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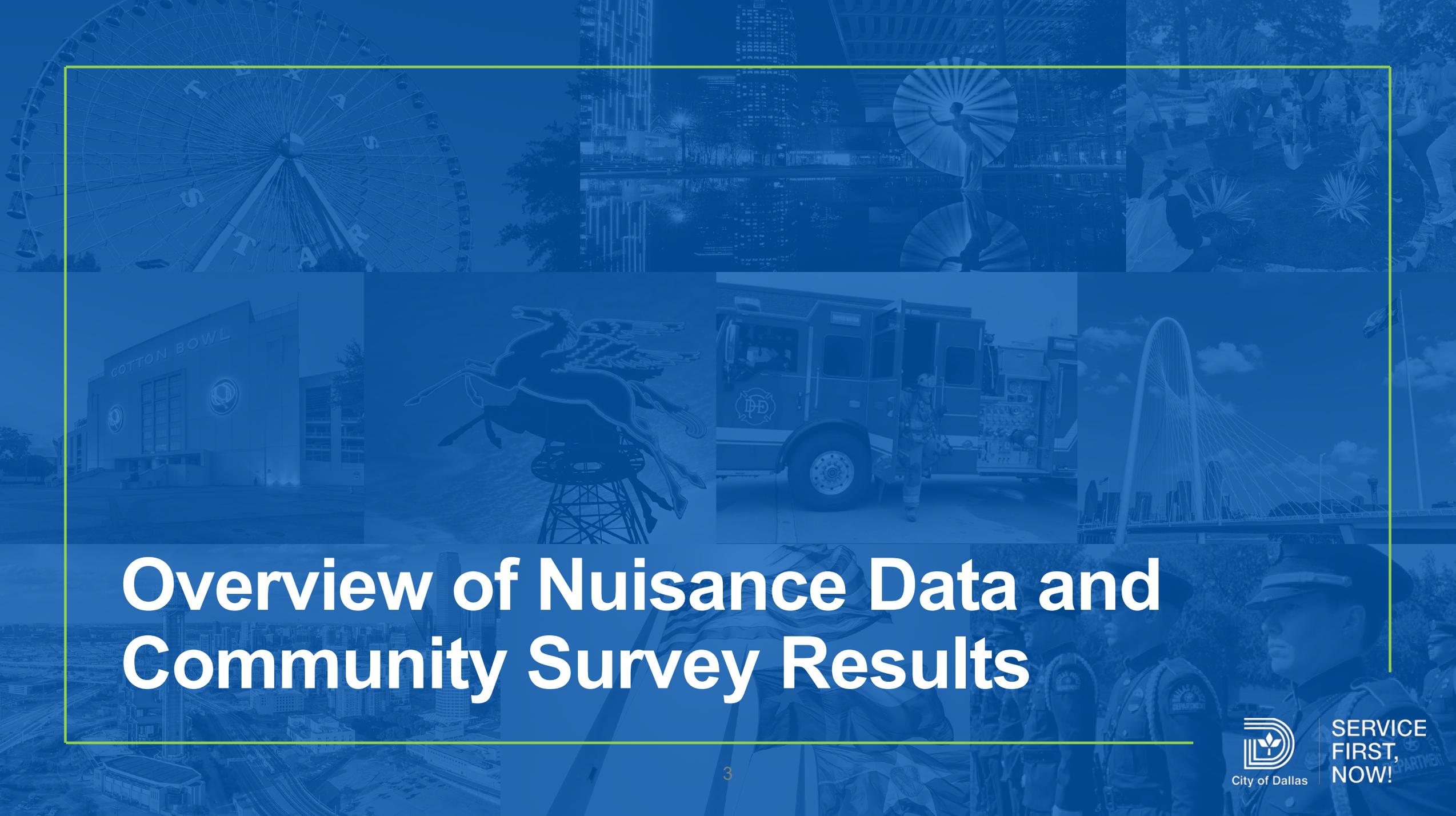
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Overview of Nuisance Data and Community Survey Results

Nuisance Data Overview

Data related to neighborhood nuisances was obtained from Code Compliance, Dallas Police, and Transportation and Public Works Departments.

