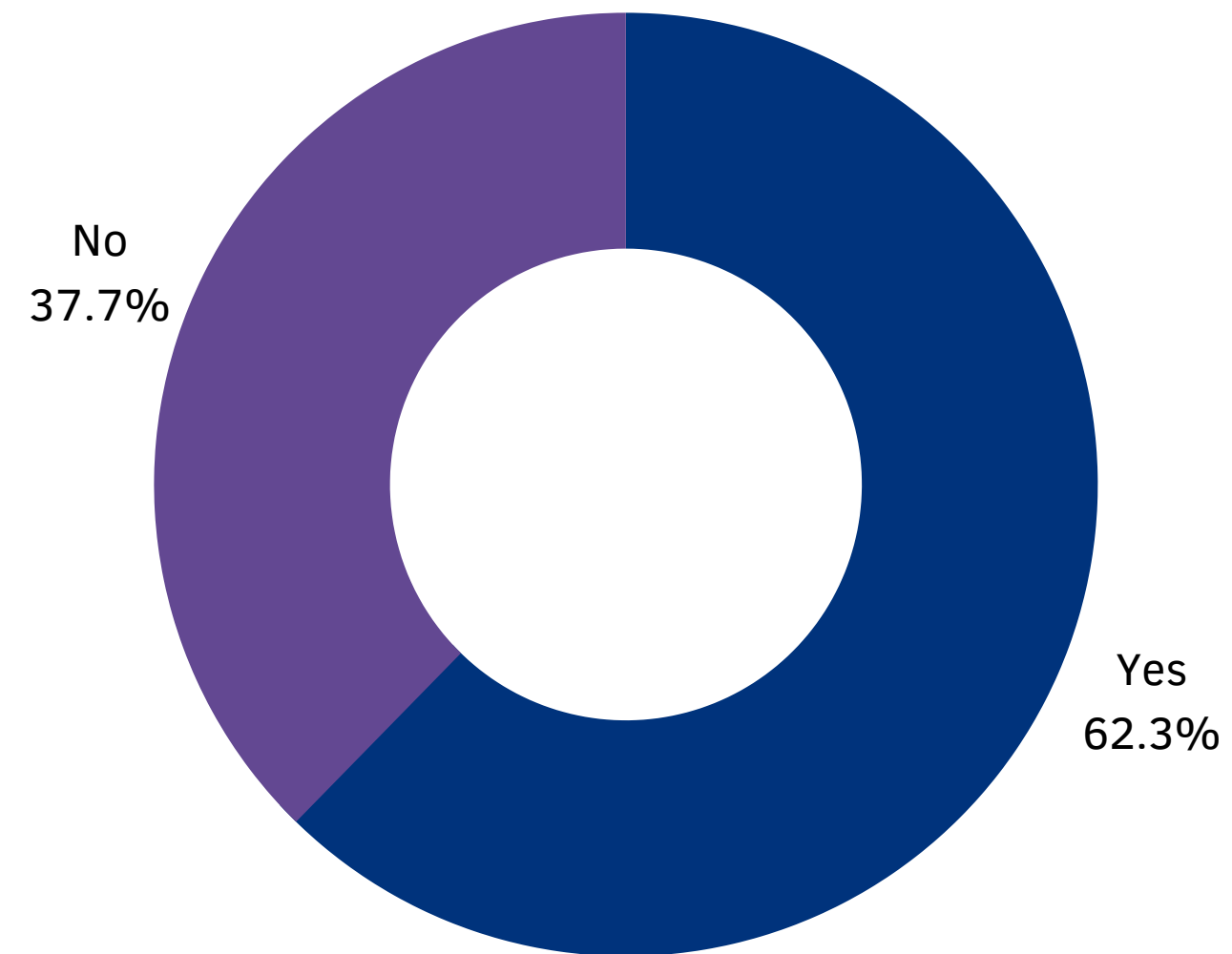
Expanding how new RPP Areas can be created



# RPP Areas by Neighborhood Plan

The updated RPP process allows for the creation of an RPP area if it has been identified in a neighborhood or comprehensive plan that has been adopted by the Planning Commission

Would you be interested in the creation of new RPP areas using an adopted neighborhood plan that identifies new or expanded RPP Areas?



**TOTAL RESPONSES: 2,224**



Would you be interested in the creation of new RPP areas using a City Councilmember who requests a new area be studied?



