



**CITY OF FAIRHOPE
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA**

**Monday, August 11, 2025 - 4:30 PM
City Council Chamber**

Council Members

Kevin G. Boone
Jack Burrell
Jimmy Conyers
Corey Martin
Jay Robinson

1. Fairhope Resident Satisfaction Survey
Mayor Sherry Sullivan
2. Discussion of Rules and Regulations for Flying Creek Nature Preserve
Justin Hammers, Park Ranger/Urban Forest Manager
3. Planning Regulation Review
Hunter Simmons, Director of Planning
4. Fairhope Airport Authority Update
Don Ward, Chairman
5. Committee Updates
6. Department Head Updates

Next City Council Work Session, Monday, August 25, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
Fairhope Municipal Complex
161 North Section Street
Fairhope, AL 36532



CITY OF FAIRHOPE
AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Item ID: 2025-1721

FROM:	Mayor Sherry Sullivan
SUBJECT:	Fairhope Resident Satisfaction Survey
AGENDA DATE:	August 11, 2025

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Mayor Sherry Sullivan to present the Fairhope Resident Satisfaction Survey to City Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

BUDGET IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

GRANT:

LEGAL IMPACT:

FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION:

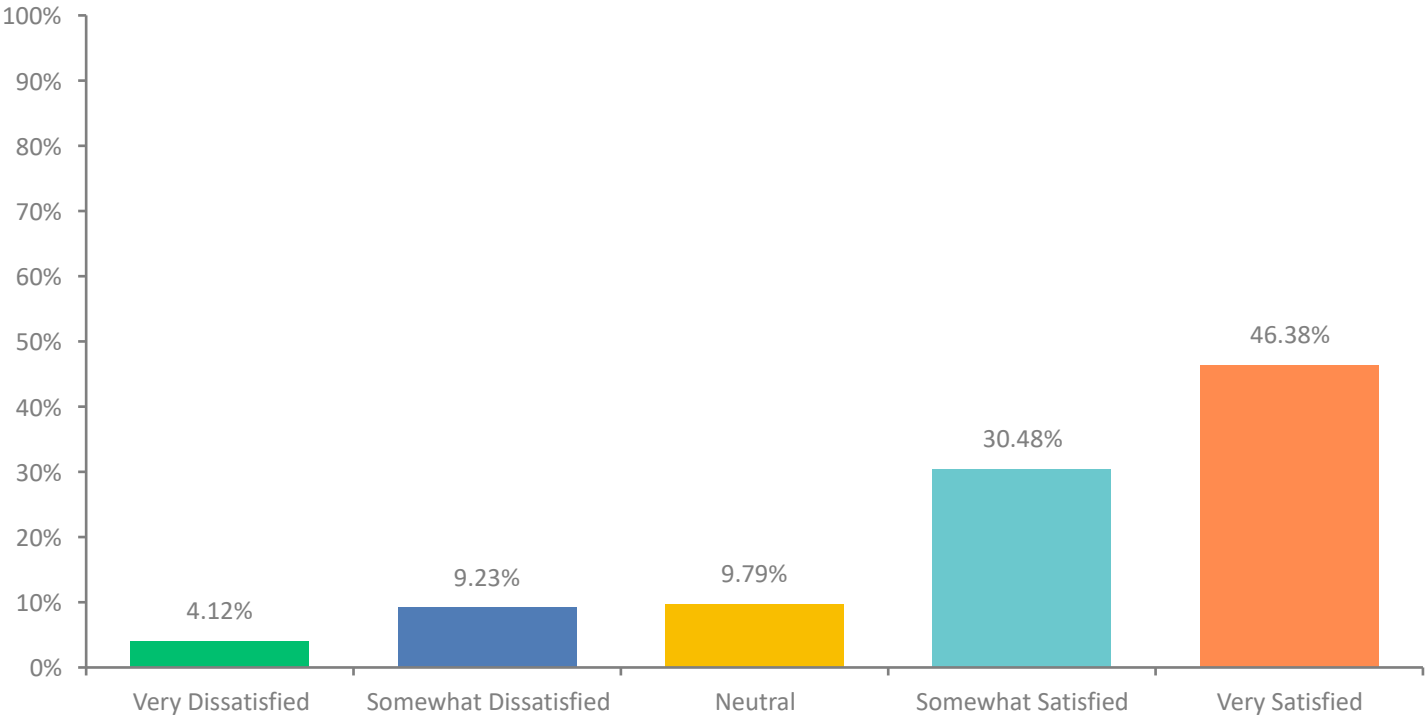


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Resident Satisfaction Survey

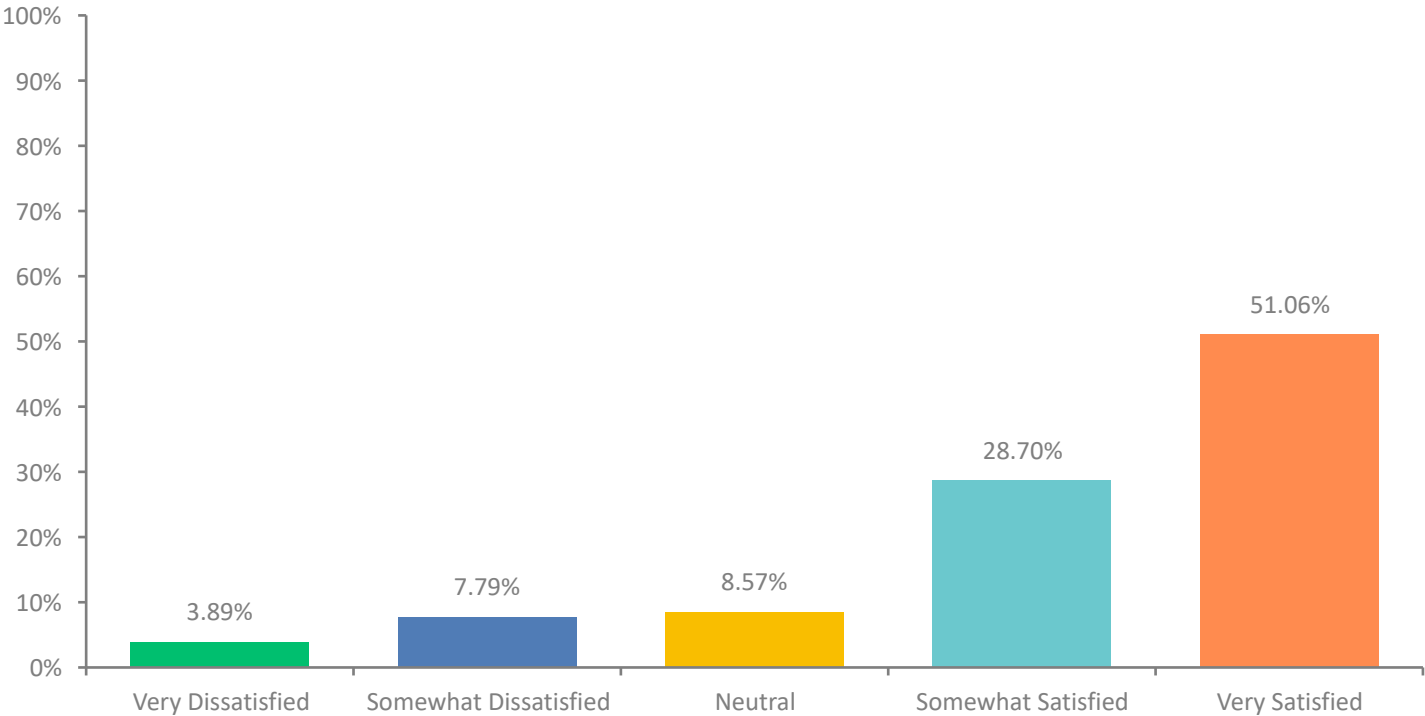
Q1: How would you rate the quality of public services (e.g., waste management and road maintenance) provided by the city?

Answered: 899 Skipped: 0



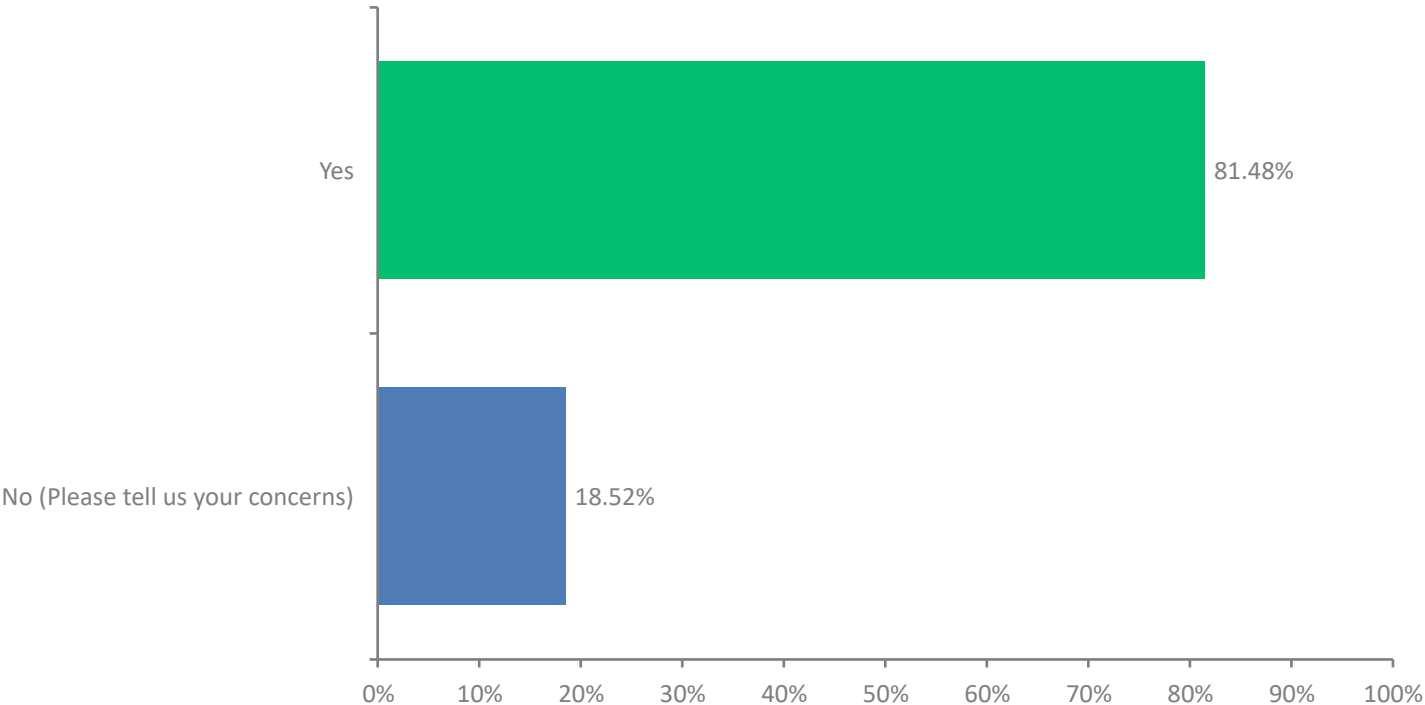
Q2: How satisfied are you with the availability and quality of community amenities such as parks, libraries, and recreational facilities?

Answered: 899 Skipped: 0



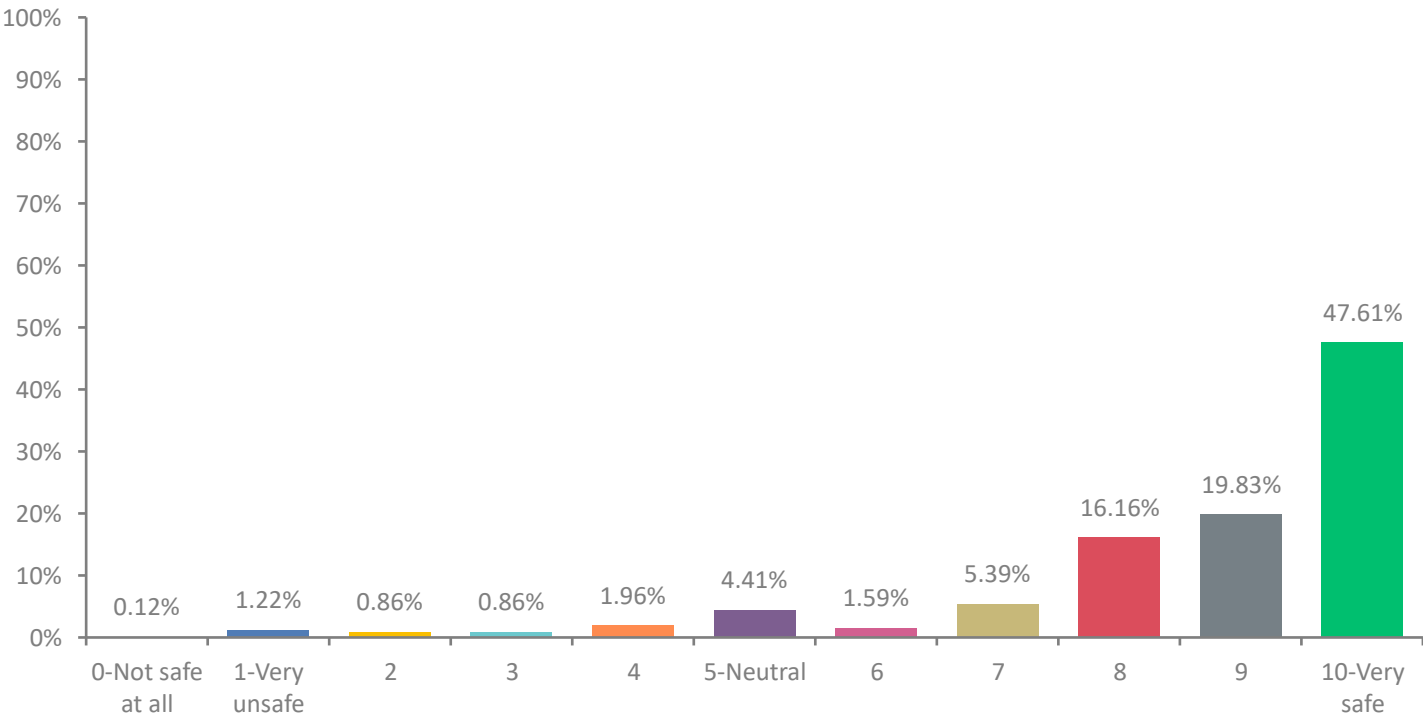
Q3: Are you satisfied with the Fairhope Public School System?

