

Tree Ordinance Survey

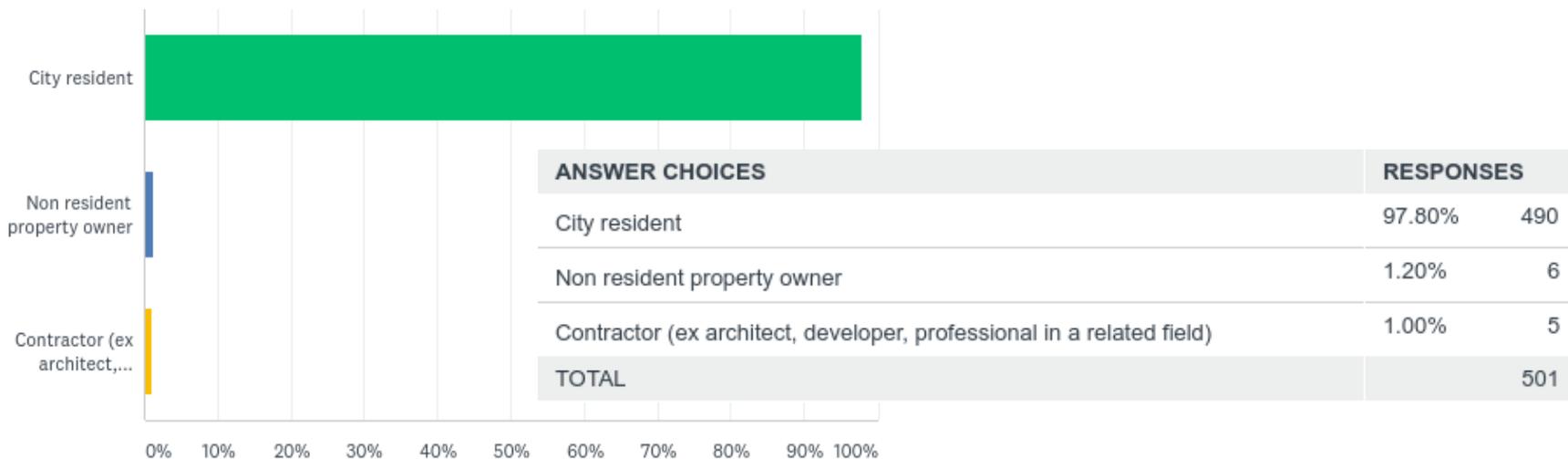
Date Created: January 08, 2019

Date Closed: May 31, 2019

508 Responses, 468 Completed Responses

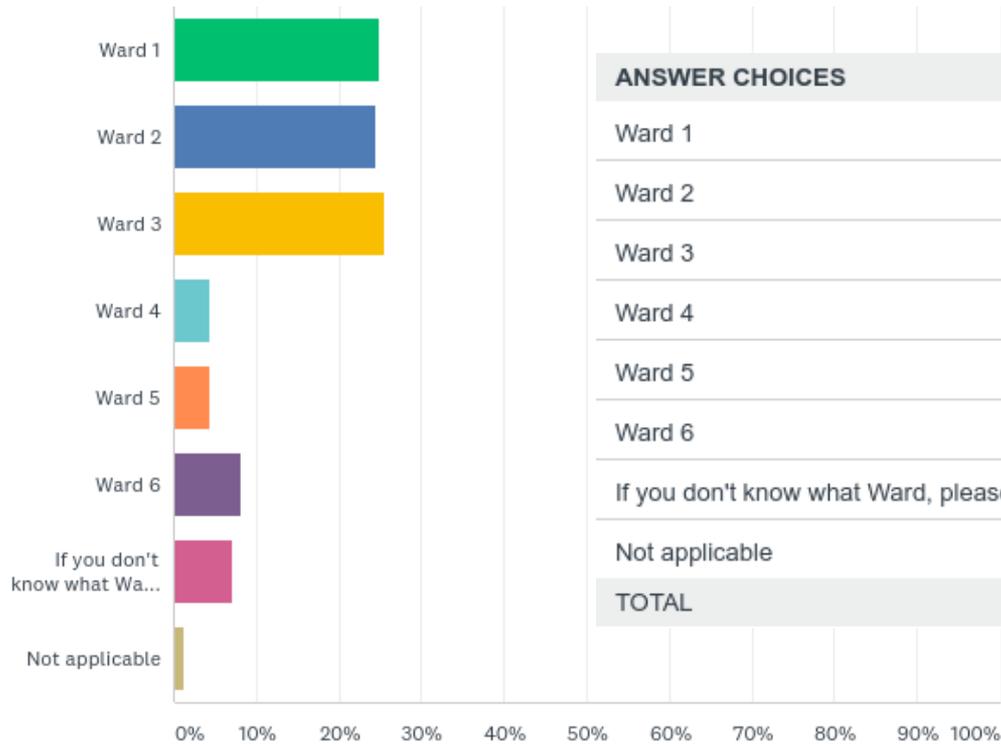
Q1: Are you a:

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Q2: In what Ward do you live or own property?

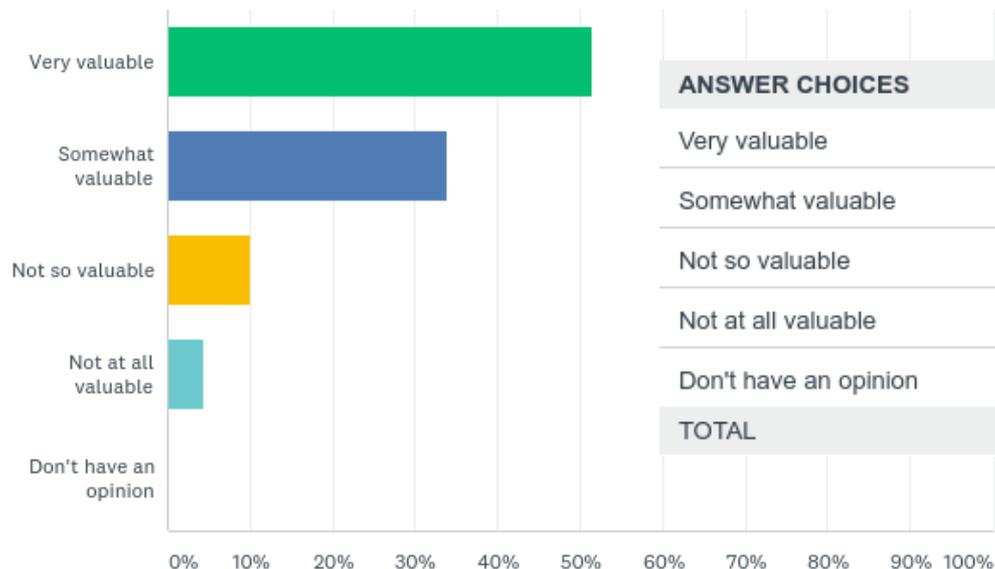
Answered: 482 Skipped: 26



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ward 1	24.90%	120
Ward 2	24.48%	118
Ward 3	25.52%	123
Ward 4	4.36%	21
Ward 5	4.36%	21
Ward 6	8.09%	39
If you don't know what Ward, please enter your street name below	7.05%	34
Not applicable	1.24%	6
TOTAL		482