**TOTAL RESPONSES: 2,220**

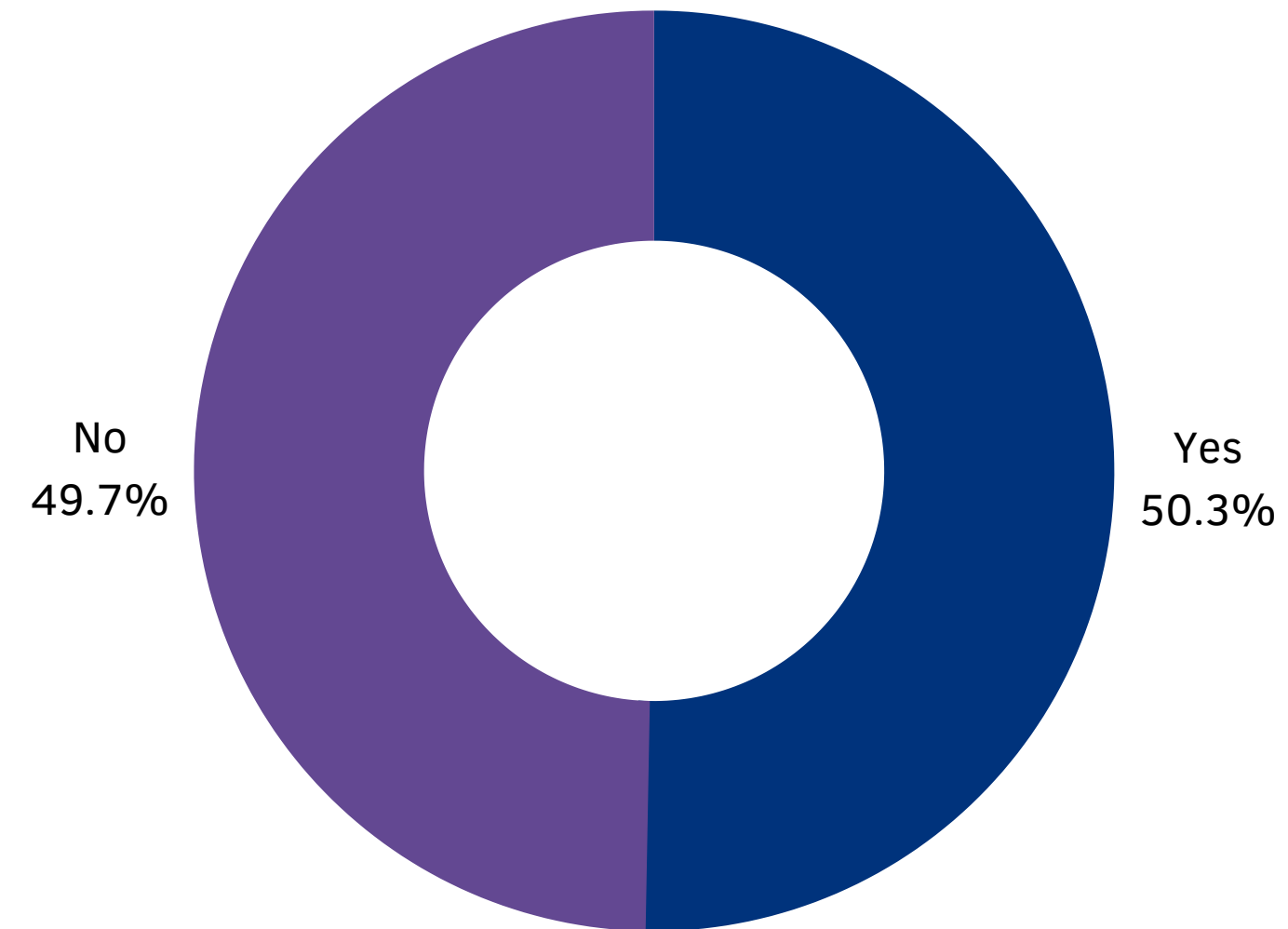
# RPP Areas by Councilmembers

The updated RPP process also allows for the creation of an RPP area if a City Council member requests it in a letter to the parking permit office (Pittsburgh Parking Authority)

# PPA Discretion

The proposed code changes allow the Pittsburgh Parking Authority to create an RPP area at their discretion

Would you be interested in the creation of new RPP areas if The Parking Authority receives requests in an area without a petition?



**TOTAL RESPONSES: 2,203**



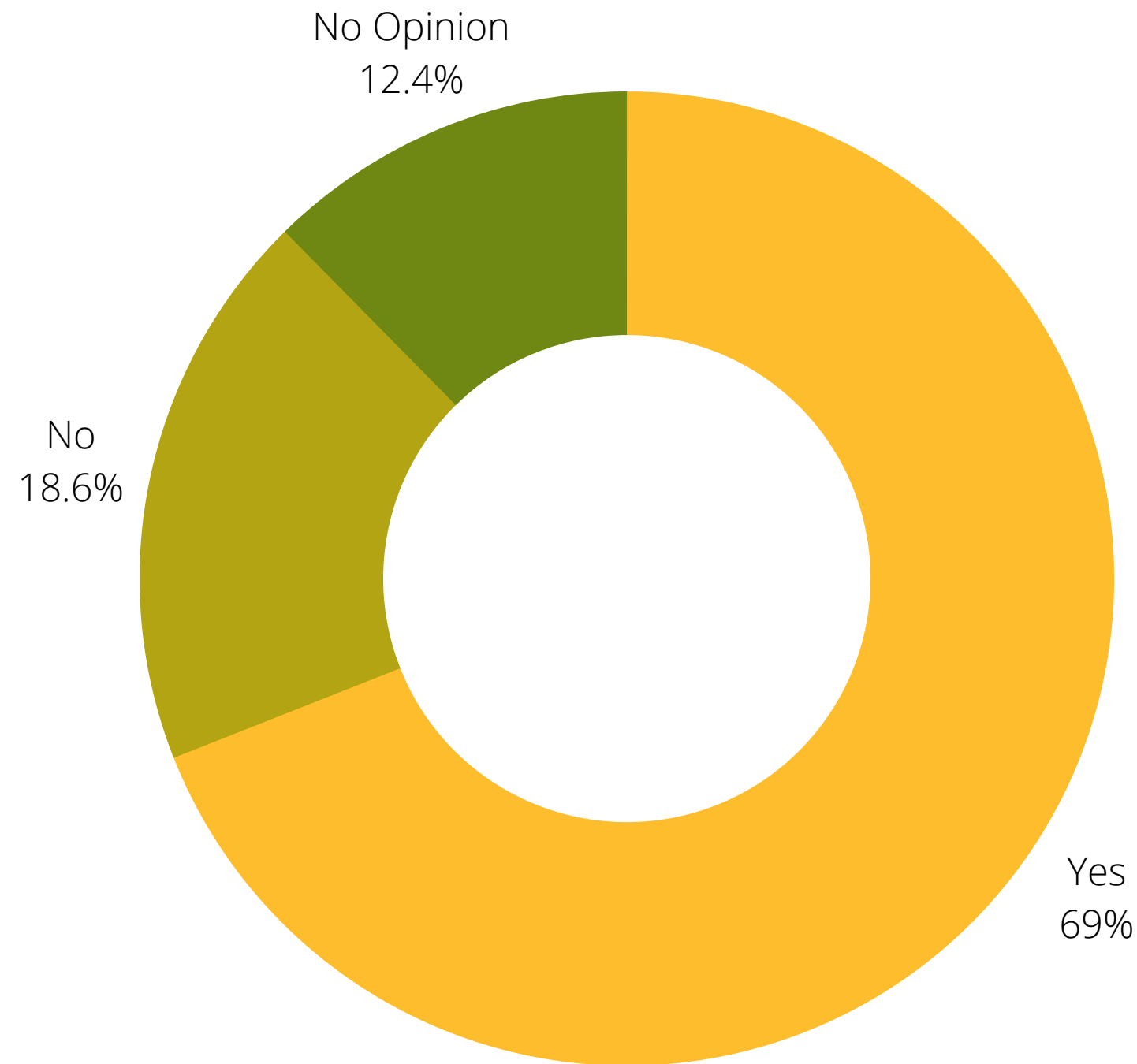


# Adopt regulations for the use of Visitor Permits and Non-Resident Permits

Permitting for Visitors, Medical, Contractors, Childcare & Landlords



Do you feel like the Visitor's Permit system adequately accommodates visitors staying at a home in an RPP Area for a short period of time?