Answered: 810 Skipped: 89



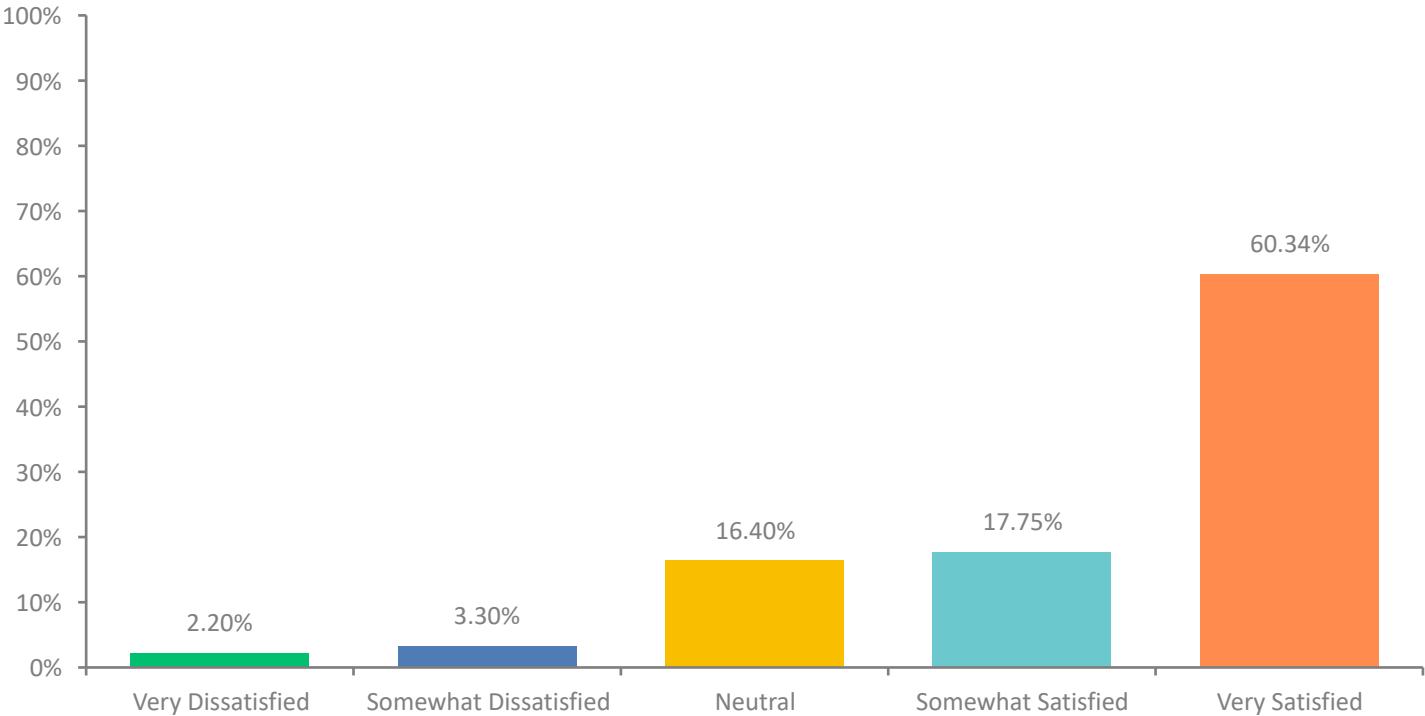
Q4: How safe do you feel in your neighborhood and throughout the city?

Answered: 817 Skipped: 82



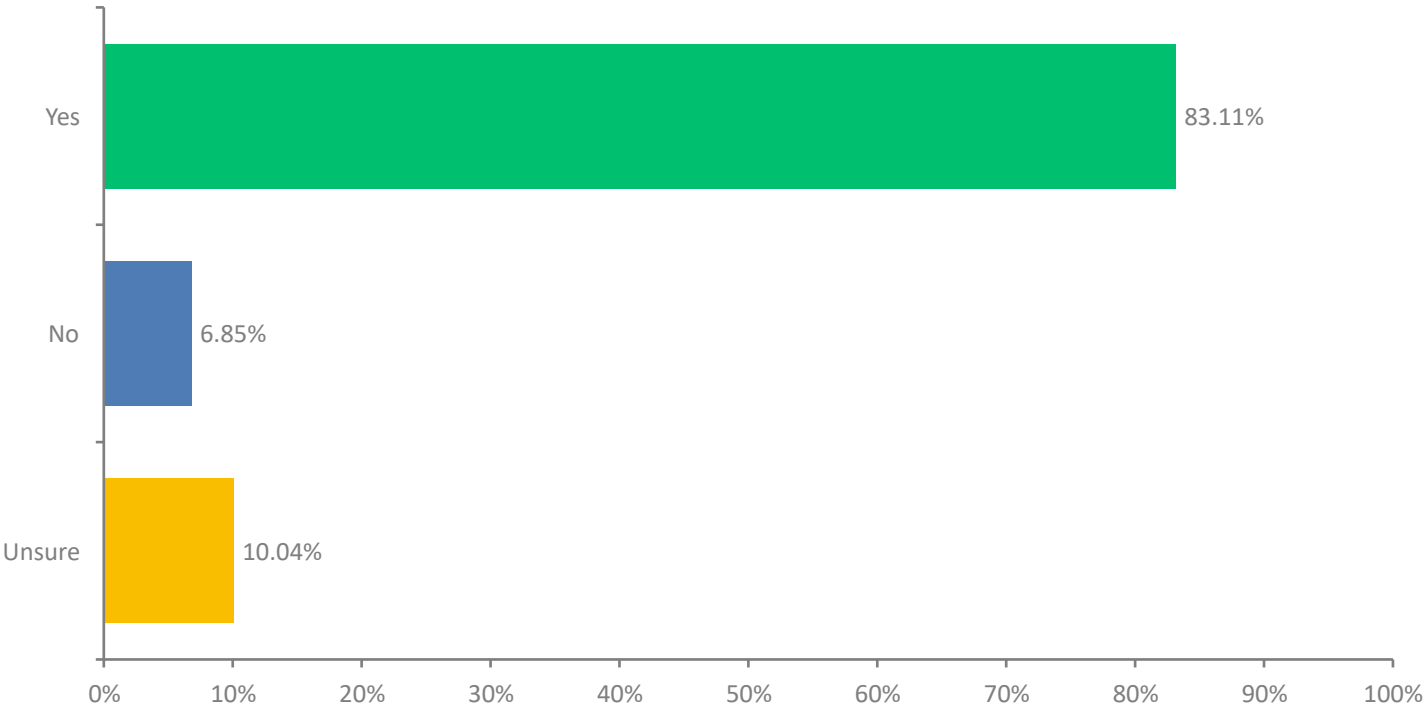
Q5: How satisfied are you with the Police/Fire emergency response times in your community?

Answered: 817 Skipped: 82



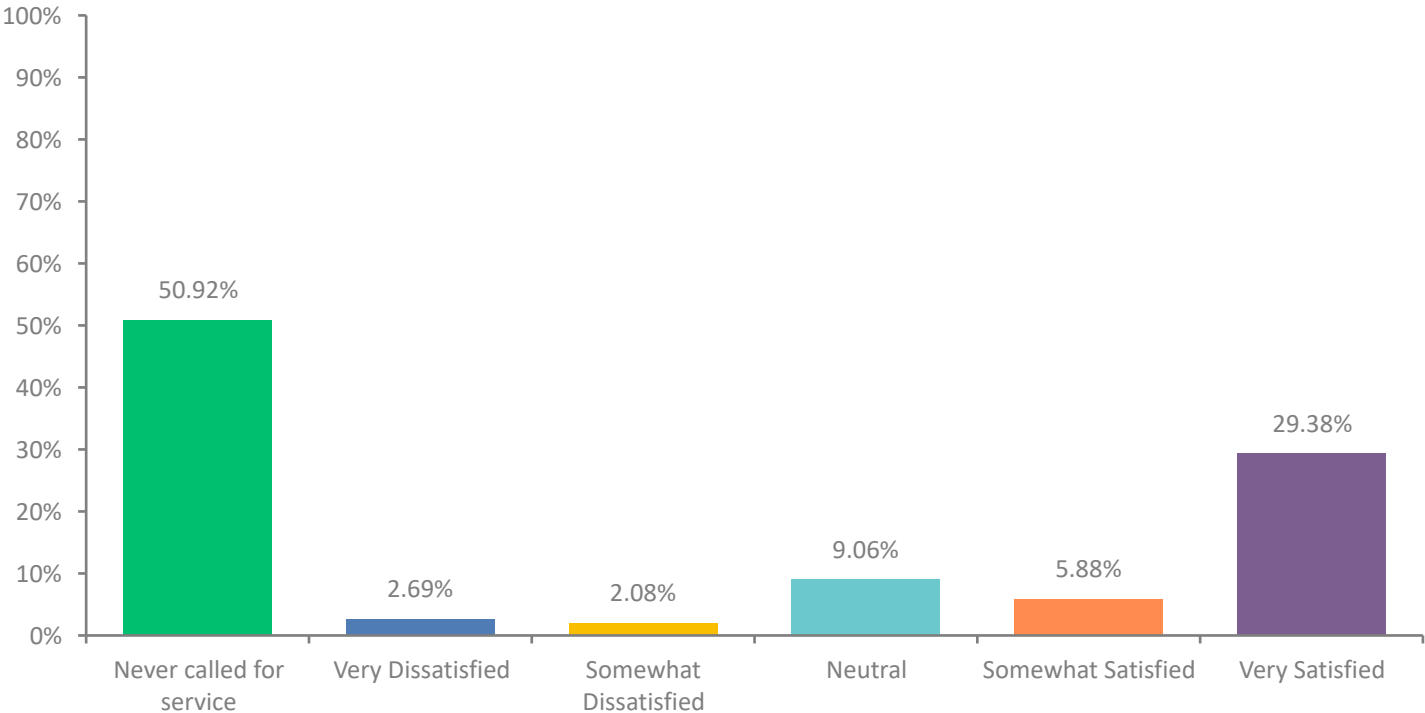
Q6: Do you feel that the police department is visible and accessible in your community?

Answered: 817 Skipped: 82



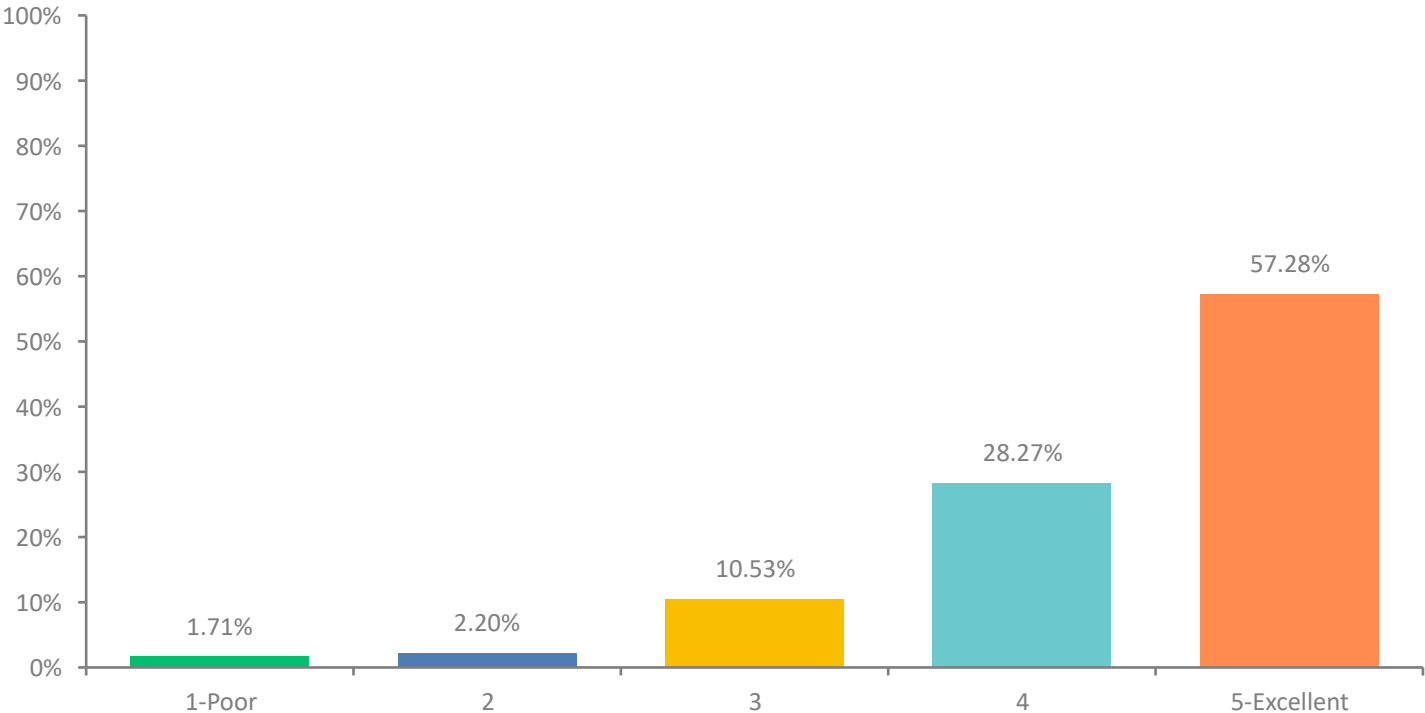
Q8: How satisfied are you with the police department's response to your previous calls for service?