Q3: In your opinion, how valuable is the City's focus on protecting, preserving and enhancing the urban forest through the ordinance and permit requirements:

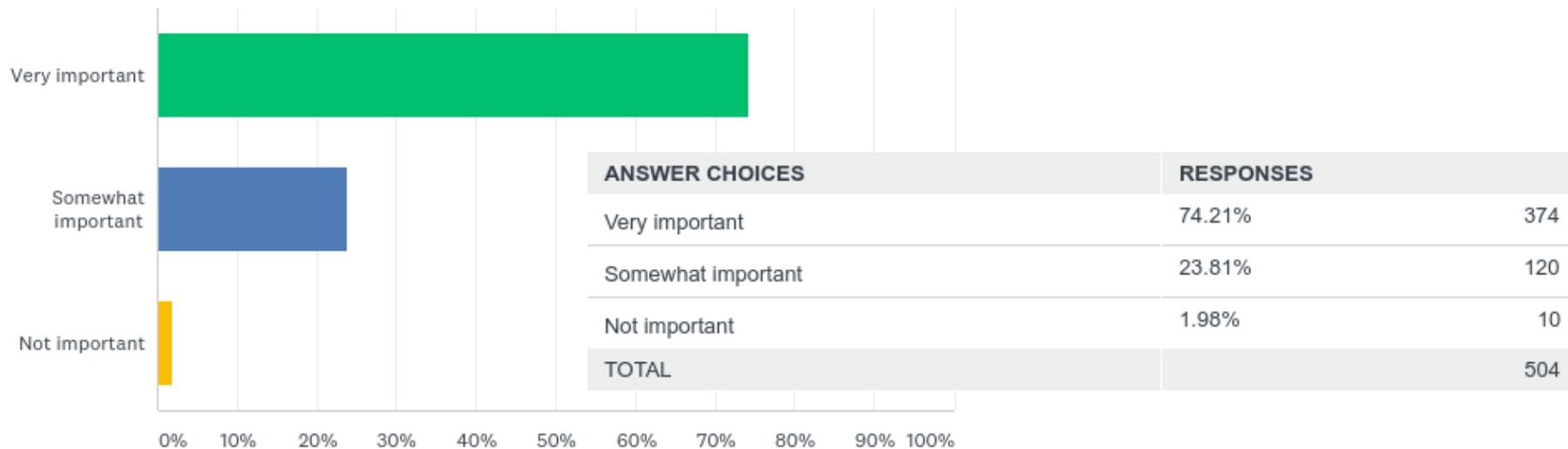
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Very valuable	51.50% 258
Somewhat valuable	33.93% 170
Not so valuable	9.98% 50
Not at all valuable	4.39% 22
Don't have an opinion	0.20% 1
TOTAL	501

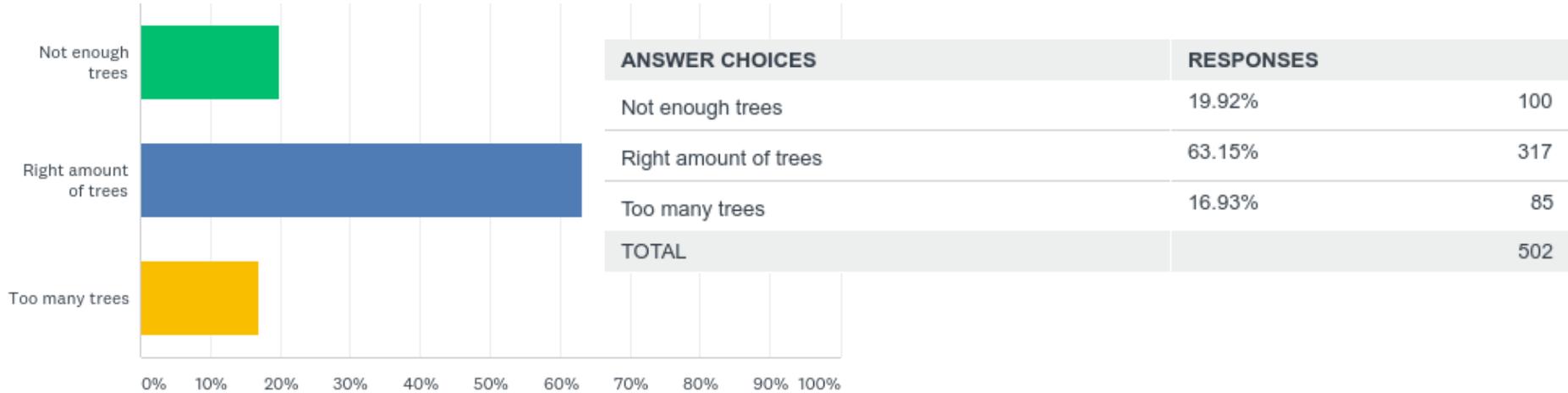
Q4: How would you rate the importance of trees to you and your neighborhood?

