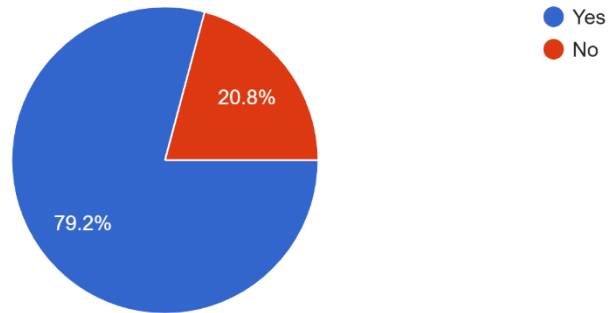


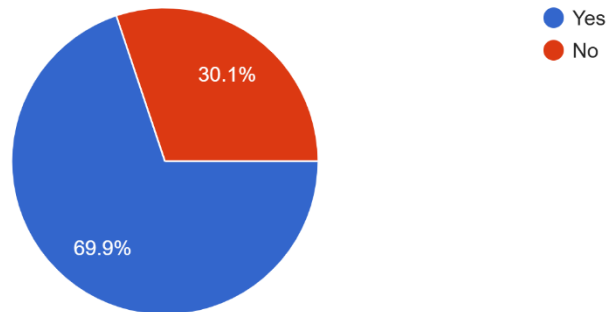
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72 responses



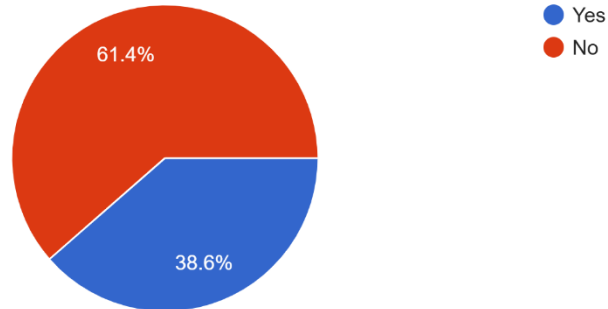
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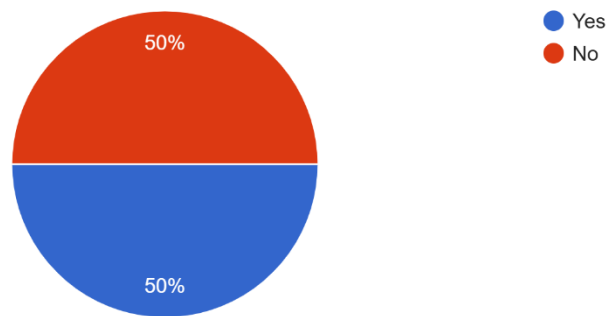
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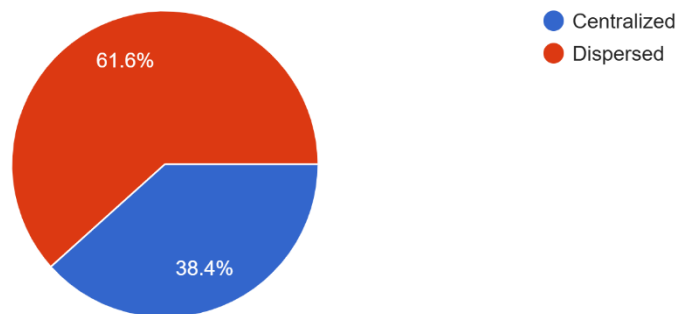
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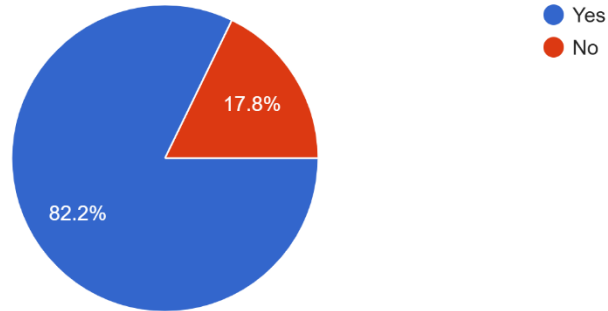
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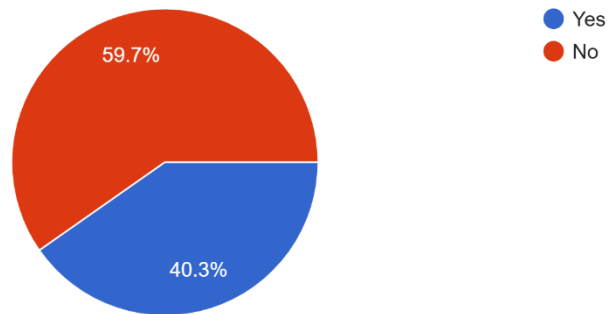
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Would you like to stay better informed about the Municipal Adopt-A-Park Program?