**TOTAL RESPONSES: 2,297**

# Visitor Permits

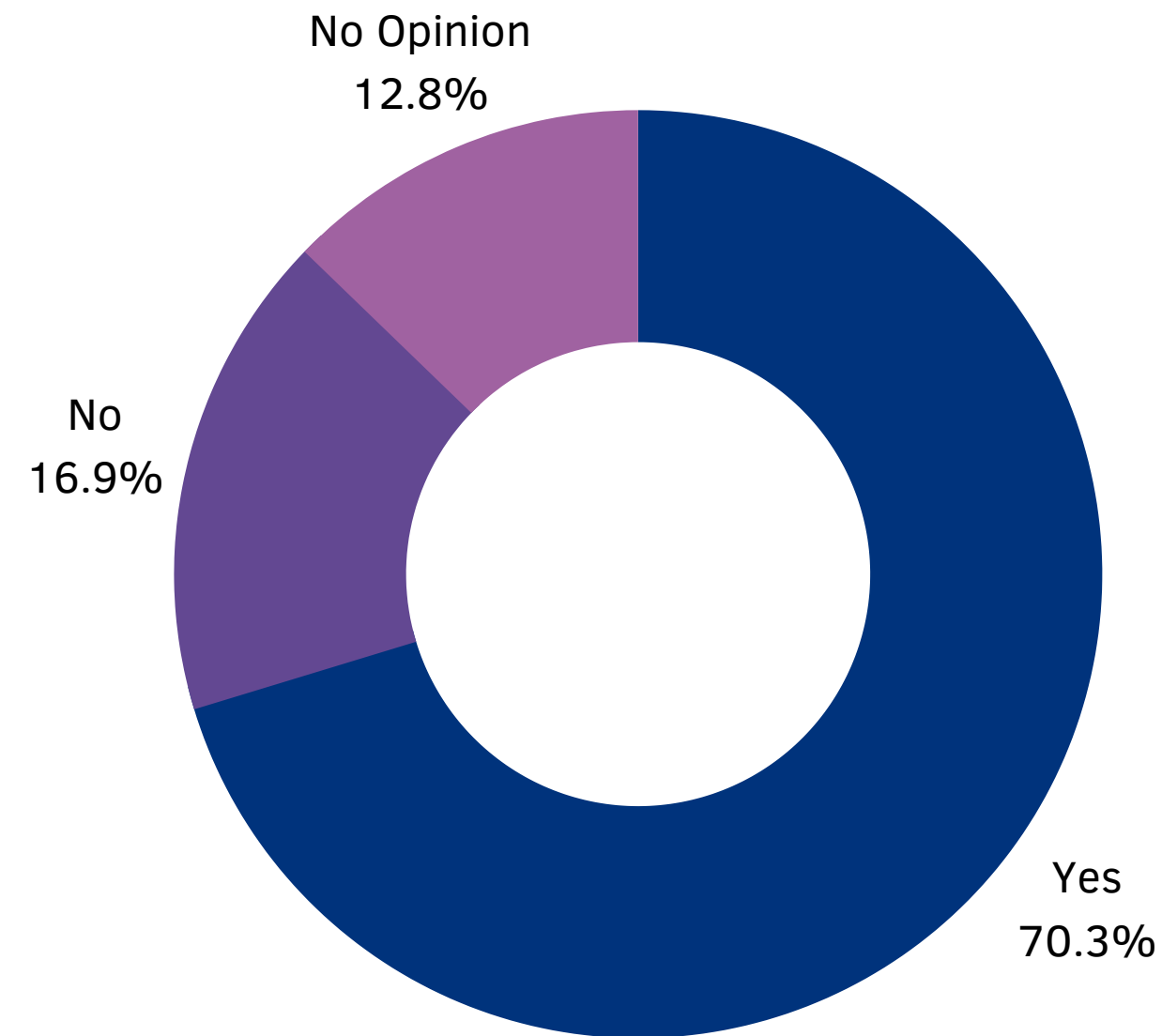
The proposed changes still allow for visitors to park for three consecutive days in an RPP area using a visitor's pass and will now allow a visitor to stay in an RPP area for a maximum of 12 days per calendar month.



# Medical Caretaker Permits

Medical non-resident permits may be issued for visitors administering medical, quality-of-life, and end-of-life care. Residents must provide a letter from a doctor and permits will be renewed month-to-month for \$10/mo.

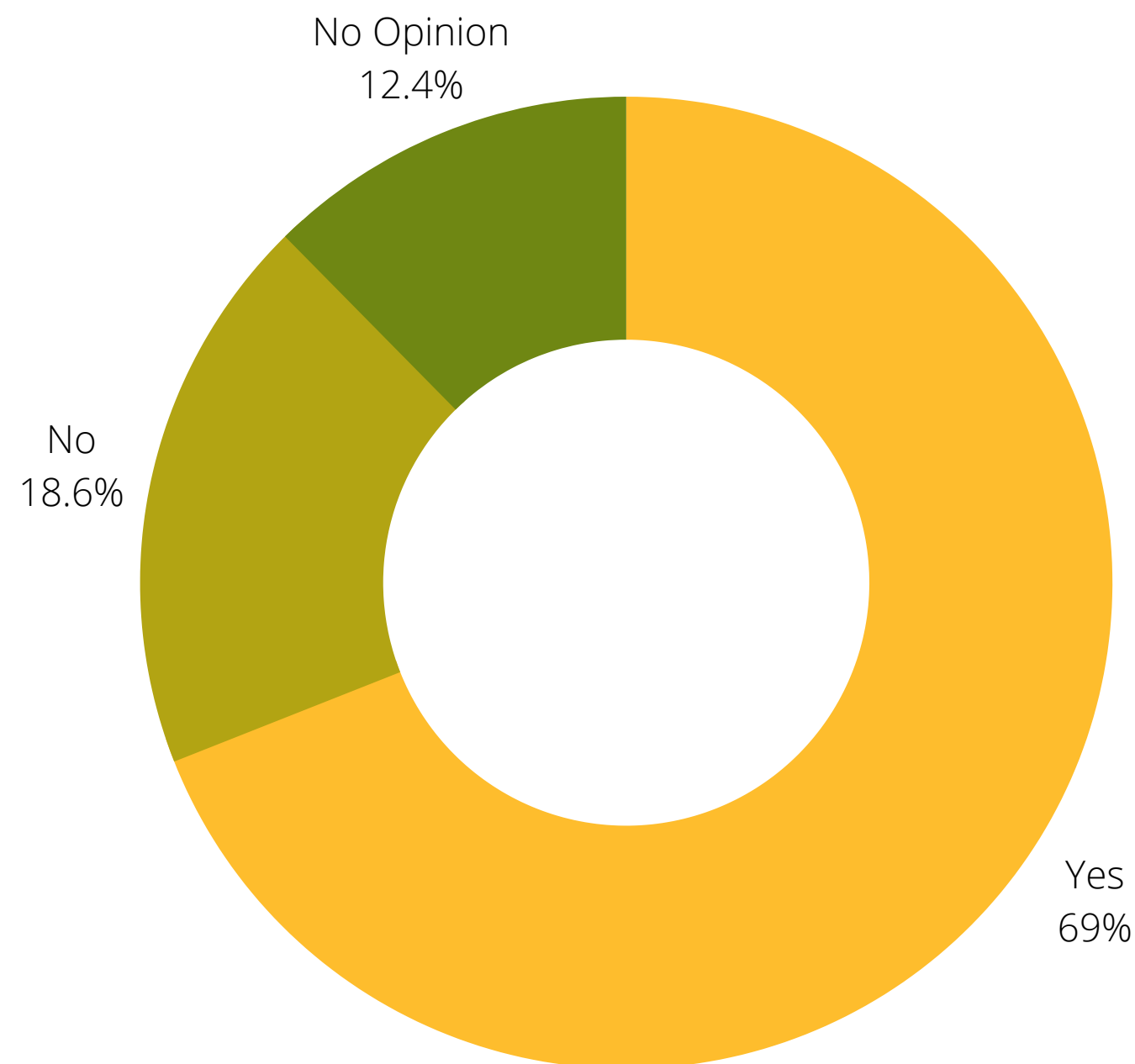
Would you be interested in Medical Caretaker Permits for someone who would be administering medical quality-of-life care or end-of-life care for a resident who lives in a RPP Area?



**TOTAL RESPONSES: 2,364**



Would you be interested in Contractor Permits for contractors and other service workers (i.e. plumbers, electricians) to park in an RPP Area for the duration of their work on a house located in that area?