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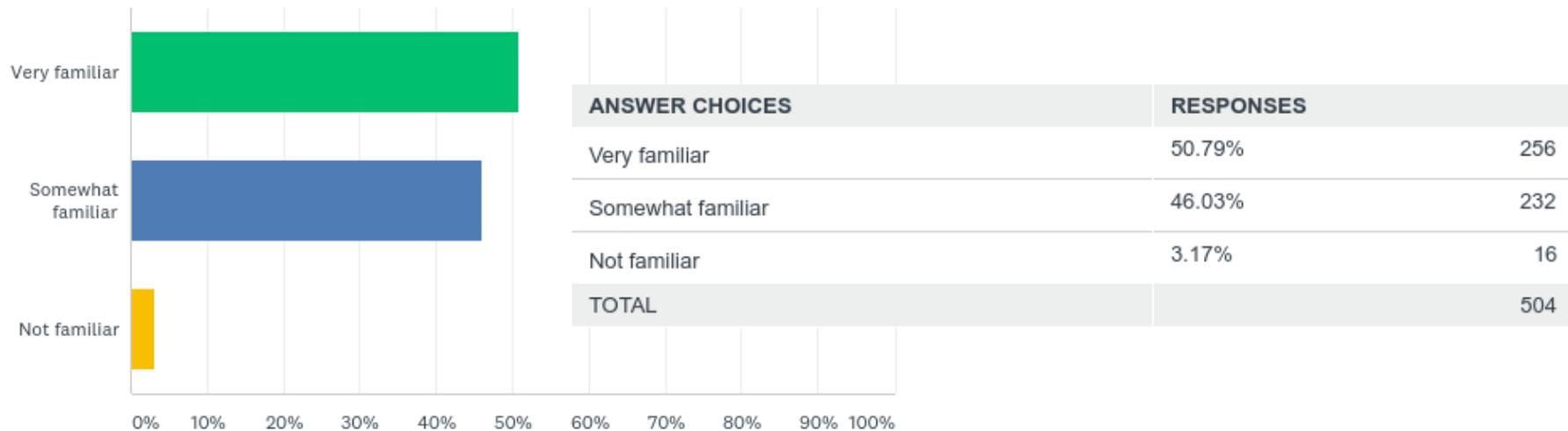
Q5: How do you feel about the number of trees in your neighborhood?

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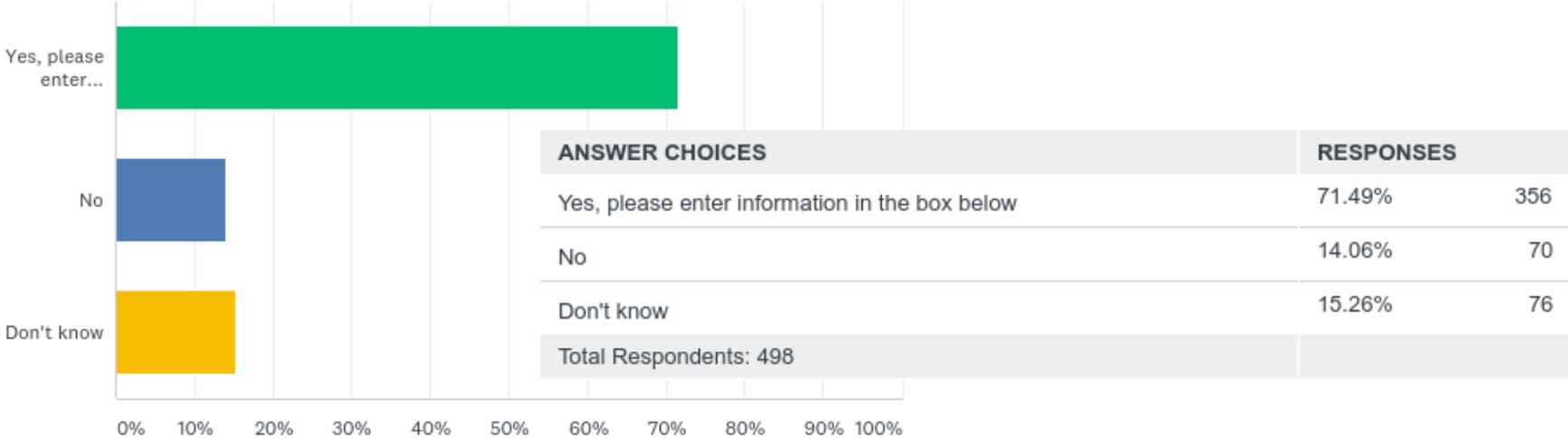
Q6: How familiar are you with the City's Tree Ordinance and permitting process?

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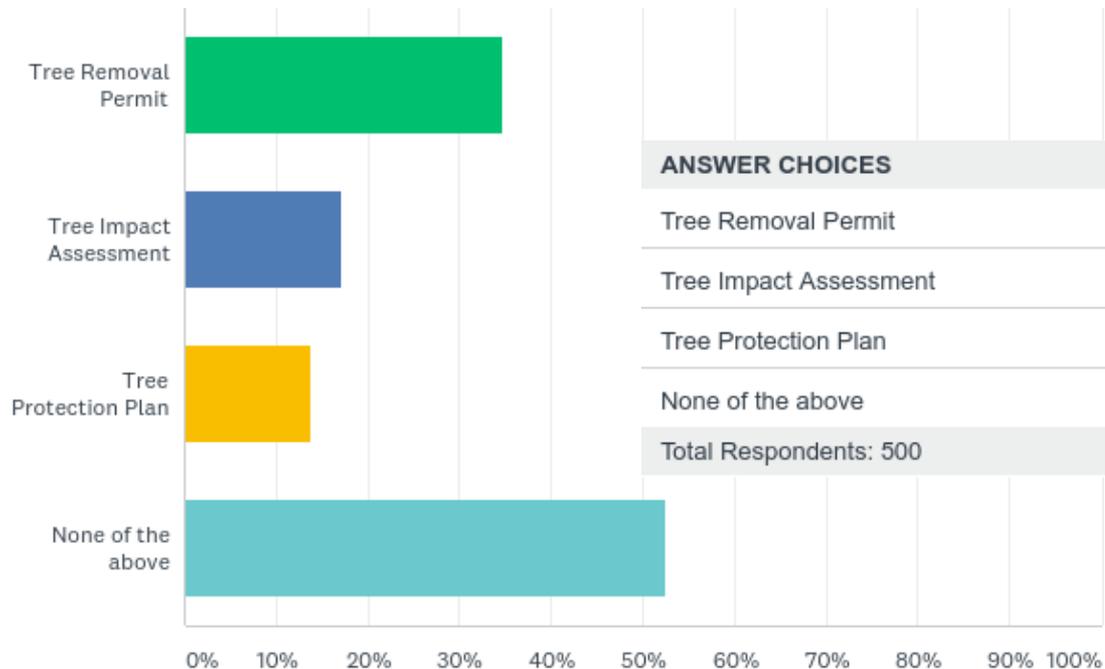
Q7: Do you think the Tree Ordinance should be changed?