Nuisance Data by Type and Fiscal Year	FY22-23	FY23-24	% Change	FY24-25	% Change
Code Compliance Noise Concerns	3,091	3,666	18.60%	3,557	-2.97%
Code Compliance Lighting Concern	167	227	35.93%	282	24.23%
Code Compliance Parking Concerns	6,529	7,636	16.96%	7,961	4.26%
Dallas Police Department Noise Concerns	19,569	22,814	16.58%	21,105	-7.49%
Transportation and Public Works Event Parking Concerns	92	167	81.52%	131	-21.56%

Full data broken down by Council District available in the appendix.

Community Survey Results Overview

Community survey results indicated that 84% of respondents reported experiencing event-related activities in their neighborhood sometimes, rarely, or never.

For those experiencing noise nuisances, construction, music, and events were the highest causes of concern.

- 13% of respondents stated they often or very often experience parking overflow or street congestion related to events.
- 78% of respondents did not report having commercial vehicles park in their neighborhood.
- 14% of respondents stated they experienced excessive brightness from neighboring properties.

Full survey results available in the appendix.



Current Parking and Event Regulations

Current R.O.W. Parking Restrictions

Valet Parking

City Ordinance (Sec.43-126.5) requires a license to use the R.O.W for valet operations.

Current Exemptions:

- Occasional valet service at a private residence
- Valet for social or fund-raising events
- Operations entirely on private property with no R.O.W. use

Meter Hooding

City Ordinance (Sec.28-114.12) permits the temporary restriction of paid parking spaces.

The temporary restriction is available through a meter hooding permit issued by Transportation Public Works Department.

Current R.O.W. Parking Restrictions

Meter Hooding Permit:

- Reservation of paid parking (metered) spaces for “No Parking” or “Parking by Permit Only”
- Allowed for utility work, governmental projects or other approved uses
- There is a fee for this service

Temporary “No Parking” Signs

Temporary "no parking" or "parking by permit" signs are used for the temporary reservation of non-metered curb space and are authorized under the City Ordinance for emergency and experimental traffic regulations (Sec. 28-10).

- The ordinance does not provide for a fee or charge for service
- Process and signs are provided free of charge upon request and approval

Key Challenges to Expanding R.O.W. Parking Restrictions

Valet Parking

Key challenges to remove exclusions and to expand Valet Parking license requirements to private residences and social activities include:

- Hard to identify or enforce neighborhood valet operations
- Ability to license or cite appropriate responsible parties

Temporary “No Parking” Signs

There is no clear ordinance for temporarily reserving non-metered curb spaces for uses like utility repairs, street maintenance, film shoots or other needs.

- Spaces cannot be kept clear without installing temporary “No Parking” signs.
- Current process for restricting non-metered curb spaces needs improvement to:
 - Cover the cost of providing this service
 - Provide clear guidelines for the process

Current Ordinances Managing Special Events

Special Event Permits Chapter 42A

City Ordinance (Chapter 42A) requires a permit to activate a special event as defined in Chapter 42A, which includes:

A temporary outdoor gathering, with an expected total attendance greater than 100, which involves one or more of the following on private or public property where otherwise prohibited by ordinance:

Closing or restricting of a public street lane, alley, or sidewalk; restricting access to public property; sale of merchandise, food, alcohol, or other beverages where otherwise not permitted as a neighborhood market or by an annual Dallas Farmers Market farmers market permit; erection of a tent larger than 399 square feet in area or erection of multiple tents with a cumulative area of over 399 square feet; installation of a temporary stage, bandshell, outdoor projection technology, trailer, van, grandstand, bleachers, or portable toilets for public use; use of city hall plaza; a run, walk, ride, or special event parade; placement of temporary no parking, directional, oversized, or identification signs or banners in connection with an event that are placed in or over a public right-of-way, or on private property where otherwise prohibited by ordinance; or clean zone enforcement.