**TOTAL RESPONSES: 2,342**

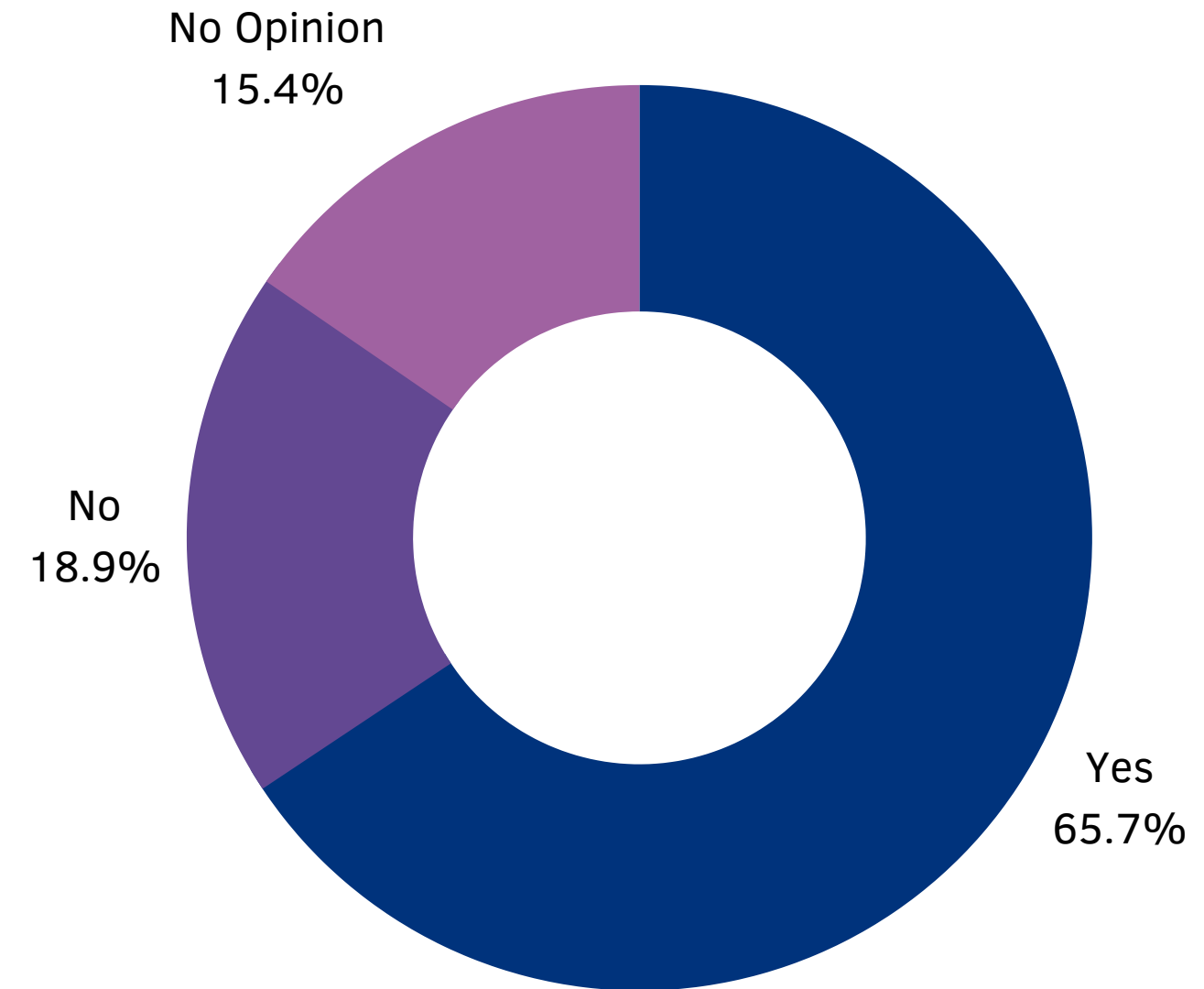
# Contractor Permits

Contractor Non-Resident Permits can be issued to motor vehicles registered to the contractor or contractor's business for periods that they are performing work permitted by the City of Pittsburgh. These permits must be renewed weekly and are \$10/week per vehicle.

# Childcare Permits

Childcare Non-Resident Permits may be issued for residents who require daytime care. Residents must provide documentation proving their guardianship of a child 12 years or under. These permits are \$25/month and may be issued annually.

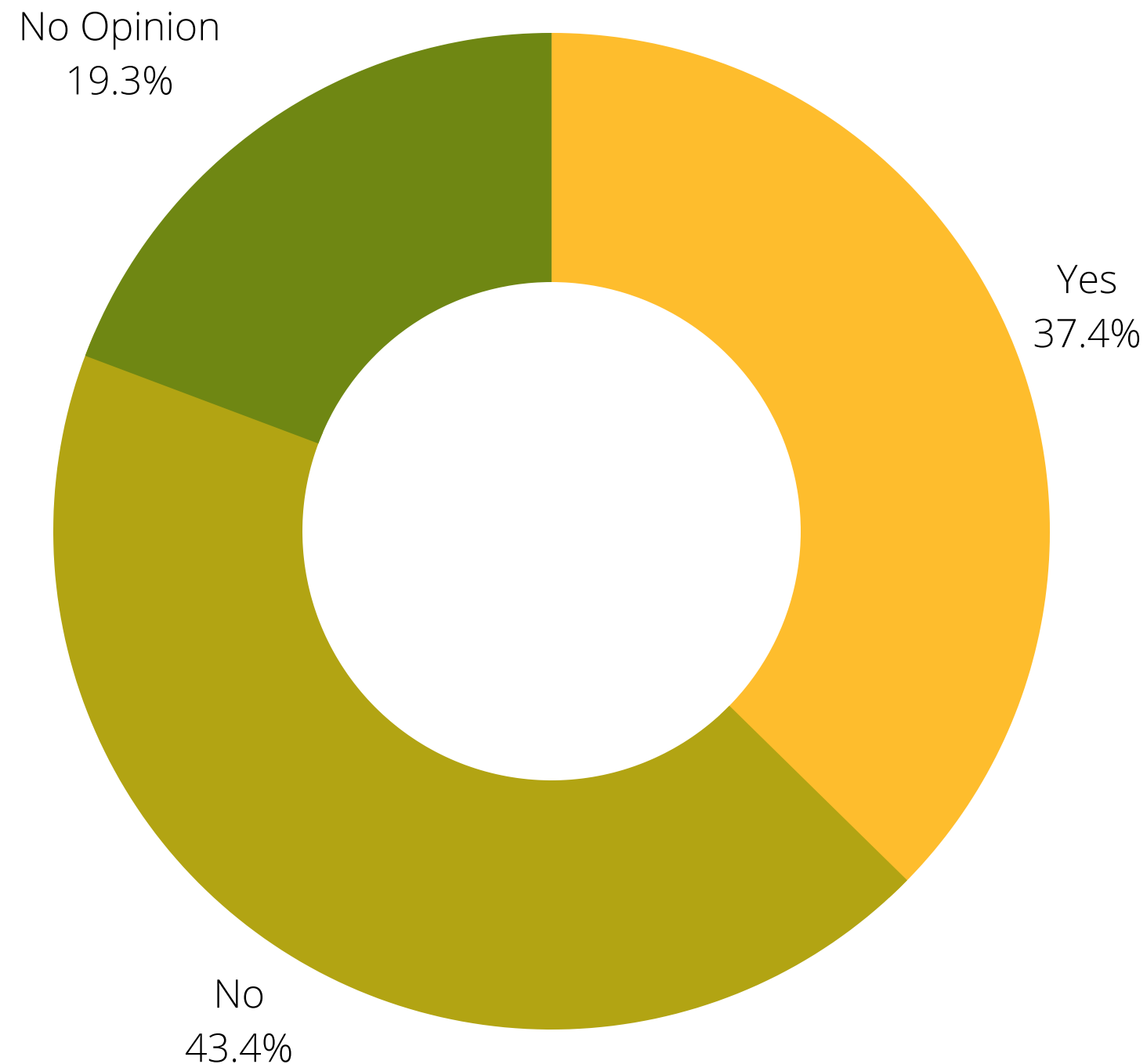
Would you be interested in Childcare Permits for a nanny, babysitter, or another person responsible for watching or taking care of children in a home located in an RPP Area?