Answered: 498 Skipped: 10



Q8: Which of the following have you applied for in the last three (3) years? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 500 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Tree Removal Permit

34.80%

174

Tree Impact Assessment

17.20%

86

Tree Protection Plan

13.80%

69

None of the above

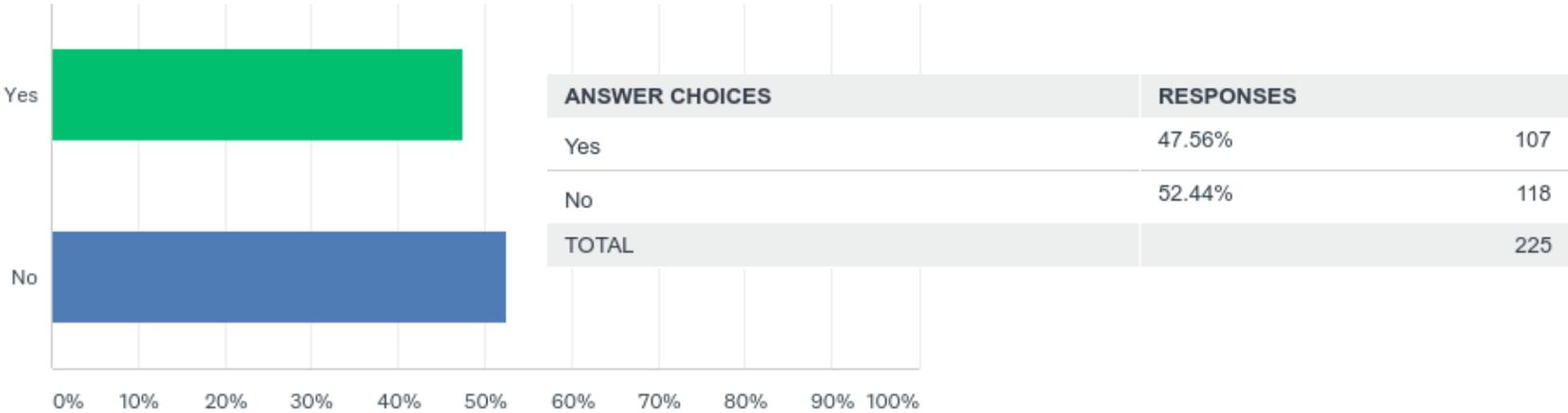
52.60%

263

Total Respondents: 500

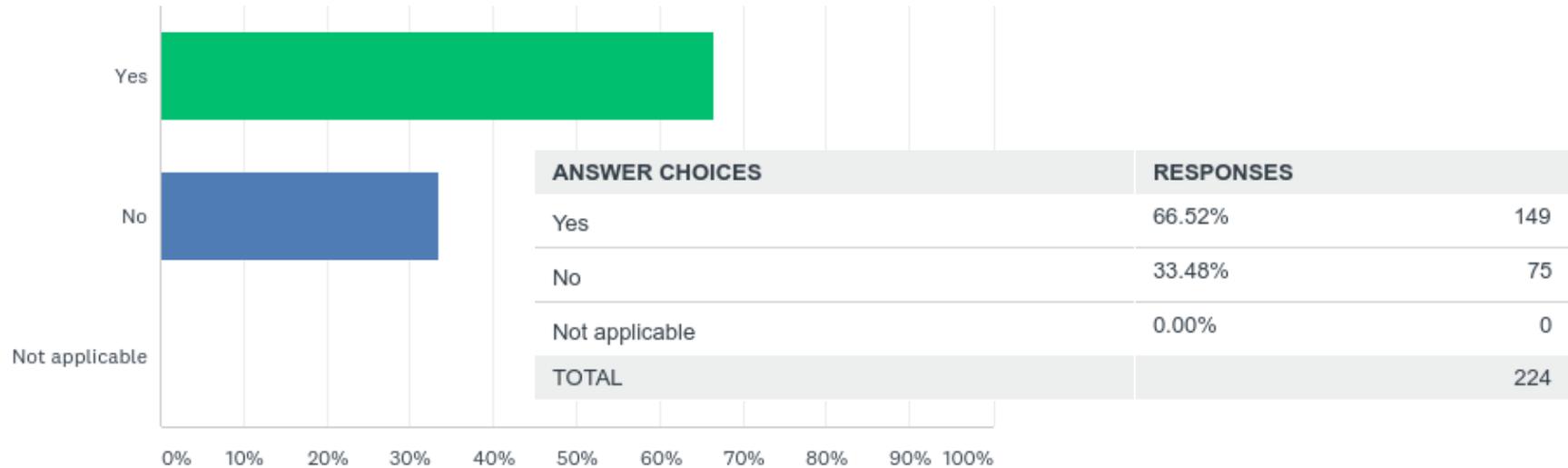
Q9: Did the application process meet your expectations?

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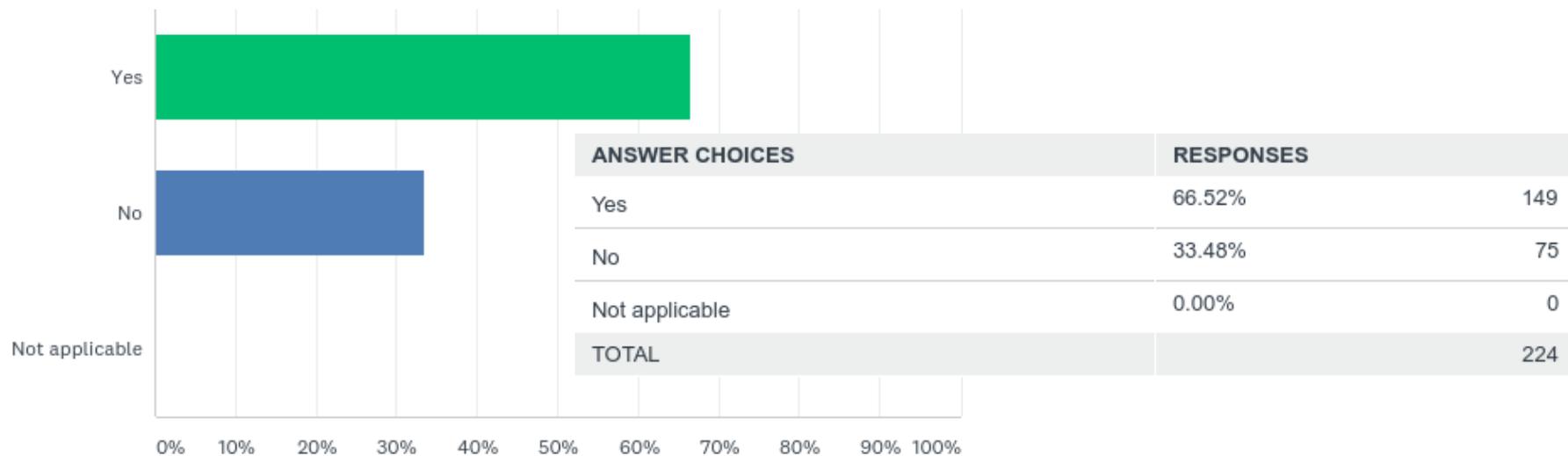
Q10: Was the application process easy to understand?