Answered: 817 Skipped: 82



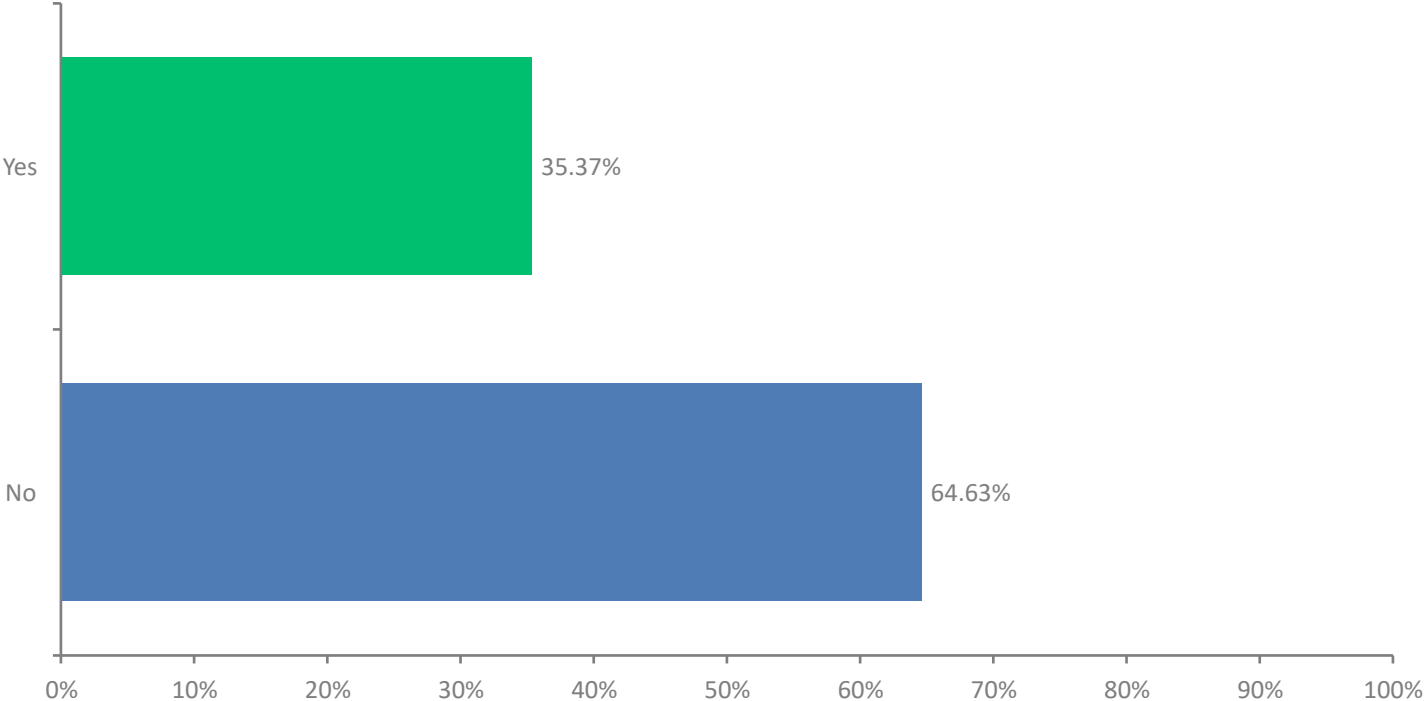
Q9: How would you rate the overall quality of police services in your community on a scale 1-5?

Answered: 817 Skipped: 82



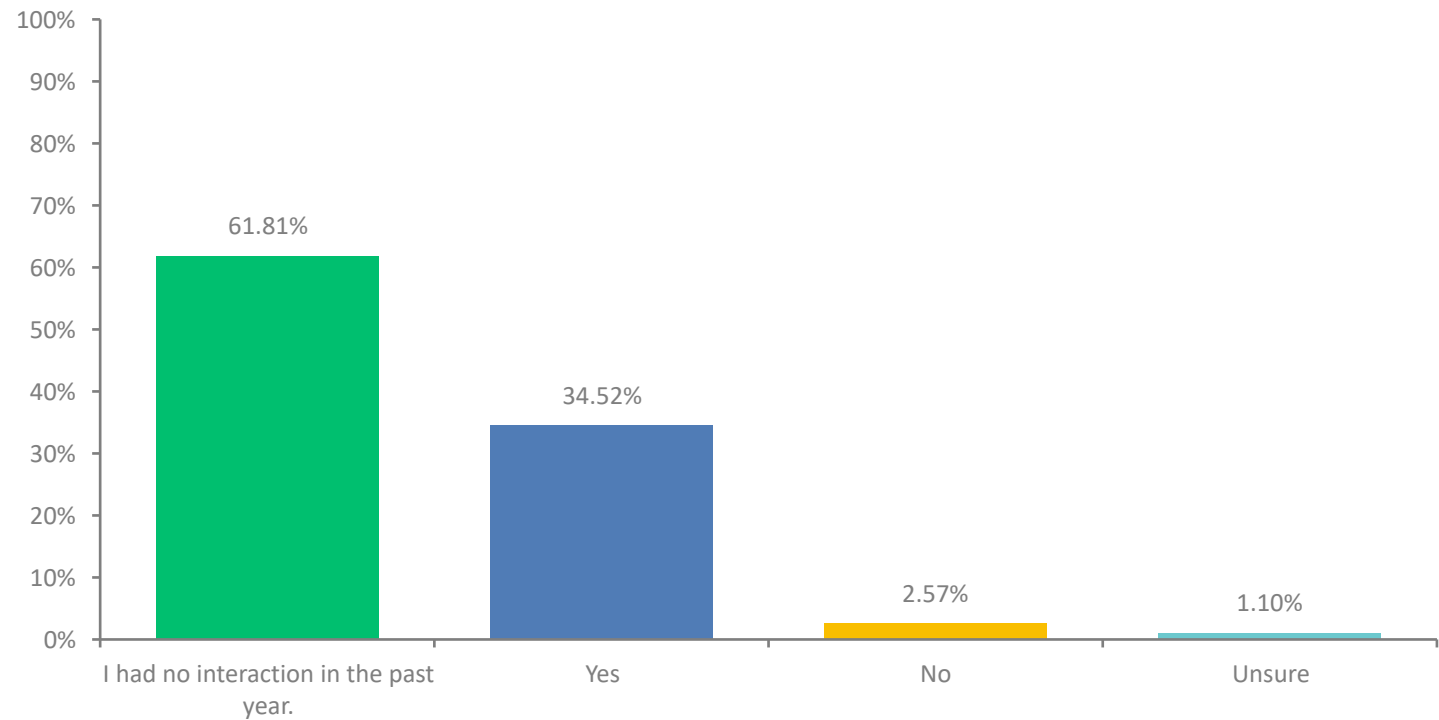
Q10: Have you had any personal interaction with local law enforcement in the past year?

Answered: 817 Skipped: 82



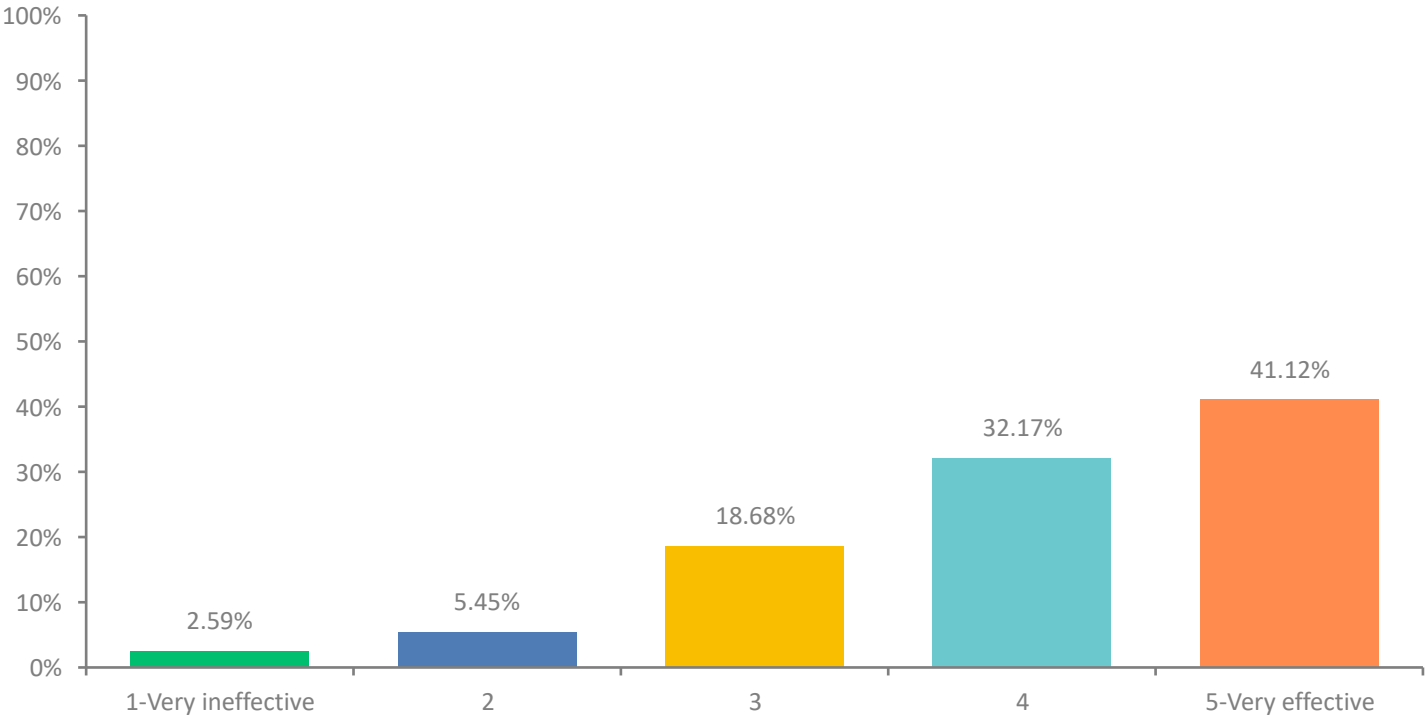
Q11: Did the officer(s) treat you with respect and professionalism?

Answered: 817 Skipped: 82



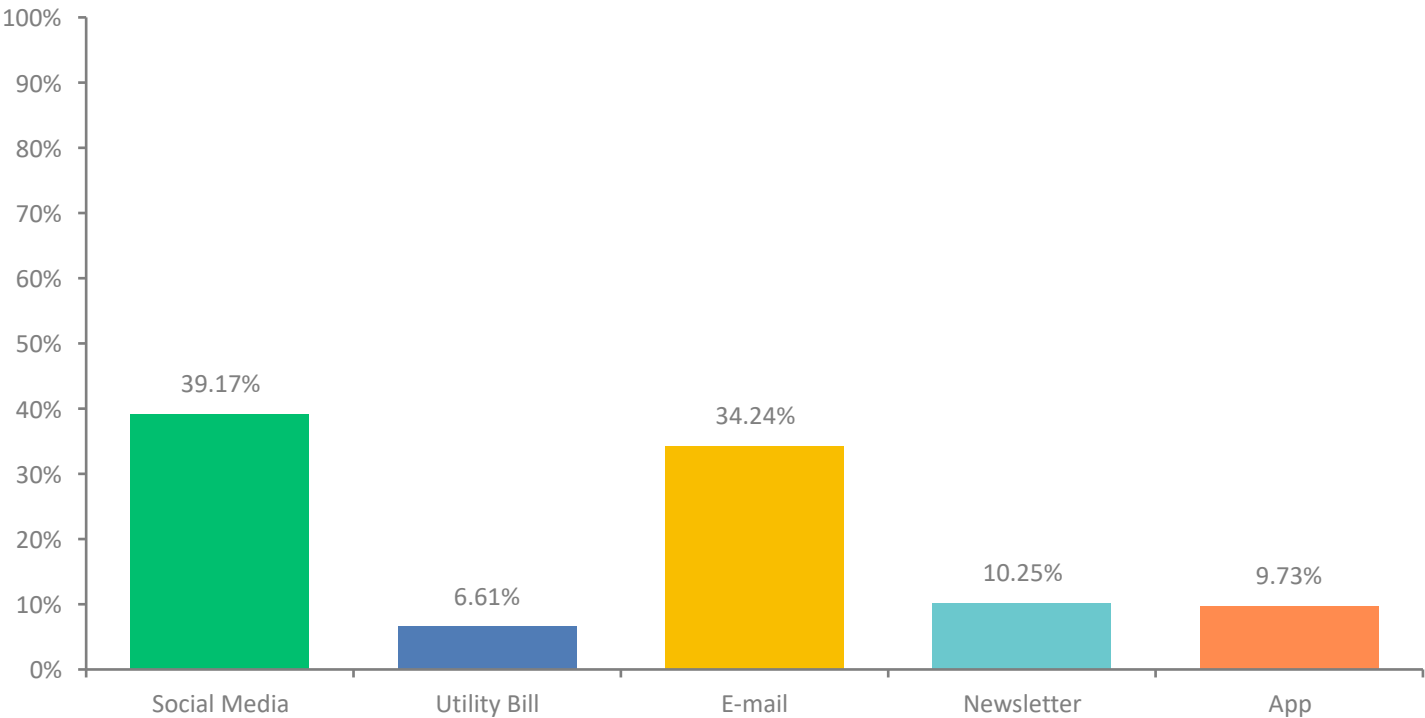
Q12: How effective do you find the city's communication regarding news, updates, and community events on a scale 1-5?