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Traffic Challenges

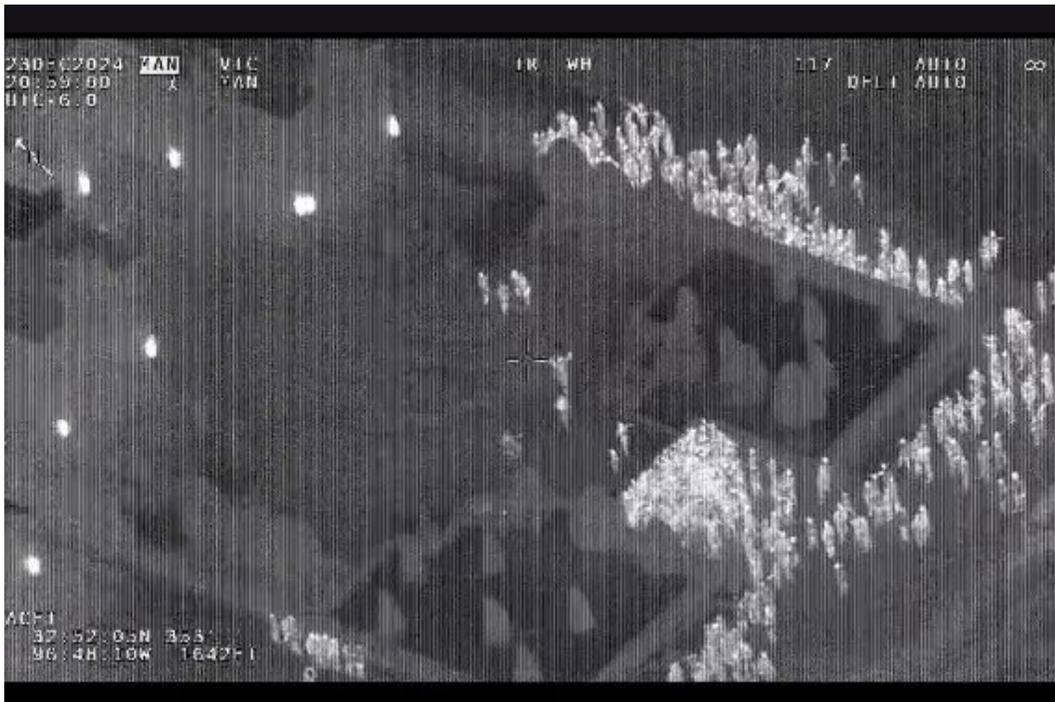
Extraordinary neighborhood events can present significant public safety risks, particularly when large crowds gather on residential streets that are not designed to accommodate high pedestrian volumes or event-related activity. Many residential streets lack sidewalks and other infrastructure needed to safely support hundreds of attendees, even when temporary street closures are in place.

Prior to permitted street closures, residents have reported traffic congestion and gridlock associated with these events. In some cases, this congestion has restricted residents' ability to enter or exit their homes and has delayed or complicated access for first responders.

Example: Following the reopening of a residential street after an event in December 2025, a major vehicle collision involving a police officer occurred at a nearby arterial intersection. Contributing factors included limited visibility and traffic congestion as vehicles exited the neighborhood and attempted to merge across multiple lanes of traffic.

Special Event Permitting Recap: Traffic & Crowd Control Challenges

Air One overhead view of pedestrian and vehicular traffic congestion and crowd control challenges at an extraordinary neighborhood event.



*Air One Helicopter overhead shot at extraordinary neighborhood event on 12/23/2024

Special Event Permitting Recap: Police Staffing Costs

Year	DPD Staff Hours Required	DPD Staff Cost	DPD Fleet Cost	Air Fleet Cost	Total DPD Cost
2024	250	\$17,546.35	\$7,206.19	\$622.50	\$25,375.04
2025	288*	\$22,211.28	\$8,282.00		\$30,493.28
Future Years	1,674**	\$92,070.00	\$48,127.50		\$140,197.50

*Special Event Permit reduced city burden and supported street management with off-duty resources paid by permit holder.

**This is calculated by assuming DPD staffed a street closure for 7days/week 5 p.m. - 2 a.m. with no special event permit from October 31 – January 1.

Key Takeaway:

Use of a Special Event Permit materially reduces on duty city staffing needs and taxpayer cost while improving safety and coordination.



Policy Considerations and Next Steps

Policy Recommendations

- 1. Amending Chapter 42A by linking Section 28-10**
- 2. Amending Offensive Noise Code**

Policy Recommendations

Policy recommendations include amending and linking:

- Section 28-10 – Emergency and Experimental Regulations and
- Chapter 42A Special Event; Neighborhood Markets; Dallas Farmers Market Farmers Market; Streetlight Pole Banners

The team has reviewed several ordinance connections and has chosen to focus on Section 28-10, as it directly addresses key issues related to traffic management and emergency vehicle access. The team believes that linking 42A to Section 28-10 is the most logical choice, especially since Special Event permits necessitate a public safety review by the Dallas Police Department and the Transportation Public Works Department.