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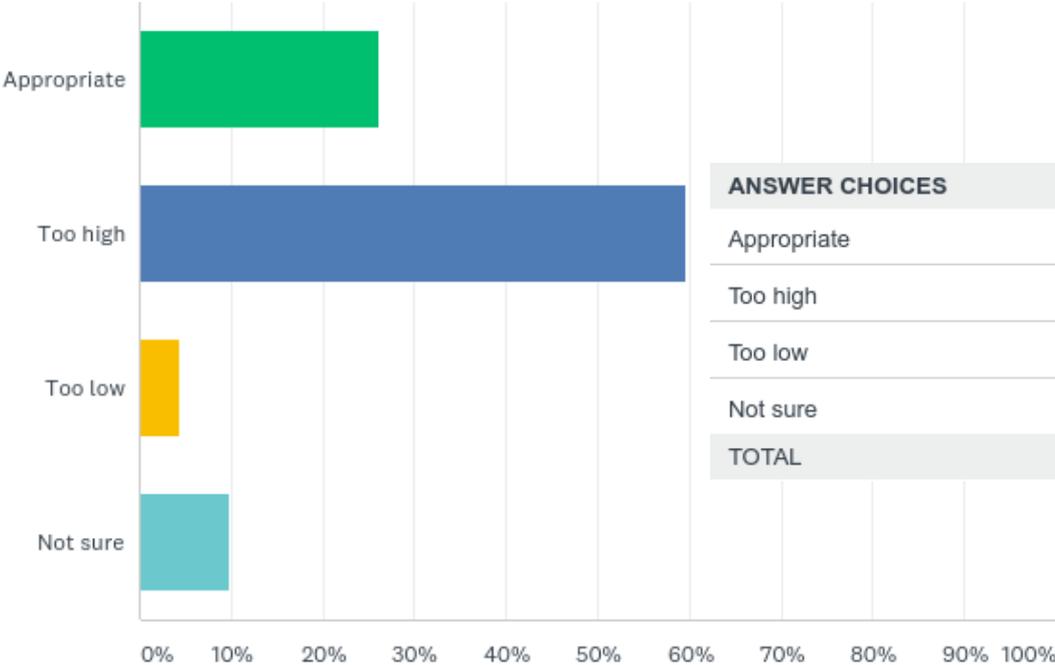
Q11: Did you receive a decision in a timely fashion?

Answered: 224 Skipped: 284



Q12: Do you think the current tree replanting requirements are:

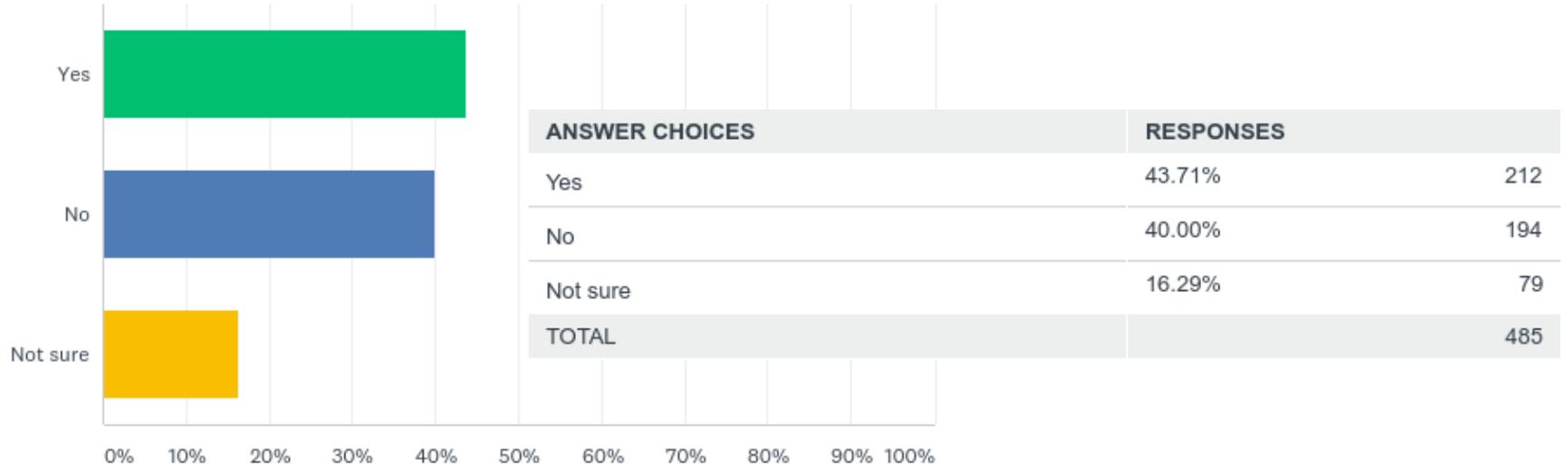
Answered: 485 Skipped: 23



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Appropriate	26.19% 127
Too high	59.59% 289
Too low	4.33% 21
Not sure	9.90% 48
TOTAL	485