Answered: 771 Skipped: 128



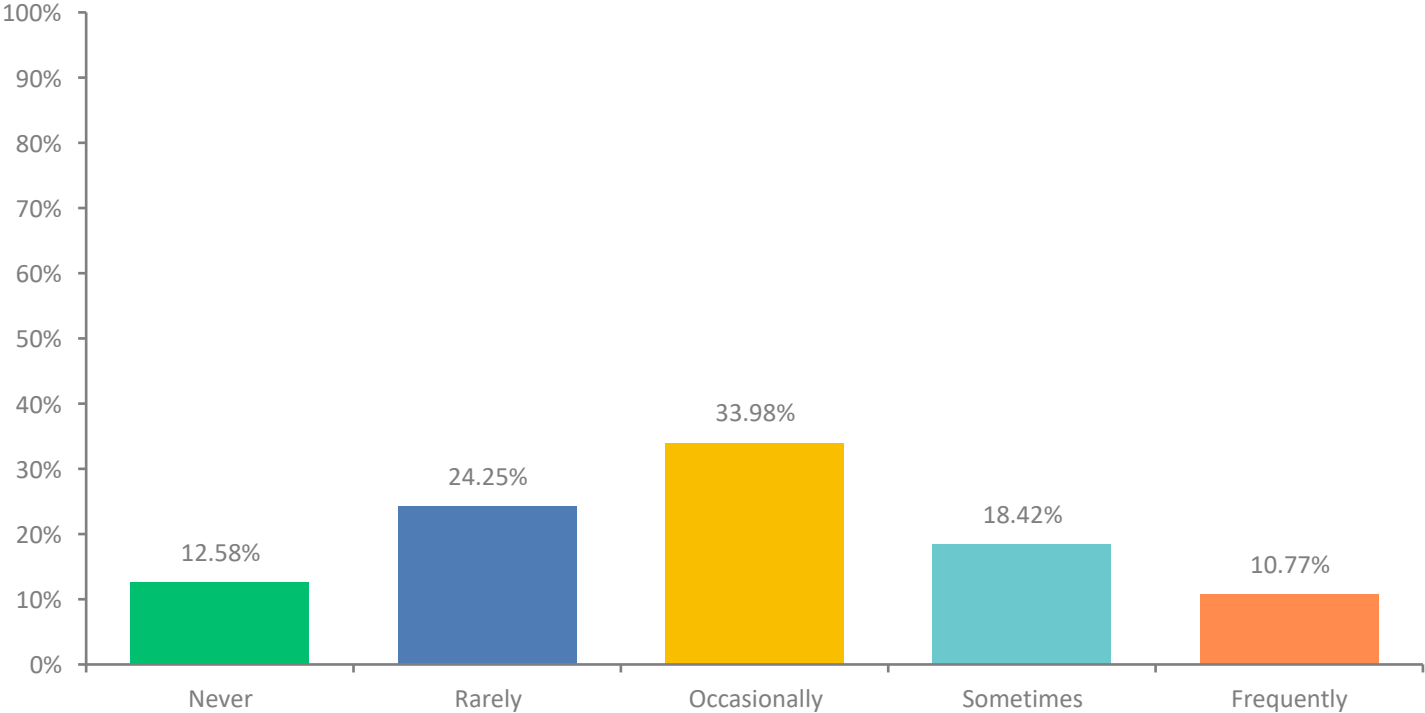
Q13: What is the best way for you to get communication from the city?

Answered: 771 Skipped: 128



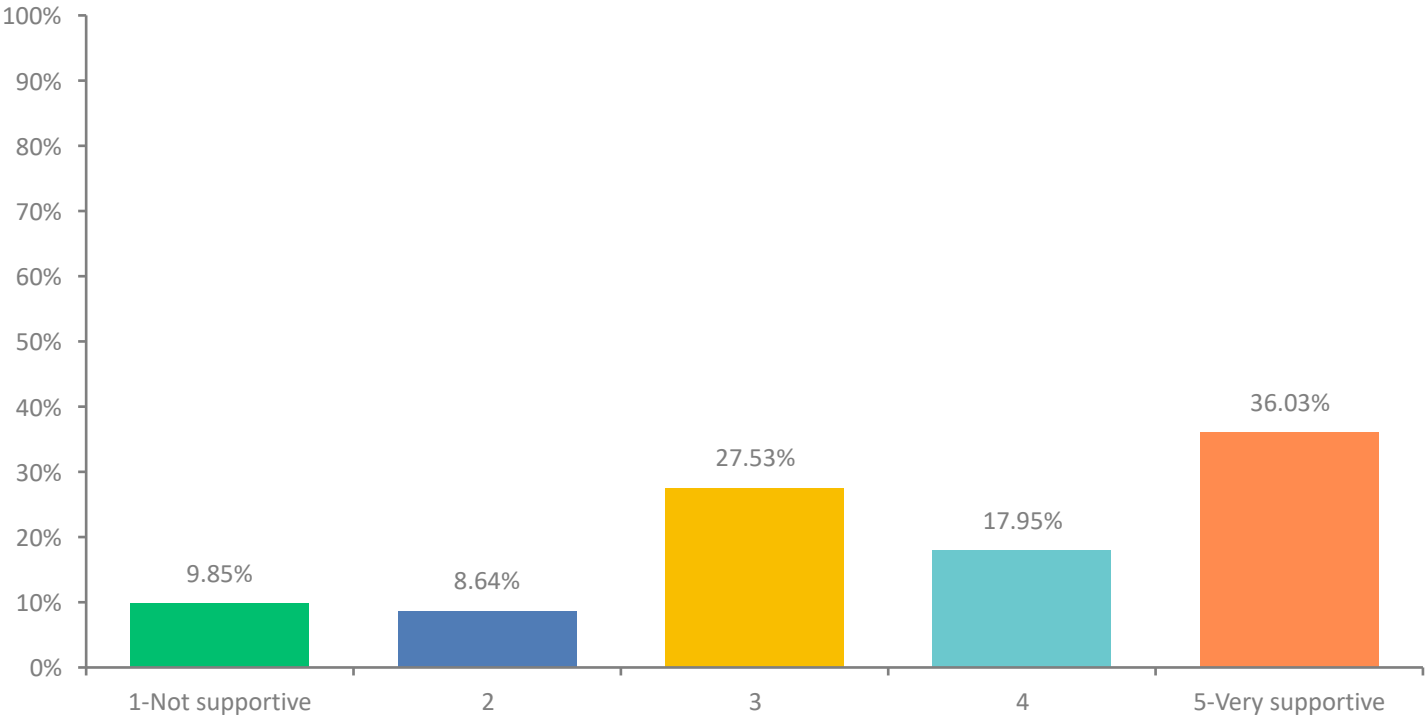
Q16: How often do you participate in community meetings or events?

Answered: 771 Skipped: 128



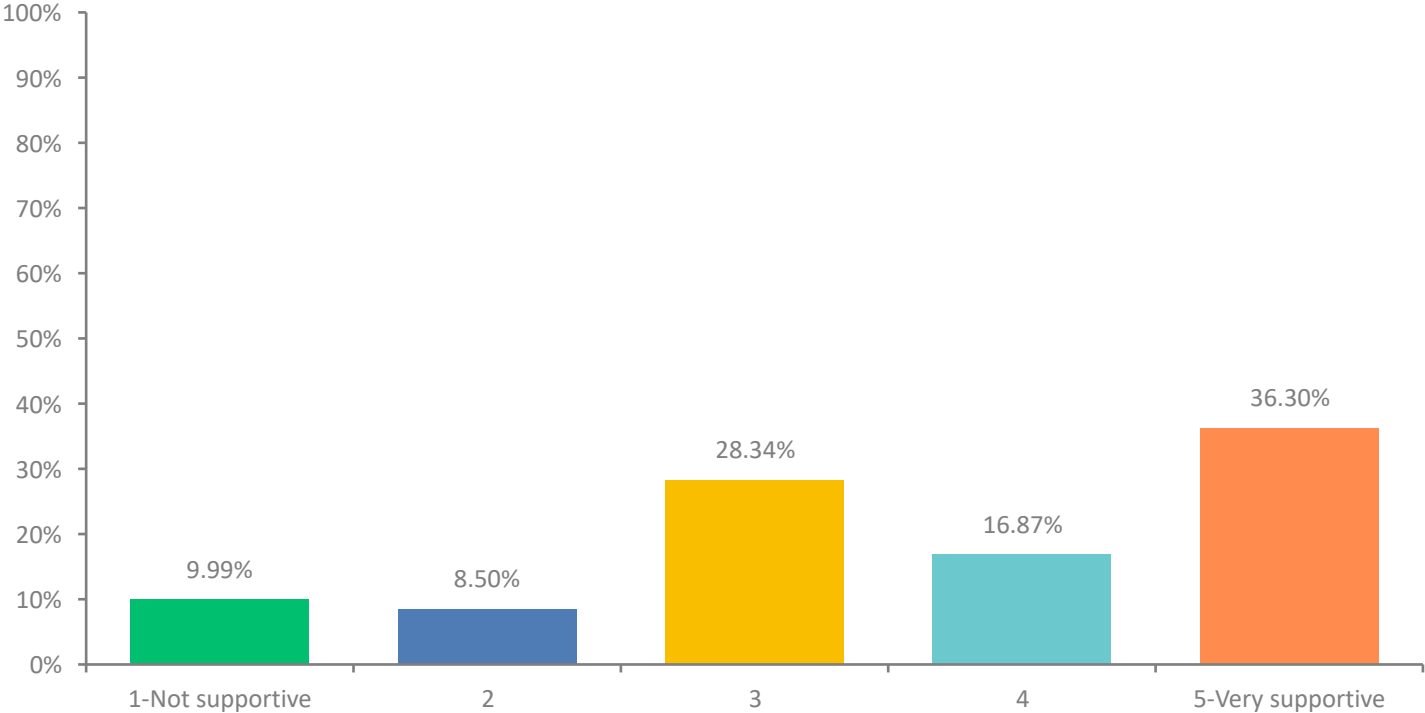
Q18: How supportive would you be for a new performing arts center on a scale 1-5?

Answered: 741 Skipped: 158



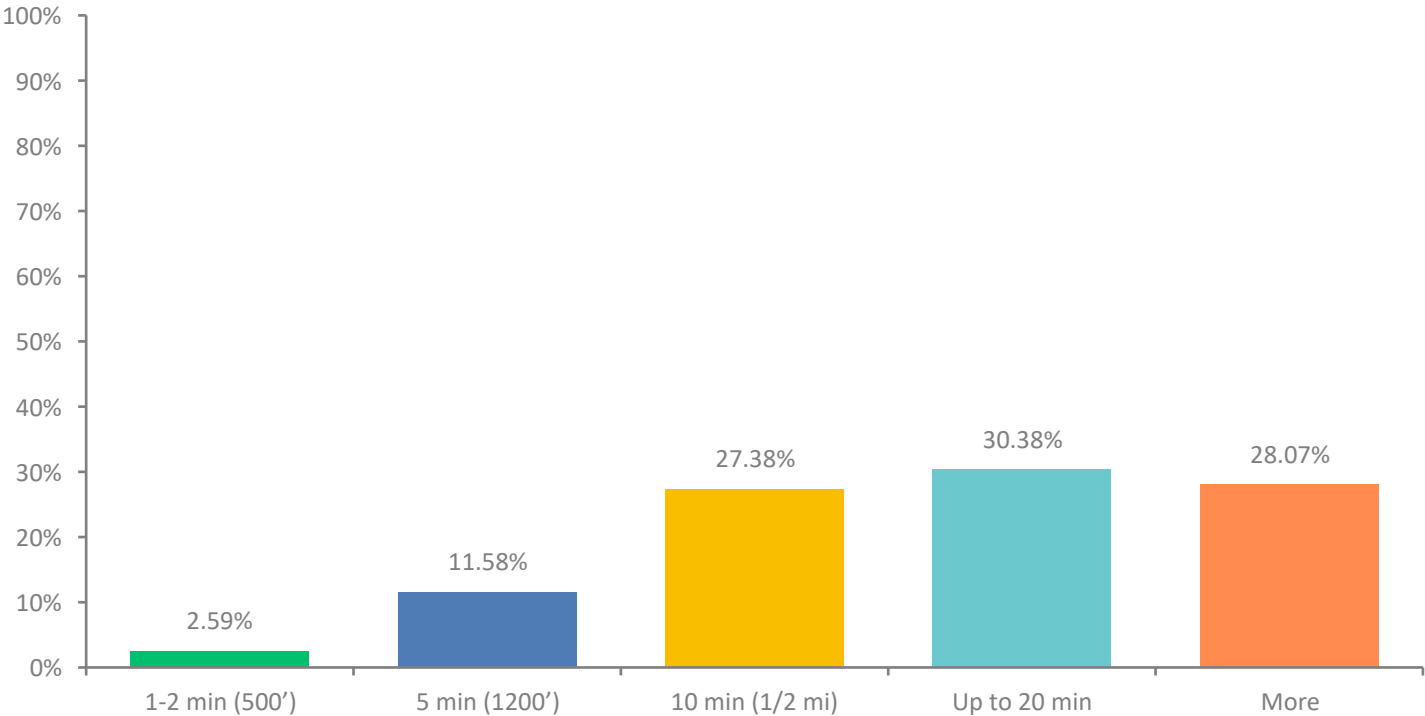
Q19: How supportive would you be for a new civic center?