72 responses



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27 Centralized

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13 No

60 Yes

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29 YES

Additional Comments

1. Drug and alcohol abuse negatively affects not only the individual but the entire community the addicted resides in. Are the victims of addiction capable of making the choice to change their lives? Should they be allowed to make the easy choice to continue in their addictions or is it the most loving thing to enforce their sobriety? Is it possible to bring these humans with addiction problems to a facility to get clean and be a contributing member of society through counseling, farming/working? No big city has figured out the homeless crisis yet because nobody is willing to enforce sobriety and counseling while offering work and purpose. Why can't Anchorage tackle this? Right now we are in an endless cycle of failure just like Seattle, Chicago, LA, etc. Do we need to tighten up petty theft again in order to enforce sobriety? Tax alcohol and long term lock dealers using the found money to pay for a clinic for cleaning up our people? This situation won't change without people willing to make a call outside the box and take a risk. Anchorage can lead.
2. I want to see homeless people treated with dignity and compassion. Allowing camps in parks is not an acceptable answer to their problems.
3. It's totally out of control
4. Most of those questions were hard to answer. Yes or No. There's a lot of Gray areas and homelessness is an individual case-by-case basis. I do think we need to keep our parks cleaner and work to give a hand up more than an unconditional hand out to those falling on hard times.
5. Allow empower citizen neighbors to clean up camps.
6. We believe that homeless dwellings should not be allowed in the municipality in proximity to liquor stores/ outlets. Maybe eliminate licensed liquor establishments in high traffic areas, where it might be vulnerable to cross the street and get hit by a car. Prohibit all panhandlers in street medians. Public safety should take priority.
7. Homeless camps in FNBPs are a source of risk for wildfires
8. Tough issues. Lots of mental illness and dependency to overcome.
9. We need more affordable housing - there should be more innovation like getting mixed income housing near UAA for students, low income residents, and high

income hospital employees - and then we can attract other services nearer to our neighborhood