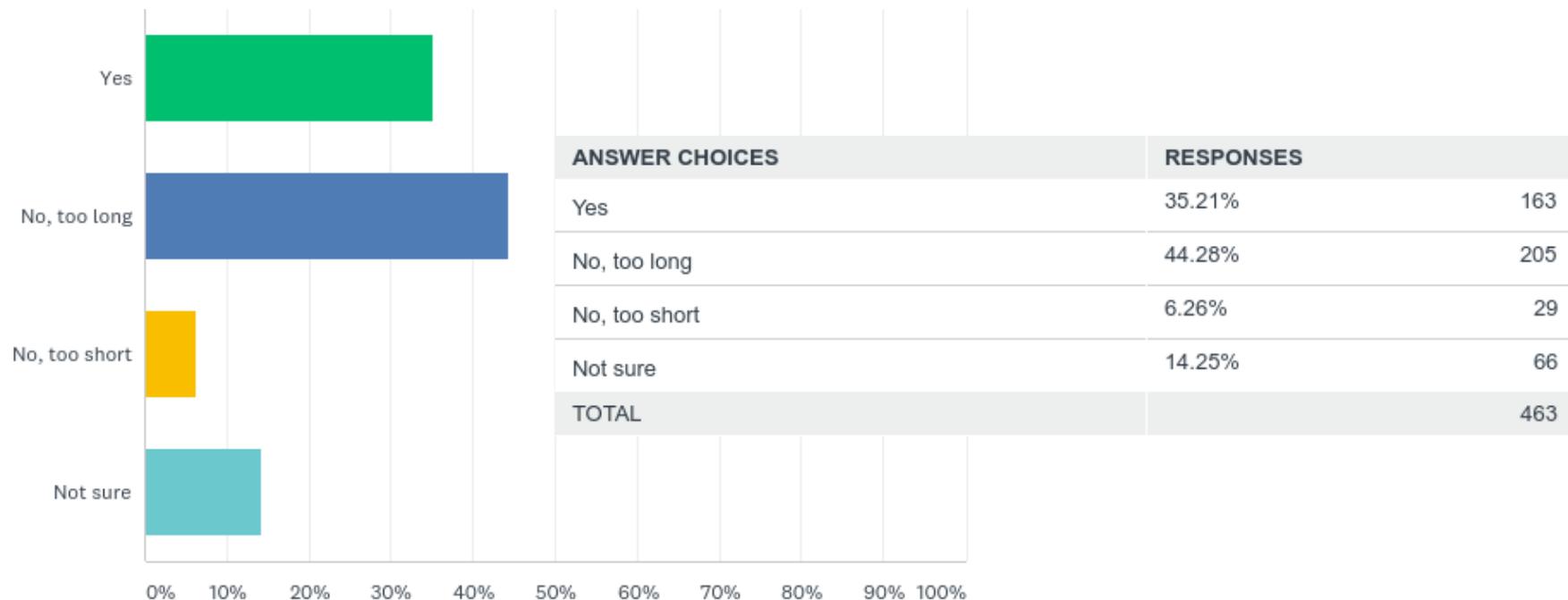
Q13: Before a Tree Removal Permit can be issued or a Tree Protection Plan approved, there is a required 15-day period for comment. Do you think a comment period should be required?

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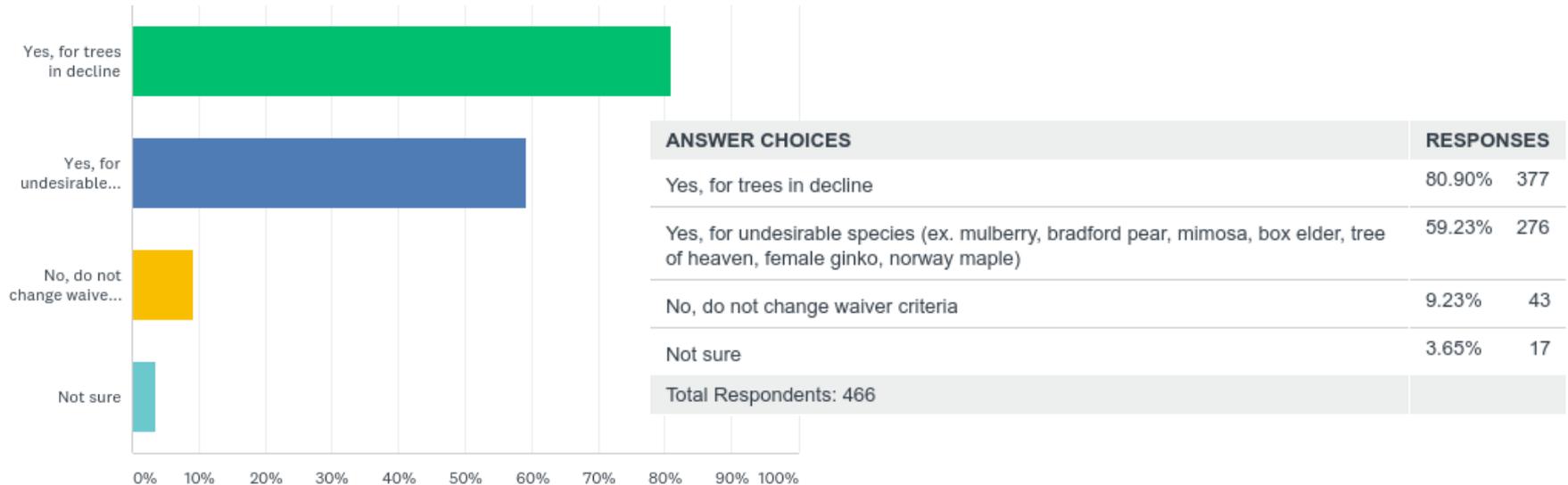
Q14: Do you think the 15-day period is the appropriate length of time for public comment?