Answered: 741 Skipped: 158



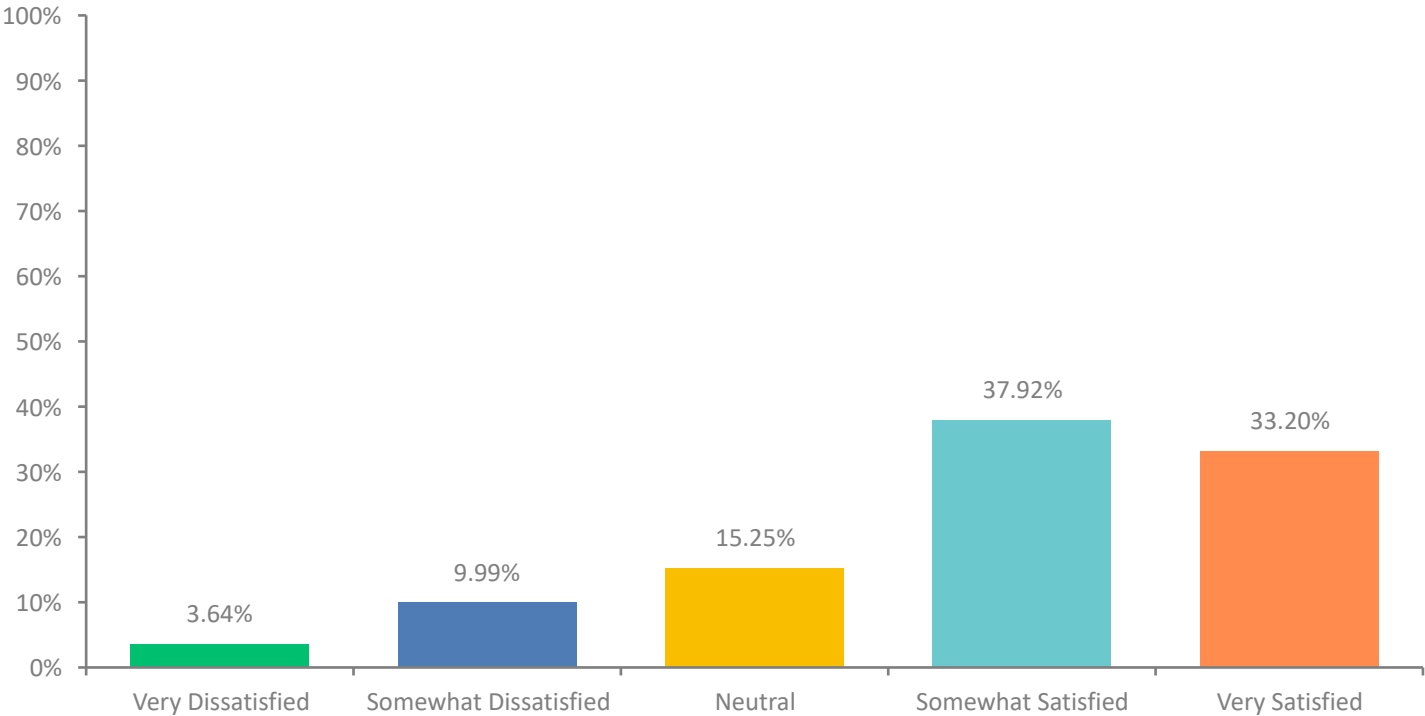
Q20: How far is it for you to walk to enjoy/participate in a city amenity, event, shopping, dining, etc.?

Answered: 734 Skipped: 165



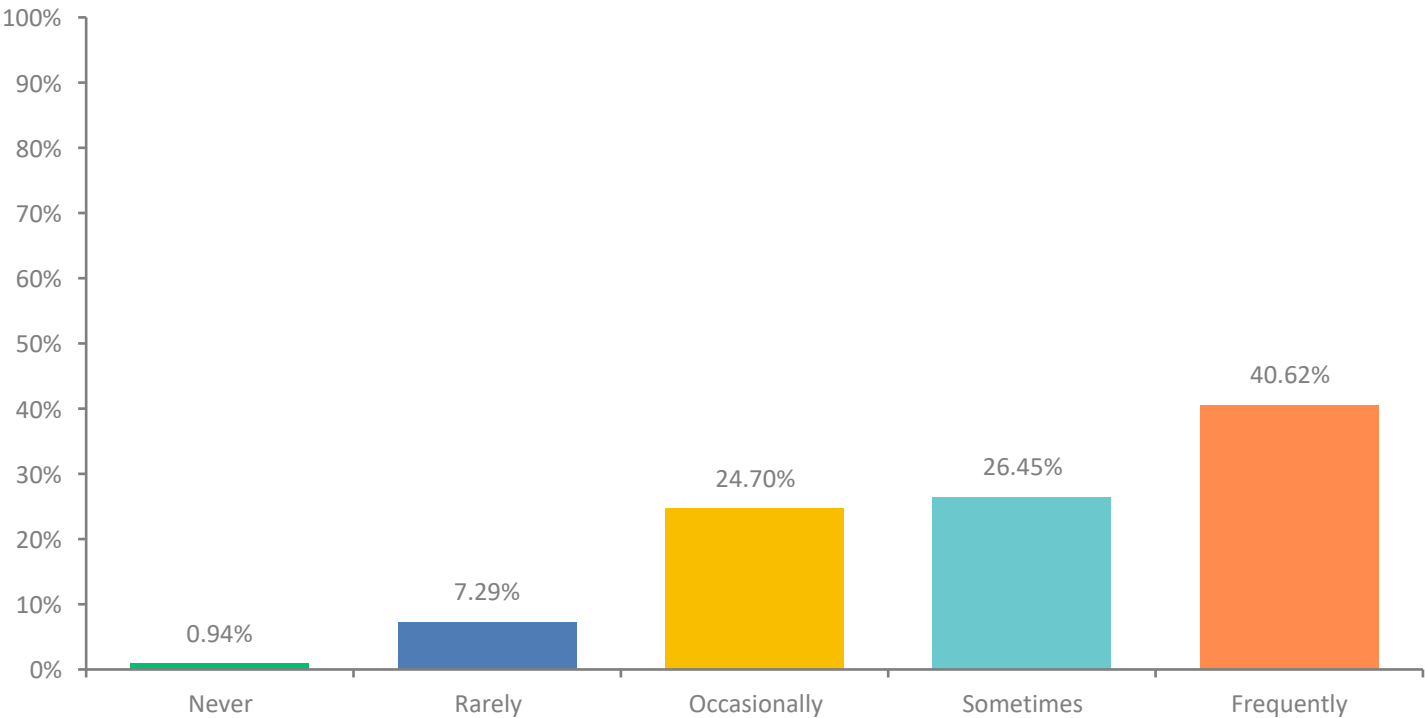
Q21: How satisfied are you with the parks and recreational facilities in Fairhope?

Answered: 741 Skipped: 158



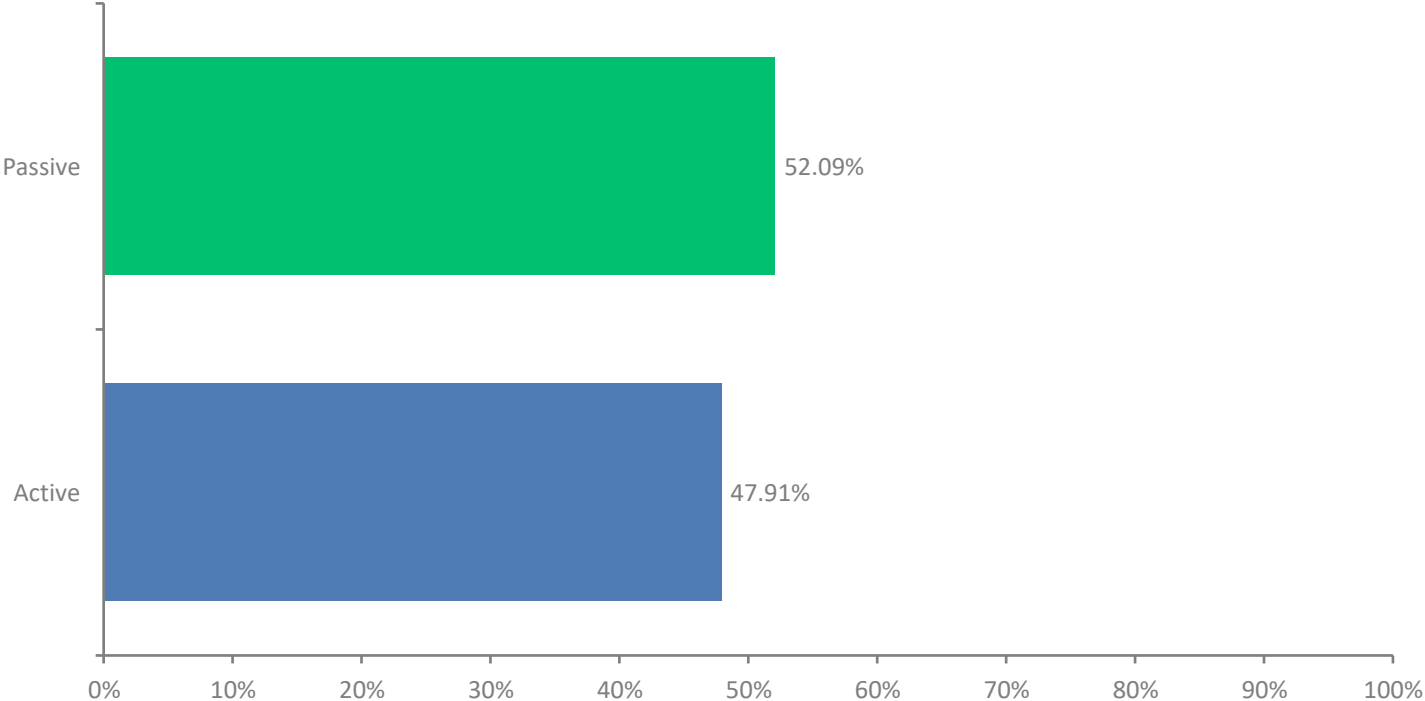
Q22: How often do you visit Fairhope's parks and recreational facilities?