**TOTAL RESPONSES: 2,335**



Would you be interested in Landlord Permits for landlords who own/manage properties within an RPP Area?



**TOTAL RESPONSES: 2,340**

# Landlord Permits

Landlords may purchase a permit in areas where they own property. They are limited to one per rental property and must provide documentation of ownership and that the property is rented. These permits are \$25/month and may be issued annually.





# Create Hybrid RPP Areas



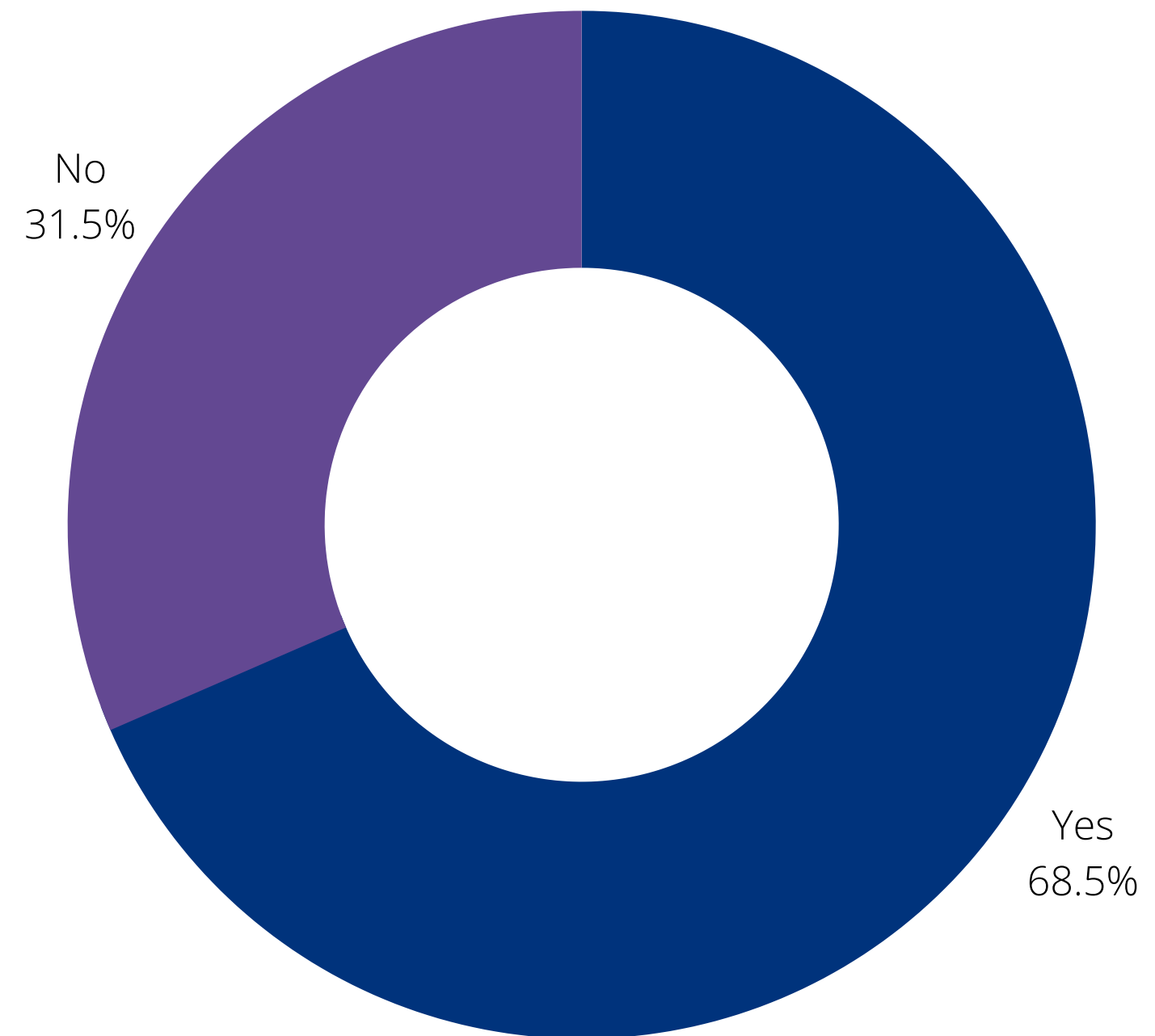
Parking for both residents and non-residents in an RPP area