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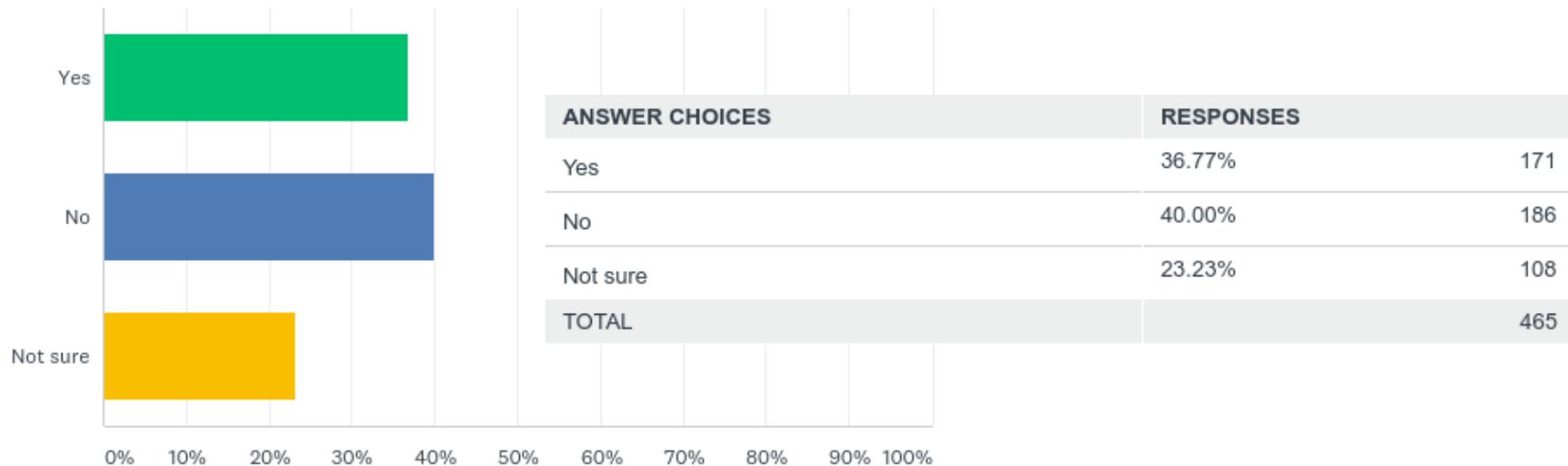
Q15: The current law allows for a waiver from the permit requirements if a tree is dead or hazardous. A tree is considered dead when there is no evidence of live wood, leaves or buds and hazardous if pruning or other maintenance methods cannot resolve the hazard. When a waiver is issued no tree replacement is required. Do you think the City should expand the waiver criteria to include trees in decline (likely to die within 1 to 3 years) or a tree of an undesirable species?

Answered: 466 Skipped: 42



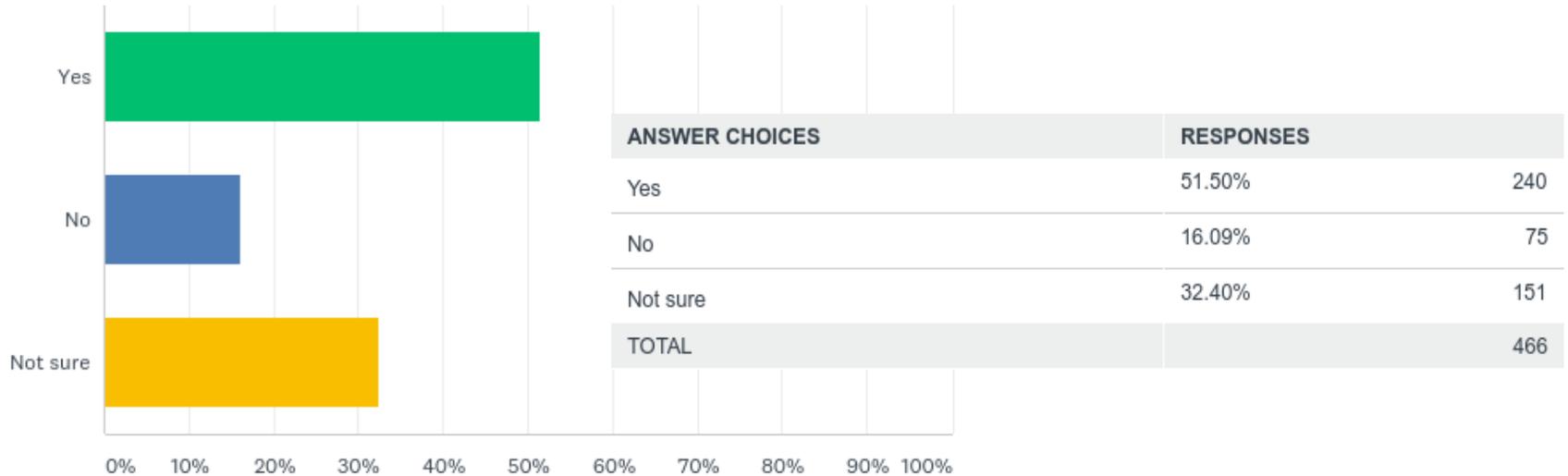
Q16: The current Tree Ordinance allows the denial of permission to remove a tree if it is in good health. Do you agree that the City should be able to deny removal of a tree in good health against the property owners wishes?

Answered: 465 Skipped: 43



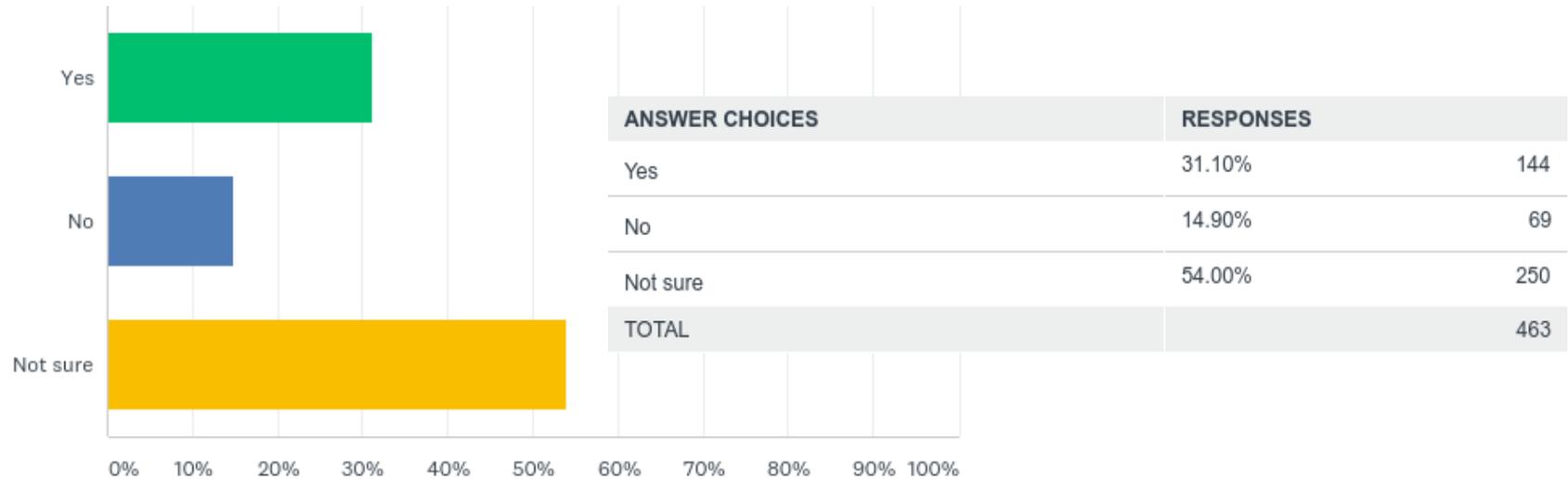
Q17: The City has a Tree Commission, comprised of residents, that among other responsibilities, hears appeals of tree permit decisions. An appeal can be filed by the applicant if their request to remove a tree was denied. An appeal can also be filed by any resident that objects to a tree removal permit or tree protection plan being granted. Do you think there is adequate opportunity to appeal permit decision?