Answered: 741 Skipped: 158



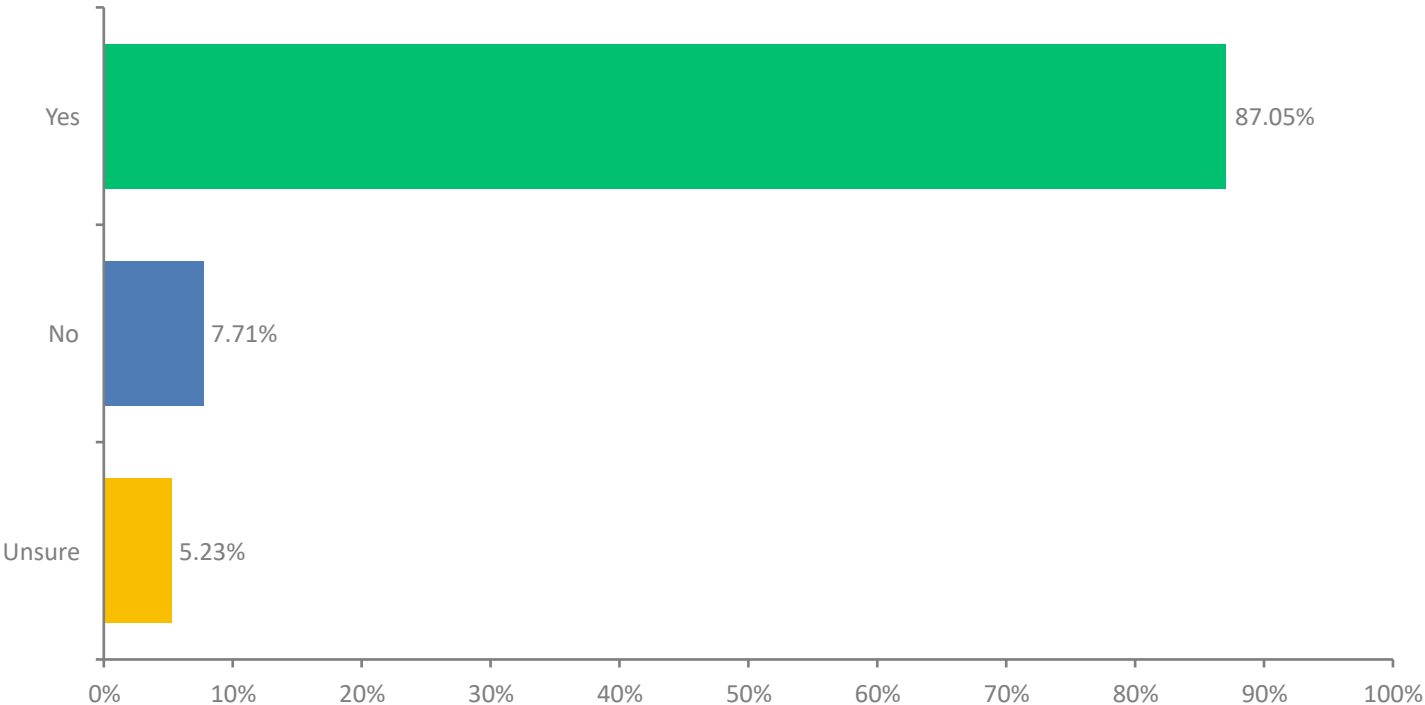
Q23: What would be more beneficial to you and your family – passive or active park space?

Answered: 741 Skipped: 158



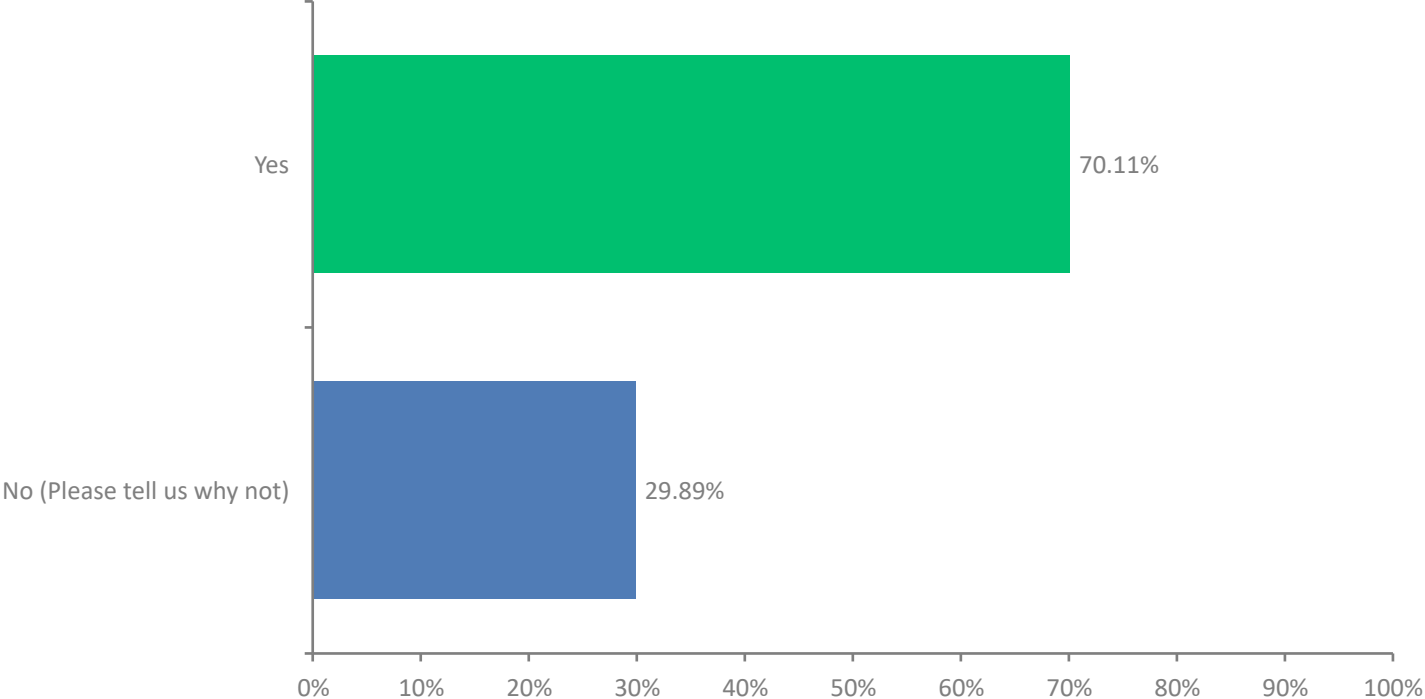
Q26: Are you happy with your sanitation services? (Garbage, Trash, Recycle)

Answered: 726 Skipped: 173



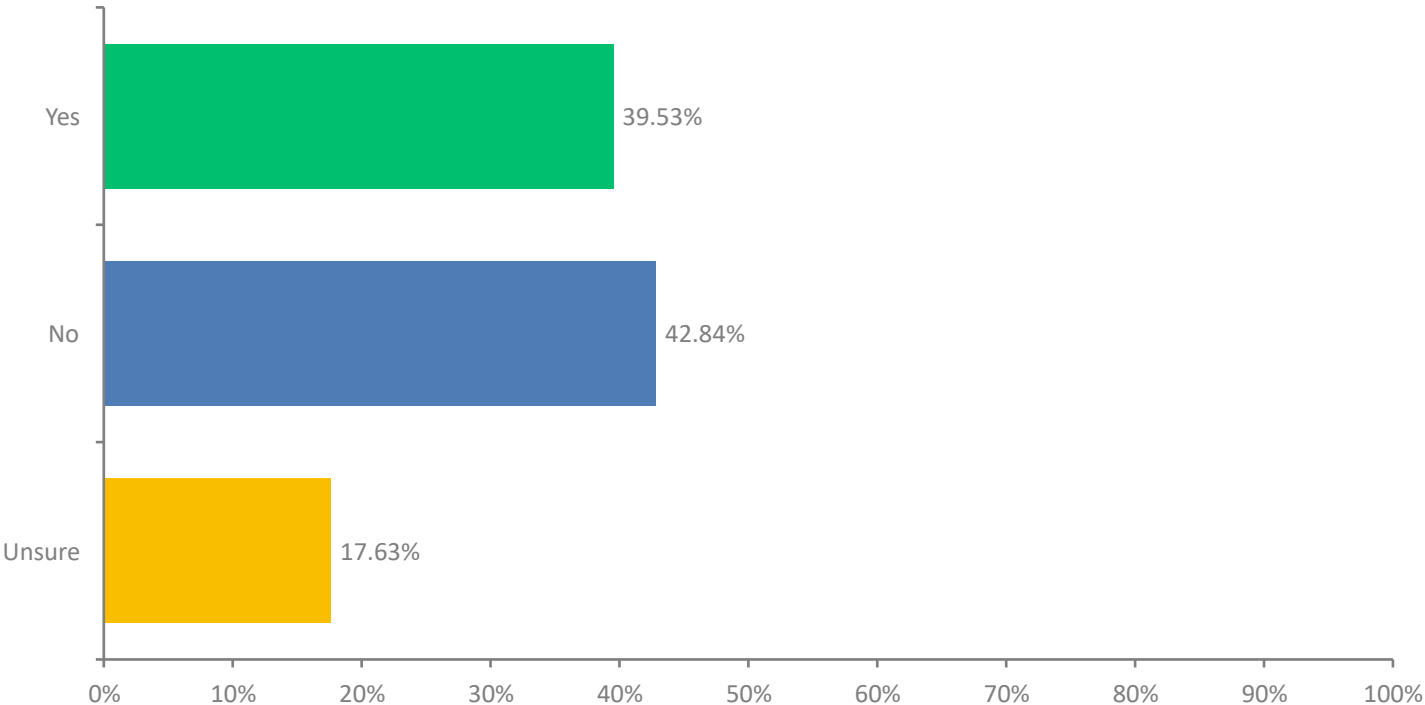
Q27: Do you currently recycle?

Answered: 726 Skipped: 173



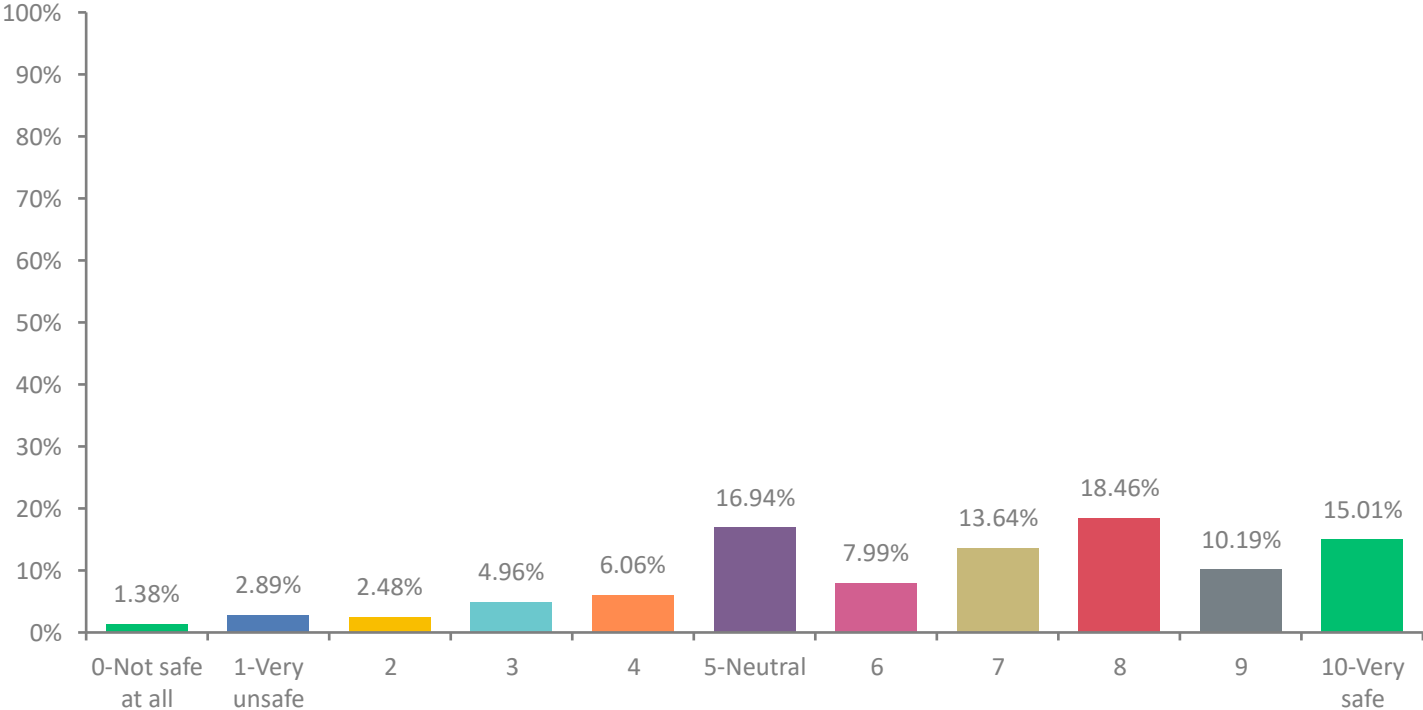
Q28: Would you be interested in a once-a-week garbage pickup?