# Hybrid Parking

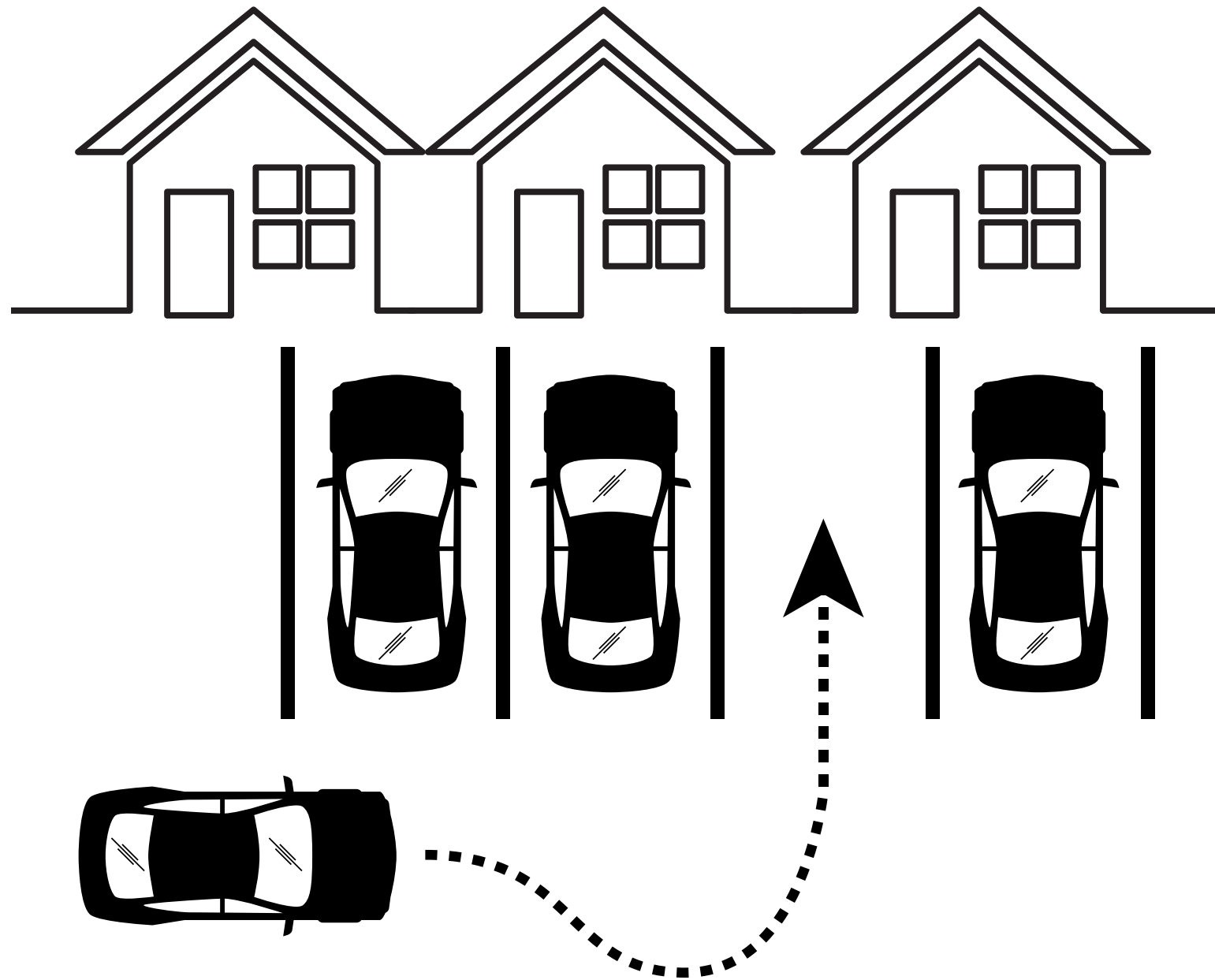
A Residential Permit Parking Area that falls within a 1/2 mile of a hospital, a college/university, a professional sports stadium, or a station associated with a fixed guideway or dedicated lane transit facilities may be designated as a hybrid parking area.

Should the city allow some hybrid parking, allowing for commercial and residential parking, in areas near a large parking generator such as a hospital, university, or professional sports stadium?

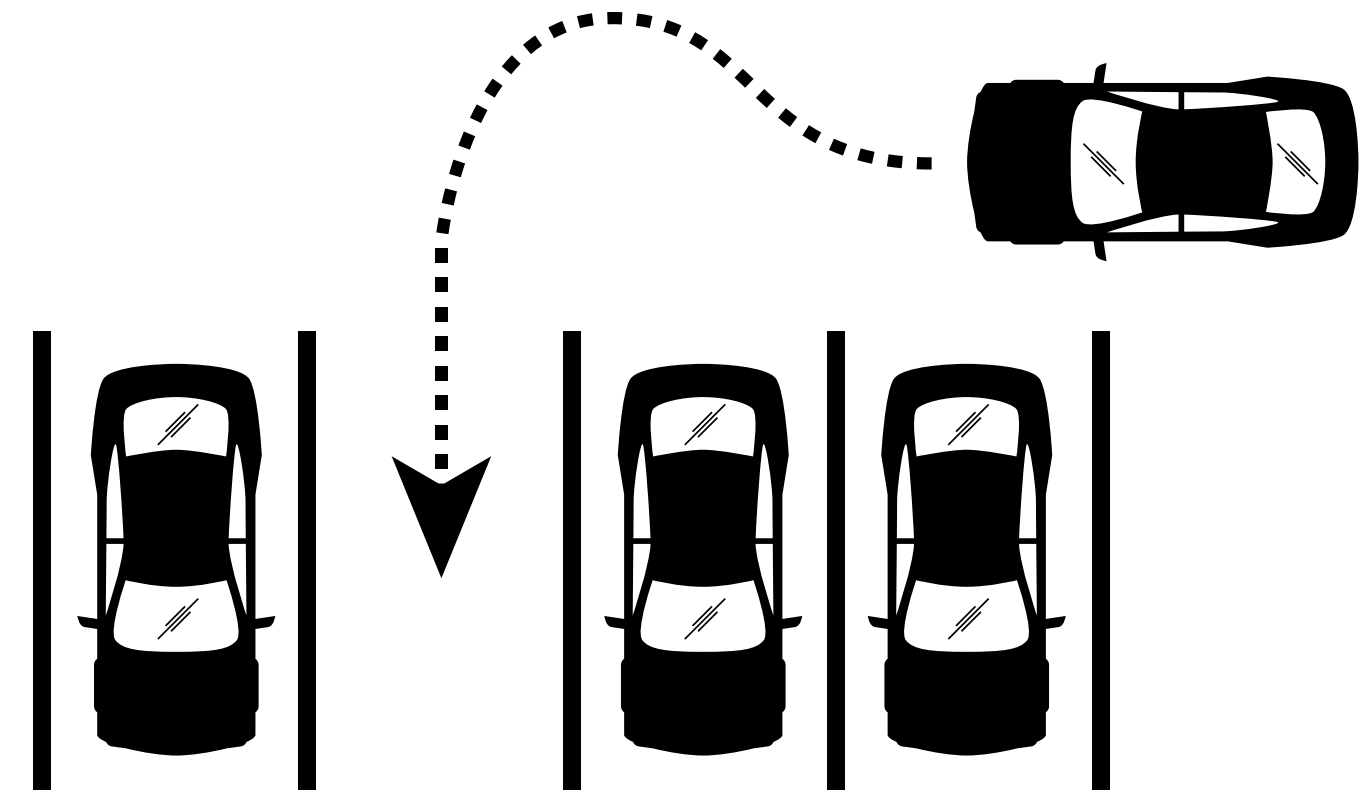


**TOTAL RESPONSES: 2,267**

... and visitors without a permit may park in a hybrid area, which may be metered by PPA



These areas may not normally be eligible for an RPP Area due to the number of houses, but hybrid areas allow residents to park near their home with a permit...