Answered: 466 Skipped: 42



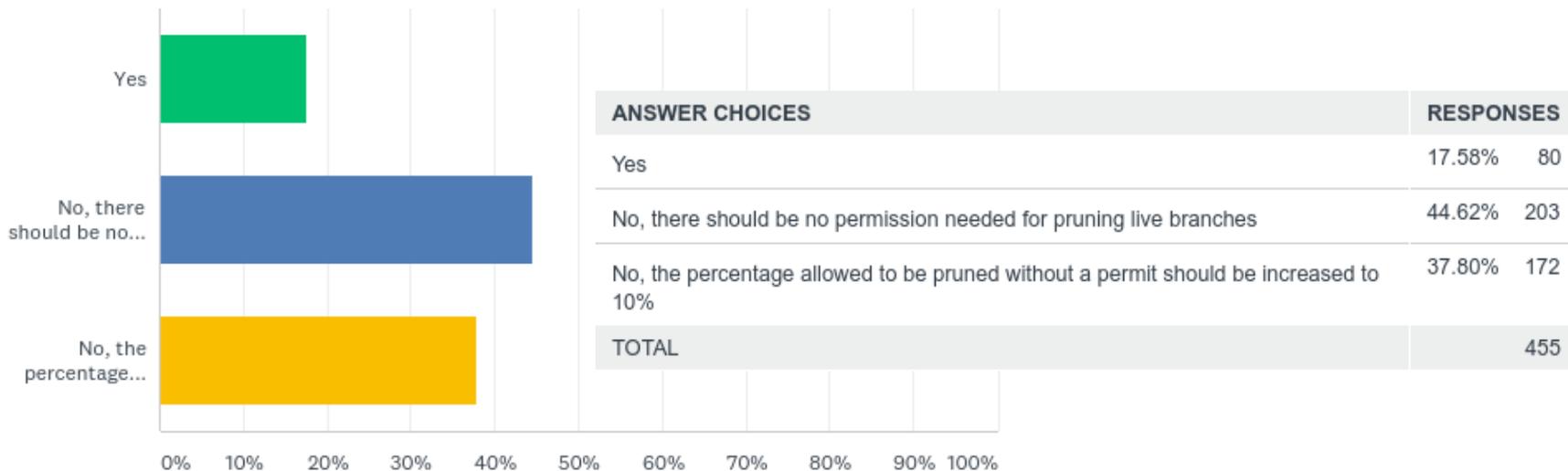
Q18: Do you think other tree related decisions should be allowed to be reviewed or appealed to the Tree Commission?

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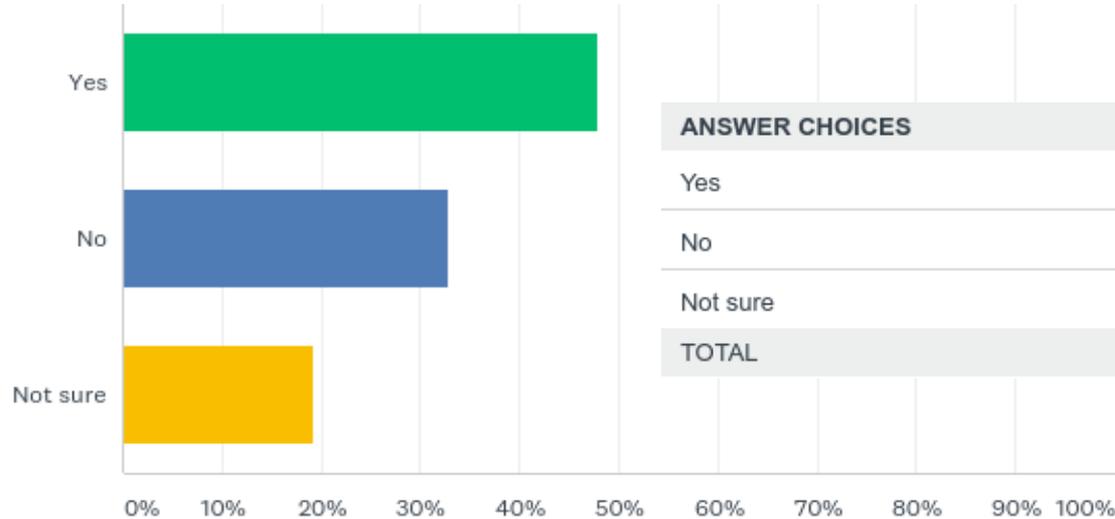
Q19: The Tree Ordinance requires submittal of a Tree Impact Assessment prior to pruning more than 5% of the live branches of a tree. Do you think that the City should require a resident to receive approval for pruning that percentage of live branches?

Answered: 455 Skipped: 53



Q20: Tree Protection Plans are required for a list of activities: Do you think it is reasonable for the city to require this added expense in order to protect the trees in these cases?

Answered: 461 Skipped: 47



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	47.94% 221
No	32.75% 151
Not sure	19.31% 89
TOTAL	461

Q21: Currently permission is not required for installation of a fence. Do you think the law should be changed to require a Tree Impact Assessment for a fence installation?

Answered: 464 Skipped: 44