Answered: 726 Skipped: 173



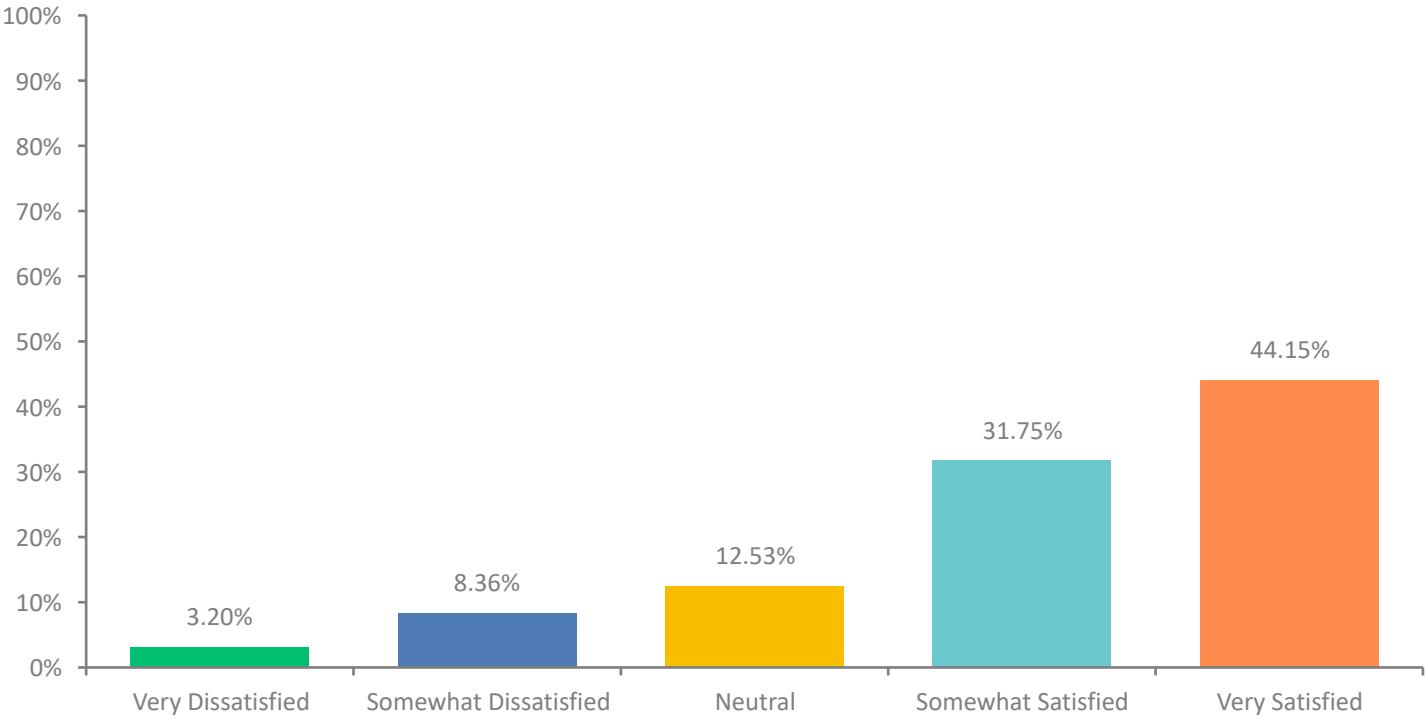
Q29: Rate the safety of the City of Fairhope's public roads.

Answered: 726 Skipped: 173



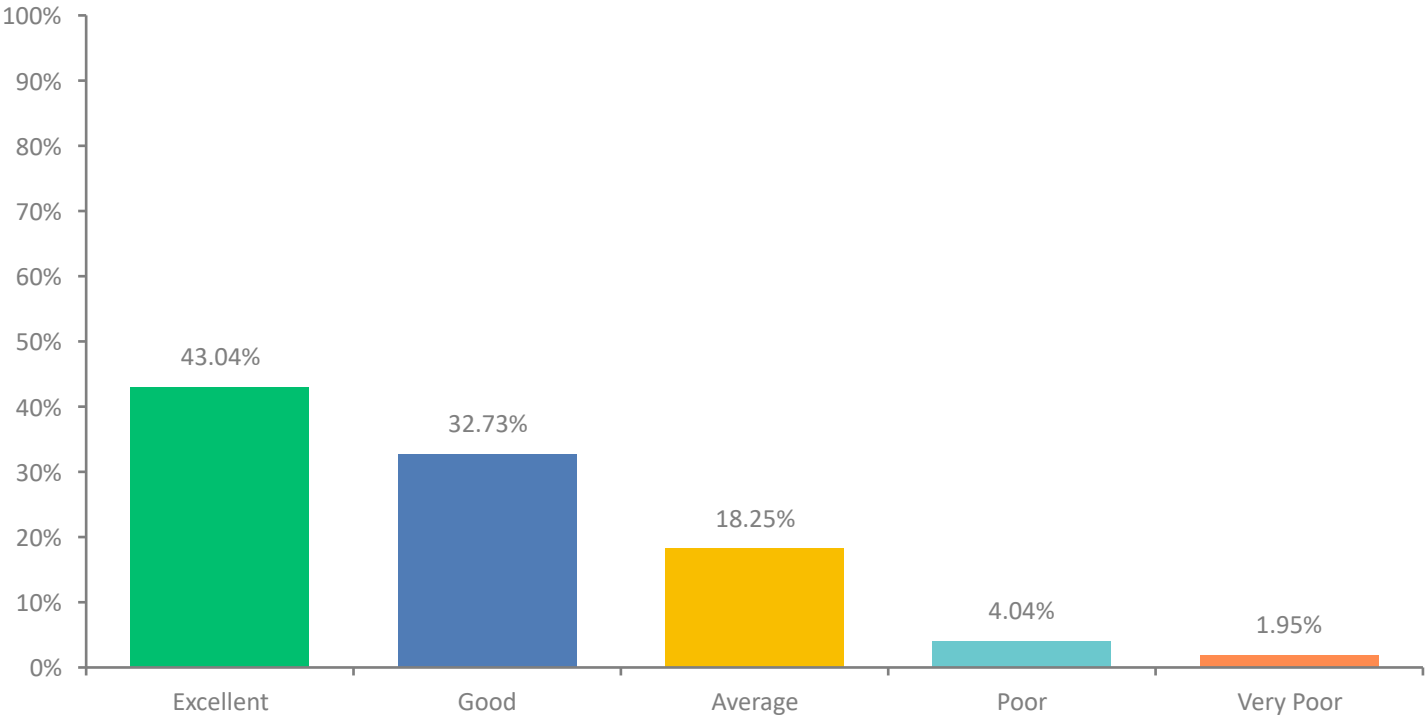
Q30: How satisfied are you overall with the services provided by Fairhope Public Utilities?

Answered: 718 Skipped: 181



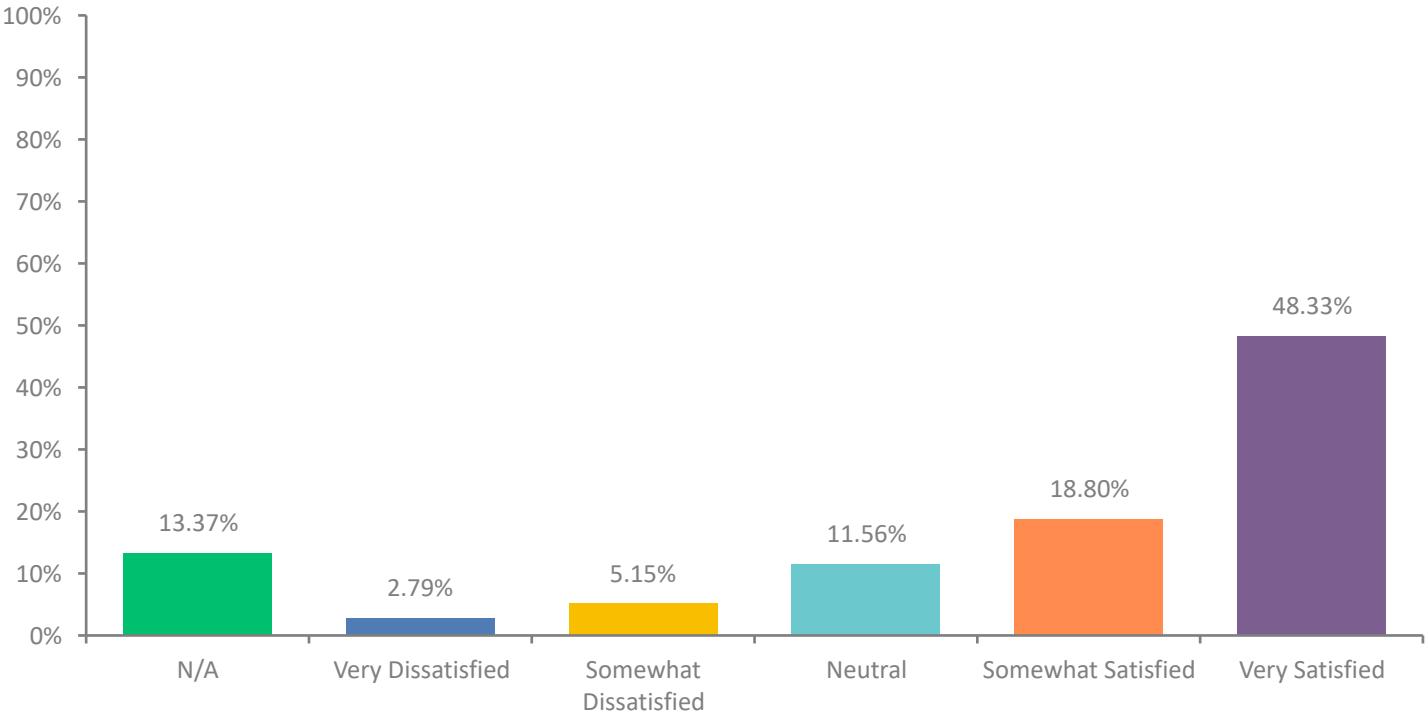
Q31: How would you rate the reliability of the utility services (water, electricity, gas) provided by Fairhope Public Utilities?

Answered: 718 Skipped: 181



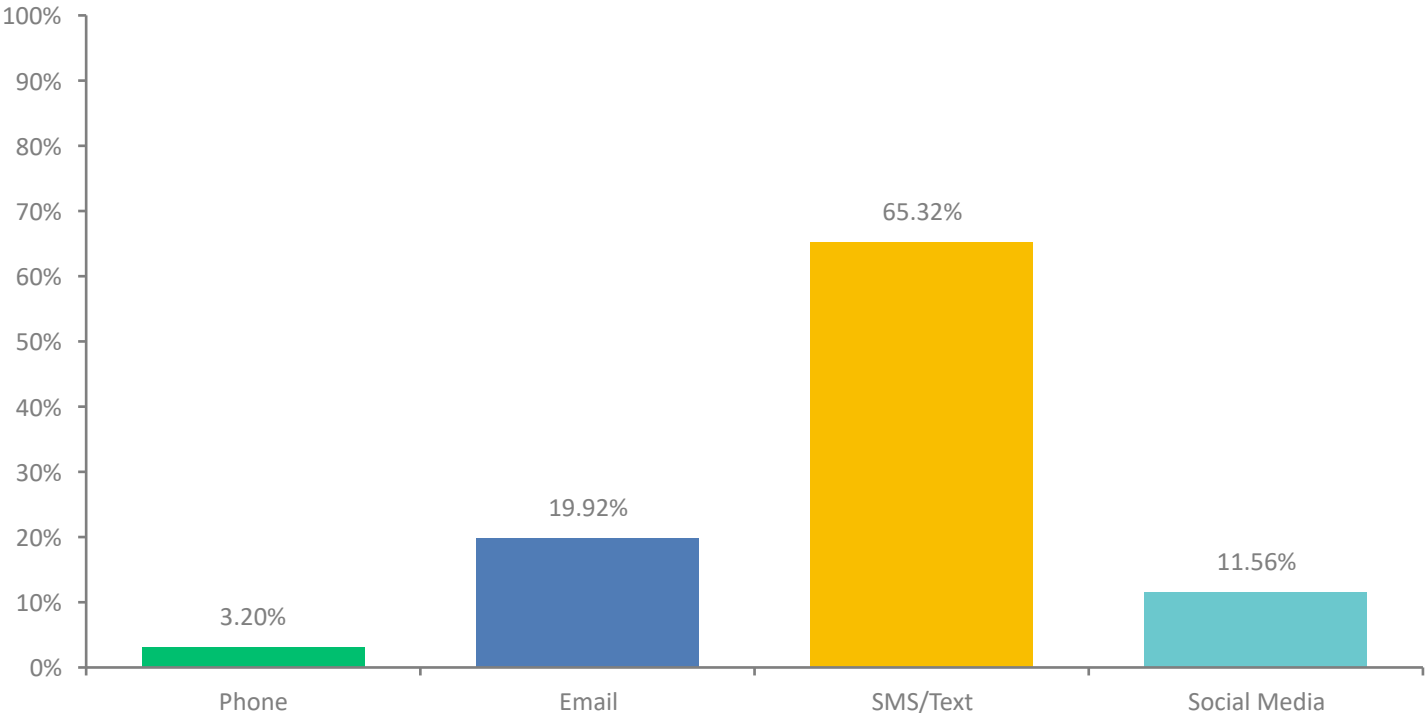
Q32: How would you describe your experience with the customer service provided by Fairhope Public Utilities?