# Progressive Pay Structure

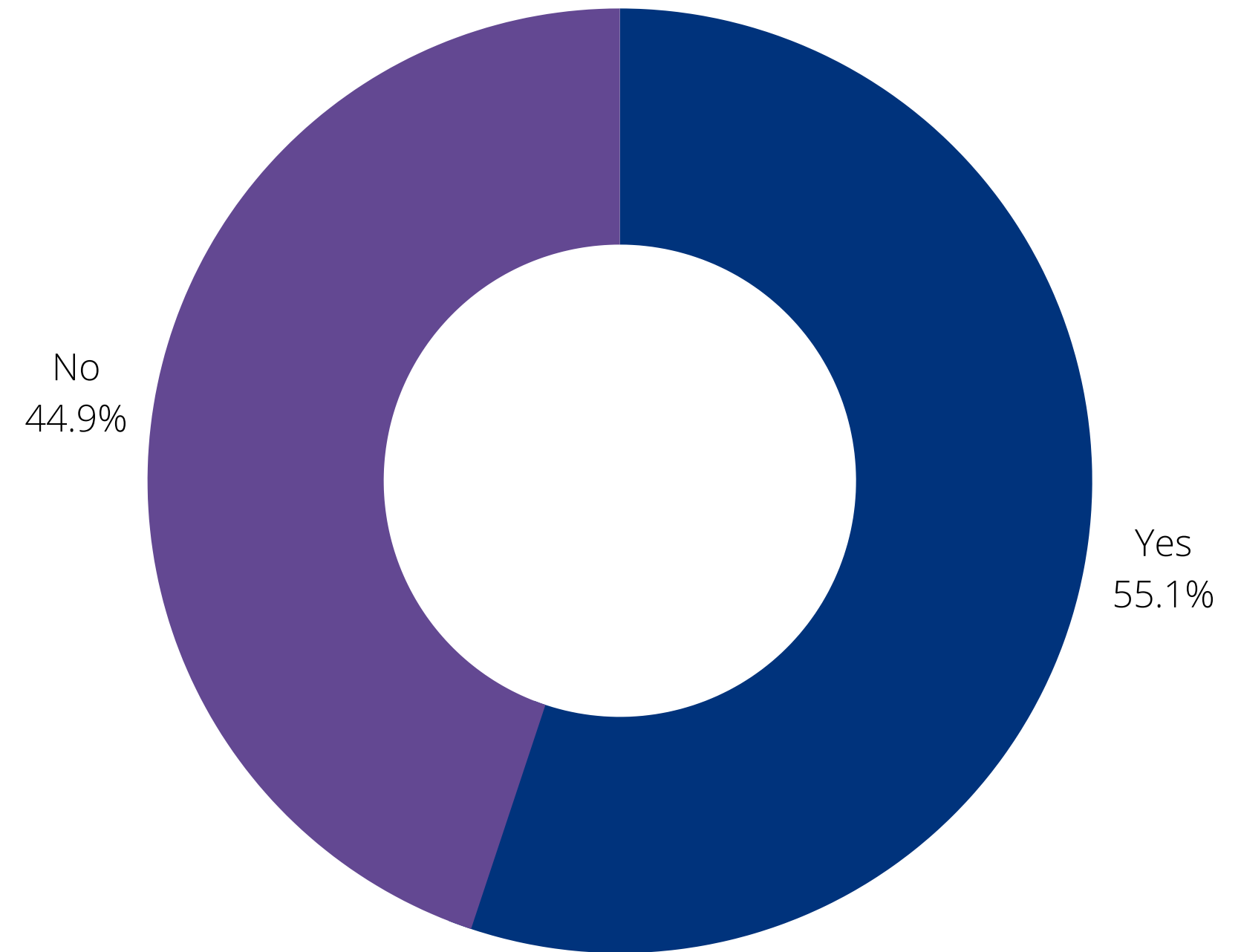


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# Progressive Pay Scale

Although not included in the Code changes, the City and Parking Authority are pursuing these changes through the City's fee schedule.

Do you support a progressive fee structure where residents pay more for each car registered to an address (i.e. \$20 for the first car, \$40 for the second, etc.)?



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# Enforcement

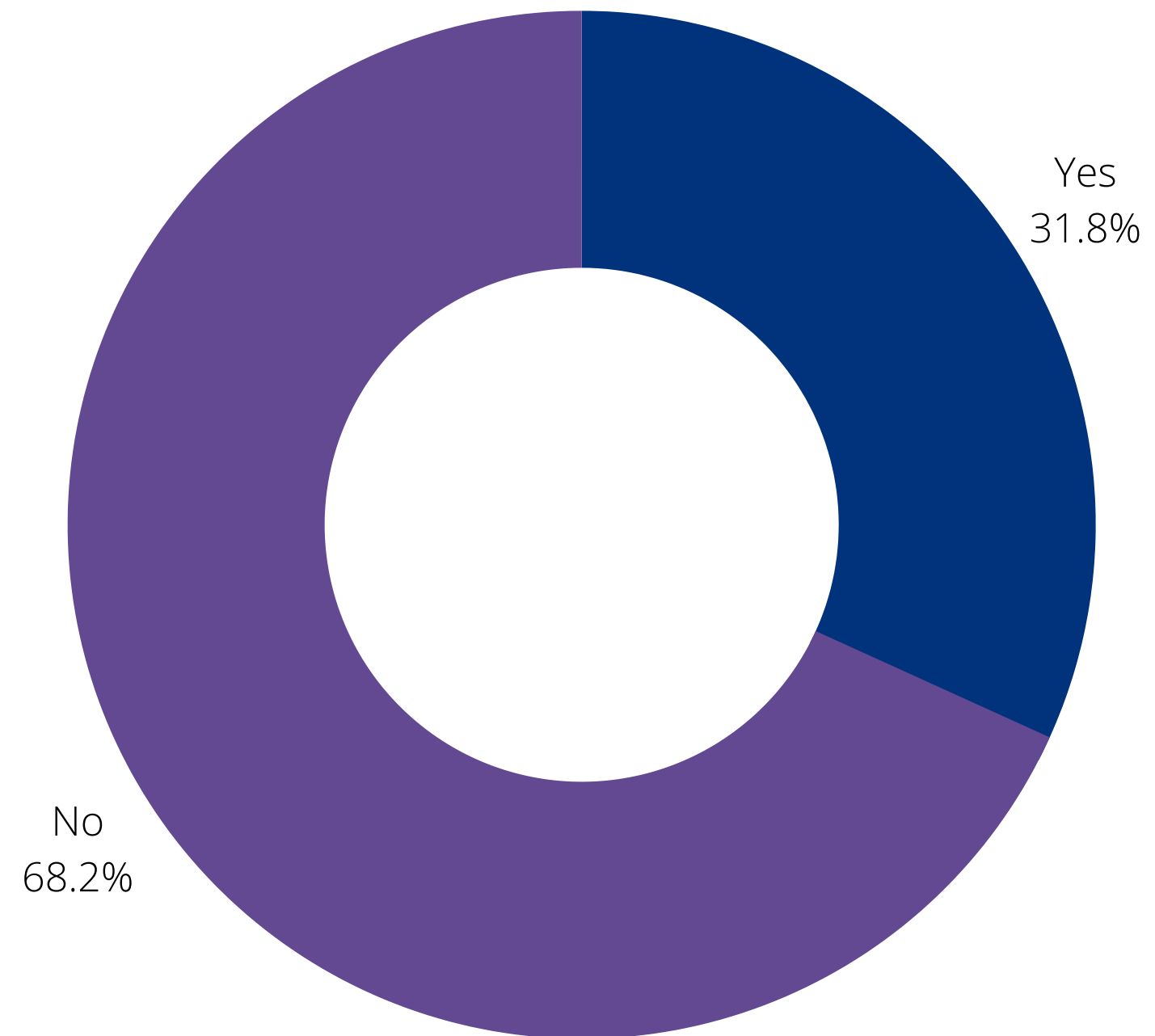


Community Sentiment around enforcement

# General Enforcement

In the survey, we asked some questions about enforcement within RPP areas. The majority of respondents said they would not be interested in paying more to see greater enforcement in their RPP Area.