10. I wish the MOA would STOP spending so much money on the homeless.
11. When they break the law, they should be incarcerated. In jail, they will be fed, clothed, sheltered, drug free, and NOT committing crimes. Jail is a great place for the homeless who break the law.
12. Tourism is essential here. This problem needs to be addressed immediately if we want tourism to thrive here. Taking care of this issue would also address much of the theft going on throughout Anchorage.
13. I would need a lot more information about transporting people outside the city in the summer months before I could entertain that idea.
14. Messy problem with no easy solutions. Take enforcement of no camping in municipal parks regardless of shelter space. I would be more forgiving if camping as last resort if no shelter space is available
15. This survey was full of loaded questions. Homeless people are our neighbors too and they deserve compassion.
16. Multiple community councils over the past decade gave called for establishing camp sites for homeless that are properly staffed to address resident needs (sanitation, social work, safety, etc) which would allow us to enforce camping bans generally but every Administration has simply illegally ignored those resolutions.
17. I think the MOA should be compelled to offer treatment, behavioral health and jobs orientation and that homeless persons be offered these options as well as a way to participate in the maintenance and operation of their - hopefully - temporary community.
18. On the surface, i suppose it makes some sense for women and males under 25 be given priority in rehab efforts, but a 50 year old homeless because they lost a good job might be a better immediate candidate and possibility be someone who could help others come along. Additional resources should be allocated to train people to clean up encampments - see first sentence above.
19. The homeless don't want help just handouts. They waller in their trash ,don't want rules, don't want to be law abiding people just drugs , Alcohol And stealing from everybody and stores. They have no consequences what so ever EXCEPT POOR THEM LET'S USE TAXPAYERS MONEY TO SUPPORT THIER CRIMINAL BS!!
20. It should be aginst the law what they are doing everywhere in this town! Criminals!
21. Stop enforcing their activities!!
22. Many of people in this population are in desperate need of mental care. Others, just want to party, the difference is everything. Re-instituting institutionalization would

provide less expensive care for those better off institutionalized, than in a constant mode of mental crisis.

23. This is a challenging problem. So many nuances that it's difficult to answer Yes or No on many of the questions. Treatment should be offered and encouraged but not mandated in my opinion. Thanks for the survey.
24. I'm not a fan of that narrative being created around our fellow human beings who are experiencing homelessness.
25. Some of the questions bunch together many options which makes it difficult to answer. I would support ways to get people jobs and orienting them with ways to be able to live independently without being homeless. So many countries have been successful when they've stopped vilifying homeless people
26. no Homeless camp from Peters Creek to McCue creek from the Inlet to the mountains !!!
27. Please do your best to stop the irrational enablement of these people.
28. The root causes of homelessness need to be addressed - addiction, mental health, and lack of responsibility (individuals and families).
29. No mega shelters on the Eastside of Anchorage
30. Anchorage needs to get off this merry go round. We're almost \$200 million into this since 2020 and there is absolutely nothing to show for it. Housing first does not work 99% of the time!!
31. Law enforcement needs to actively and vigorously enforce the law against camping and setting fires in public parks. Community volunteers can't be the ones to confront people using drugs and setting fires because it isn't safe for us. The current system is failing. Camps are abated only after many weeks of us reporting the illegal camps, and in the meantime the trees in the park are cut down and burned, putting our homes at risk of catching fire and destroying the beauty of our public spaces. Many of us have spent hours picking up trash from people illegally camping in the park, but it's an uphill battle because law enforcement doesn't immediately respond to tell people they cannot camp there and must go to a shelter or somewhere else that is not a public park. To be effective, the law against camping needs the same response from police officers as a crime in progress; they need to show up promptly before the person starts shooting up, cutting down trees, and building a fort. When officers wait until the people are settled in, it's too late.
32. As always this is a complicated situation. The right to be free comes with a need for liberty, which is best defined as the Freedom to act responsibly. People who prefer to enjoy their personal Freedom to the detriment of others, can and should be questioned as to why they believe that to be true. Determining the status of an individual, such as , if they need a hand up or a hand out can be discovered. I

believe there are new developments in the Law to help engage those who seem to have an inability to participate in society. Unfortunate as that may be, actually helping someone can have the appearance of an overreaching authority. No one in our Fair City needs to be hungry or to lack having a safe place to spend the night. Lets actually help these people by sending out the word that there is real help, they must however-----Want it, Steve Johnson

33. The questions in this survey felt a bit biased. I am OK with people camping in parks when the camp sizes are small, when they're taking care of the trash, and when there are resources available to them so they don't die. I am OK with people receiving treatment in the order of most need, and I recognize that we need way more treatment options for all kinds of folks. The level of homelessness in my neighborhood and the level of impact to my neighborhood has only gotten better in recent years, since its worst in the Bronson era.
34. The implementation of any policy being human and respectful is the most important part of any policy.