Answered: 718 Skipped: 181



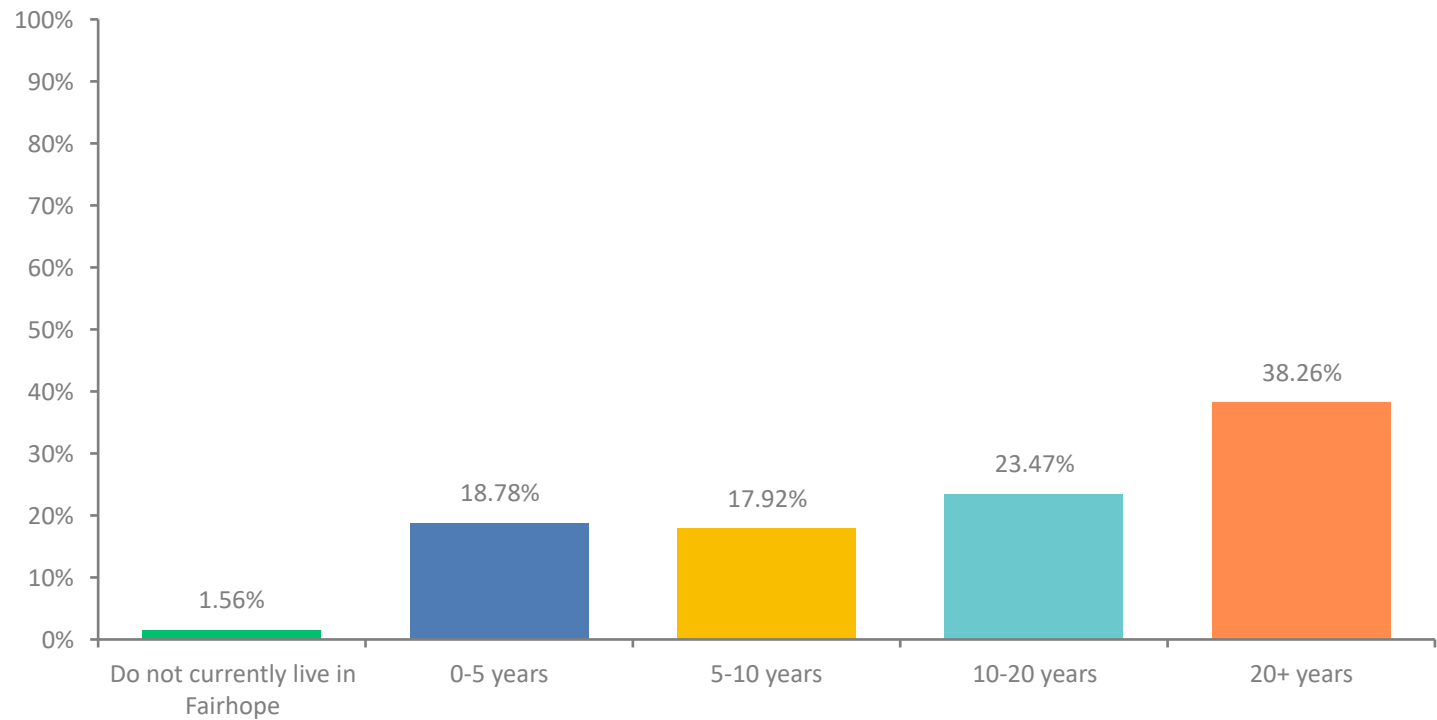
Q33: What method of communication would you prefer to hear about utility service interruptions?

Answered: 718 Skipped: 181



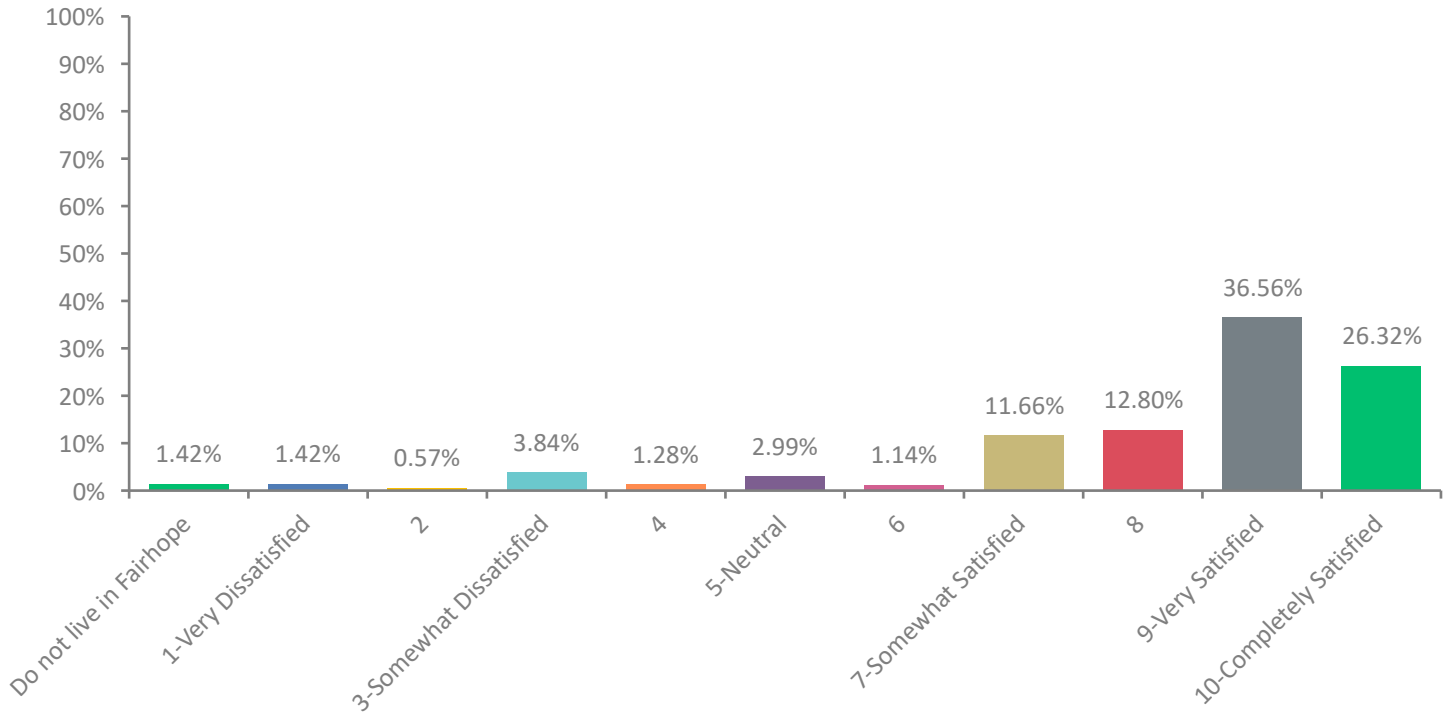
Q37: How long have you lived in Fairhope?

Answered: 703 Skipped: 196



Q38: On a scale from 1 to 10, how satisfied are you with living in Fairhope, Alabama?

Answered: 703 Skipped: 196





CITY OF FAIRHOPE
AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Item ID: 2025-1715

FROM:	Justin Hammers, Park Ranger/Urban Forest Manager
SUBJECT:	Discussion of Rules and Regulations for Flying Creek Nature Preserve
AGENDA DATE:	August 11, 2025

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Justin Hammers, Park Ranger/Urban Forest Manager, discussion with City Council on Rules and Regulations for Flying Creek Nature Preserve.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

BUDGET IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

GRANT:

LEGAL IMPACT:

FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION:

ORDINANCE NO. ____

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE FLYING CREEK NATURE PRESERVE PARK**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE,
ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION I. The Code of Ordinances, City of Fairhope, Alabama, Chapter 15 Parks and Recreation is hereby amended to reflect the following changes and additions:

**ARTICLE IV. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE FLYING CREEK NATURE
PRESERVE PARK.**

SECTION 15-103. APPLICABILITY

This Ordinance shall apply in the Flying Creek Nature Preserve Park in the City of Fairhope. As used in this Ordinance, the term “person” includes natural person, firms, and corporations. Violators may be removed from the Flying Creek Nature Preserve Park.

SECTION 15-104. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The following safety rules shall be observed by all visitors to the Flying Creek Nature Preserve Park:

- (a) Bikes must be ridden in designated areas.
- (b) Dog must be on short leash to maintain control over dog’s actions.
- (c) No glass containers or alcoholic beverages allowed in the Park.
- (d) No smoking allowed in the Park.
- (e) No paint, paint pens, or markers allowed in the Park.
- (f) The Park will be closed from dusk to dawn.
- (g) The City of Fairhope accepts no liability for loss or damage of any person or dog while visiting the Park.

**SECTION 15-105. FLYING CREEK NATURE PRESERVE, OPERATION OF
VEHICLES.**

- (a) Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

Lands affected: Recreational lands of the city, lying west of Greeno Road and north of Main Street, known as Flying Creek Nature Preserve.

Wheeled vehicle: Any device designed, intended and used for the purpose of transporting one (1) or more persons over land, whether or not such vehicle is motorized; includes all rider-propelled devices.

Motor vehicle: Any wheeled vehicle which is powered by a hydrocarbon or electric powered engine and which is designed, intended and used for the transport of persons or goods over land; includes passenger vehicles, trucks, mopeds, and motorcycles, which are licensed for operation on public streets.

Recreational vehicle: Any device propelled by a hydrocarbon or electric powered engine for recreational use, which term shall include all go-karts, three-wheelers, four-wheelers, dirt bikes and similar type devices, whether or not licensed for public street use.

Rider-propelled vehicle: Any device propelled by the action of the rider; includes roller skates, skateboards of whatever type or design, and similar type devices.

- (b) Prohibited vehicles. During the hours the park is closed, and use of all vehicles, except bicycles, is prohibited within or upon the park lands. Use of recreational vehicles and rider-propelled vehicles, except bicycles, is prohibited at all times, whether or not the park is open. Provided, however, that city owned vehicles or those of city contractors shall be permitted access necessary for ordinary maintenance and operation of the park facilities.

- (c) Restricted operation. During the hours the park is open, the operation of motor vehicles upon the access roads and parking areas is permitted subject to the city's traffic control.
- (d) Penalties for violations. Any person operating any wheeled vehicle upon the park lands in violation of any provision herein shall be subject to arrest for violation of this section and, upon conviction of a first offense, shall be subject to a fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or a jail sentence of not less than ten (10) days, or both at the discretion of the municipal court. Second or subsequent convictions shall carry a fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and a jail sentence of not less than thirty (30) days nor more than six (6) months.

Where the violator is a juvenile as defined by the Code of Alabama, 1975, the parent(s), guardian, or person having lawful charge or custody of the juvenile shall be subject to the fines and sentences provided hereinabove.

- (e) Exception. The provisions of this section shall not apply to vehicles of persons with physical disabilities.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY

The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such ruling shall not affect any other paragraphs and sections, since the same would have been enacted by the municipality council without the incorporation of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its due adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025

Jack Burrell, Council President

ATTEST:

Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025

Sherry Sullivan, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING
ORDINANCE NO. 419; CHAPTER 15 - PARKS AND RECREATION:
SECTION 15.2 CAMPING IN PARKS**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE,
ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION I. The Code of Ordinances, City of Fairhope, Alabama, Chapter 15, Article I. In General. Section 15-2 is hereby amended to reflect the following changes and additions:

Article I. IN GENERAL

Section 15-2. Camping in Parks.

It shall be unlawful for any person to camp in any City Park.

- (a) Council has the right to approve camping in designated areas if group provides service hours in return.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY

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Jack Burrell, Council President

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Sherry Sullivan, Mayor

Sec. 15-2. - Camping in parks.

It shall be unlawful for any person to camp in any city park.

(Ord. No. 419, 7-8-69)

Cross reference— Permission to camp on beach, § 6-11; municipal offense tickets, § 10-26 et seq.



CITY OF FAIRHOPE
AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Item ID: 2025-1718

FROM:	Hunter Simmons, Director of Planning
SUBJECT:	Planning Regulation Review
AGENDA DATE:	August 11, 2025

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Hunter Simmons, Director of Planning, to give Planning Regulation Review to City Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

BUDGET IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

GRANT:

LEGAL IMPACT:

FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION:



CITY OF FAIRHOPE
AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Item ID: 2025-1717

FROM:	Don Ward, Chairman, Fairhope Airport Authority
SUBJECT:	Fairhope Airport Authority Update
AGENDA DATE:	August 11, 2025

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Don Ward, Chairman, Fairhope Airport Authority to give update to City Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

BUDGET IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

GRANT:

LEGAL IMPACT:

FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION:

Fairhope Airport Authority update for the City Council Work Session

August 11, 2025

Current Metrics

- 60 airplanes based at the airport
- 7,500+ operations per month (250 per day)
- Airport owned hangars – all leased
 - 24 T-hangars
 - 4 larger hangars
- 13 ground leases comprising 33 owner built hangars either completed or under construction

2024 Recap

- Completed construction of a new FBO terminal in October 2024
- Secured termination of the FBO lease with Continental Motors
 - Continental continues their engine operations in the north hangar
- Issued an RFP for a new FBO vendor and selected Flightline First from New Orleans
- Flightline First assumed FBO operations in October in the new FBO building.

Air Race Classic

- Fairhope was the origination point for this ladies cross country air race which terminated in Spokane, WA
- Visitors to Fairhope for the event included 41 teams with 91 racers, plus 10 ARC support staff
- The visitors used 200+ Room nights over their stay plus most meals and lots of shopping!
- Estimated economic impact at \$200,000 for the event
- Many thanks to the city for their assistance with the shuttle, civic center and much more.

2025 Projects in flight

Grant Program	Project Description	Total Project Cost	FAA Funding	ALDOT Funding	Airport Authority Funding
FAA AIG	Replace Taxiway Lighting System and Guidance Signs	\$1,135,026.18	\$1,082,463.00	\$24,187.00	\$28,376.18
ALDOT Pavement Maintenance Program	Pavement Maintenance - East Terminal Ramp & NW Apron	\$624,344.00	\$0.00	\$468,258.00	\$156,086.00
FAA AIP Discretionary	Runway 1/19 Strengthening & Replace Runway Lighting System and Guidance Signs	\$6,693,615.00	\$6,358,934.00	\$167,340.00	\$167,340.00
	TOTALS	\$8,452,985.18	\$7,441,397.00	\$659,785.00	\$351,802.18

2026 and beyond

- Replace our aging AWOS weather reporting system
- Fairhope is the only airport in Baldwin County with a long runway and land available for hangar development
- Our plan is to continue building out infrastructure to support additional hangar development
 - Access roads
 - Utilities
 - Taxiway extension

Questions?