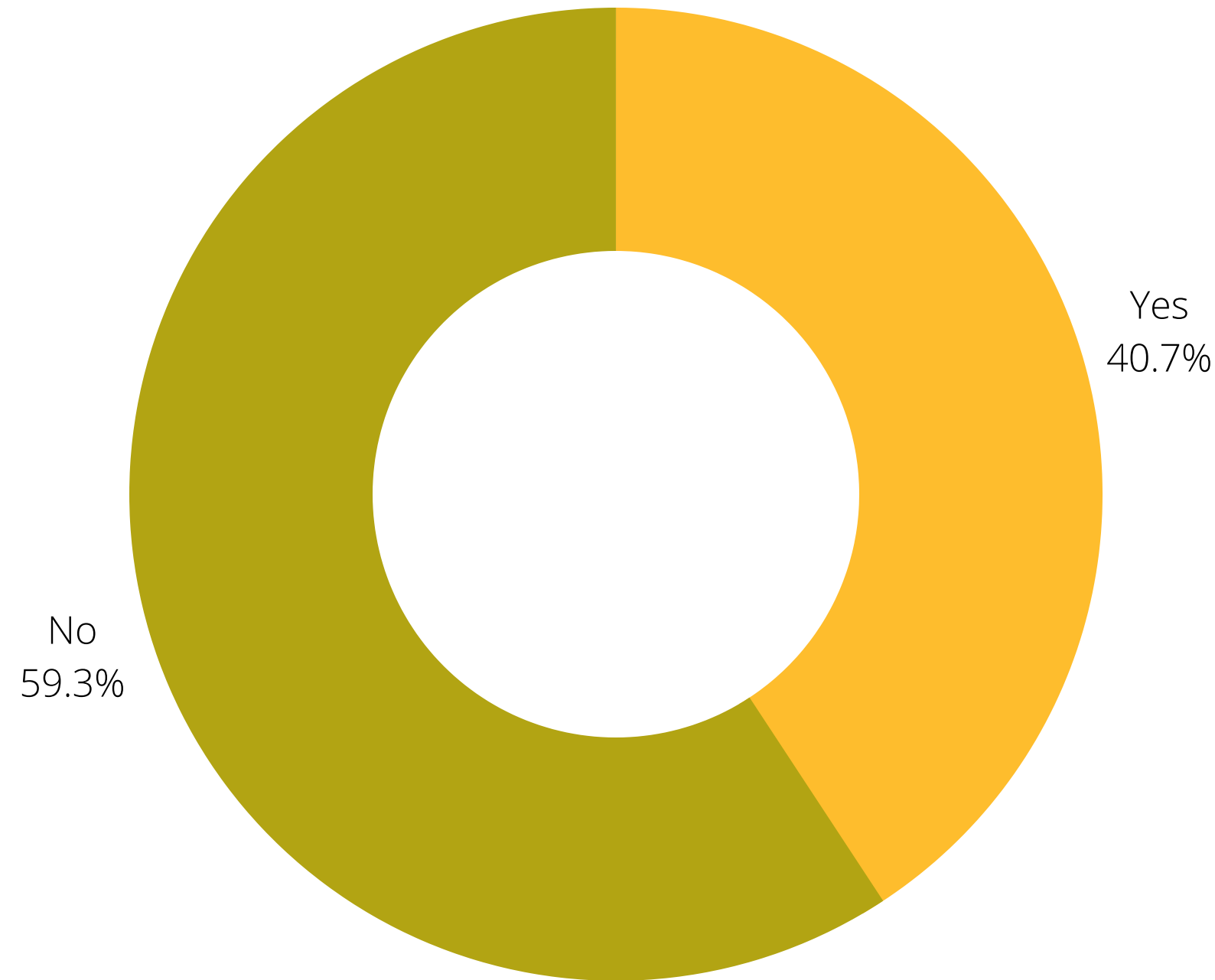
Would you be interested in a fee increase for Residential Parking Permits if it resulted in greater enforcement of your RPP area?



**TOTAL RESPONSES: 2,347**



Would you be interested in a fee increase for Residential Parking Permits if it resulted in evening enforcement (after 6:00 PM) in RPP areas?

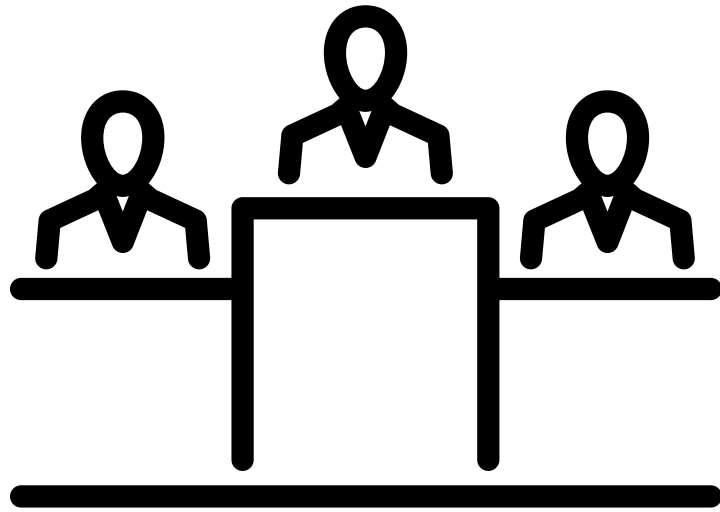


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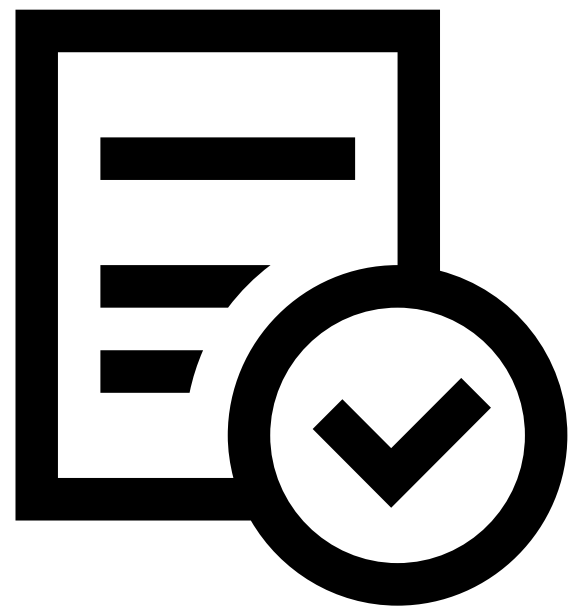
# After Hours Enforcement

Much like general enforcement, we asked if residents would be interested in paying more to have evening enforcement, and the majority of respondents answered that they would not want a fee increase.

# Next Steps



City Council will host a public hearing to discuss these proposed changes...



Then, Council will decide on the amendments they plan to adopt.



# Thank you!

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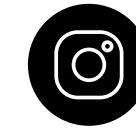
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