Potential Special Event Definition Code Amendment

Consider adding a subsection to the definition of a Special Event as defined in Dallas City Code Chapter 42A-2. Definitions, (22) Special Event:

(B) a temporary outdoor display or exhibition with a special condition that requires an emergency traffic regulation in accordance with Section 28-10.

Potential Noise Code Amendment

To the list of loud and disturbing noises presumed offensive to the ordinary sensibilities of the inhabitants of the city (Dallas City Code Sec. 30-2), consider adding:

(14) The use of amplified sound equipment at a residence that produces a sound audible beyond the property line of the premises between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Such a code amendment would decrease subjectivity in the enforcement process and eliminate requiring a witness to allege that the noise is offensive.

Next Steps

Based on Committee guidance, staff will advance supported policy recommendations.

- Full Council consideration (Consent Agenda)



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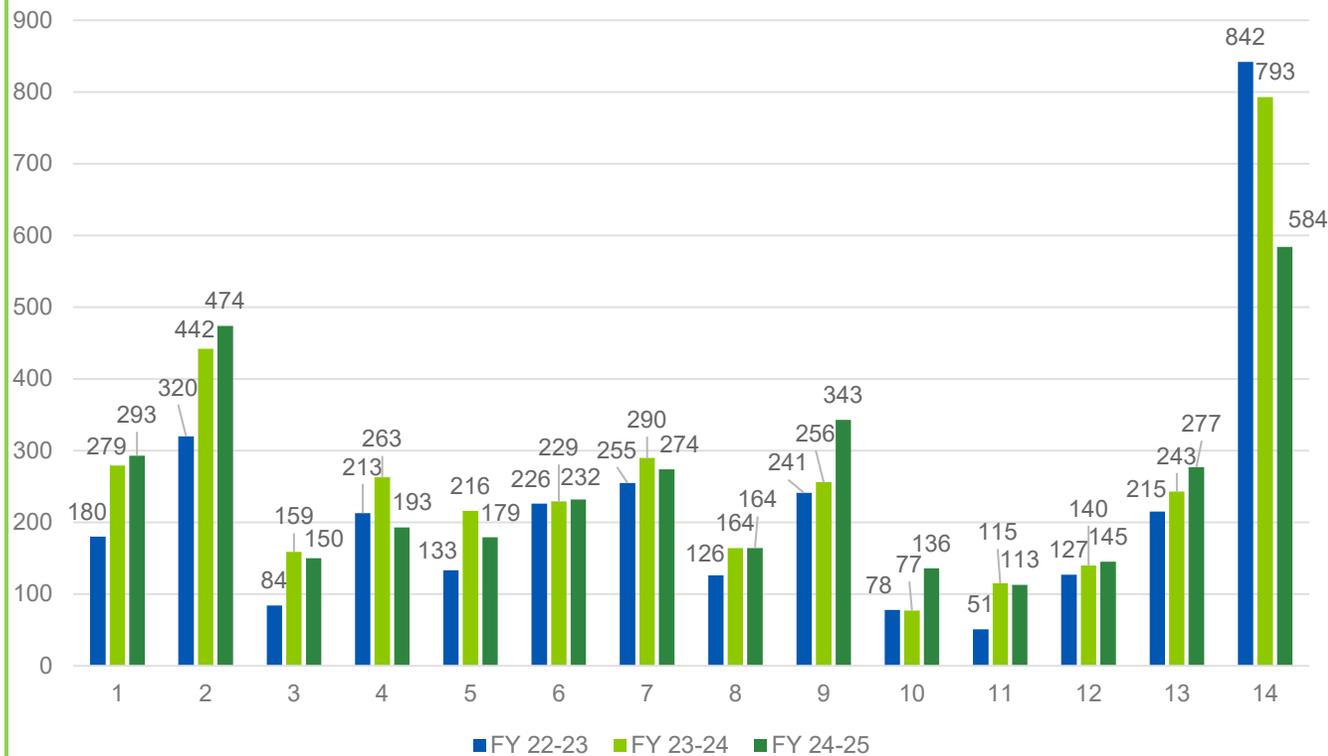
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Appendix: Code Compliance Noise Data

CCS Noise Concerns by Council District and Fiscal Year

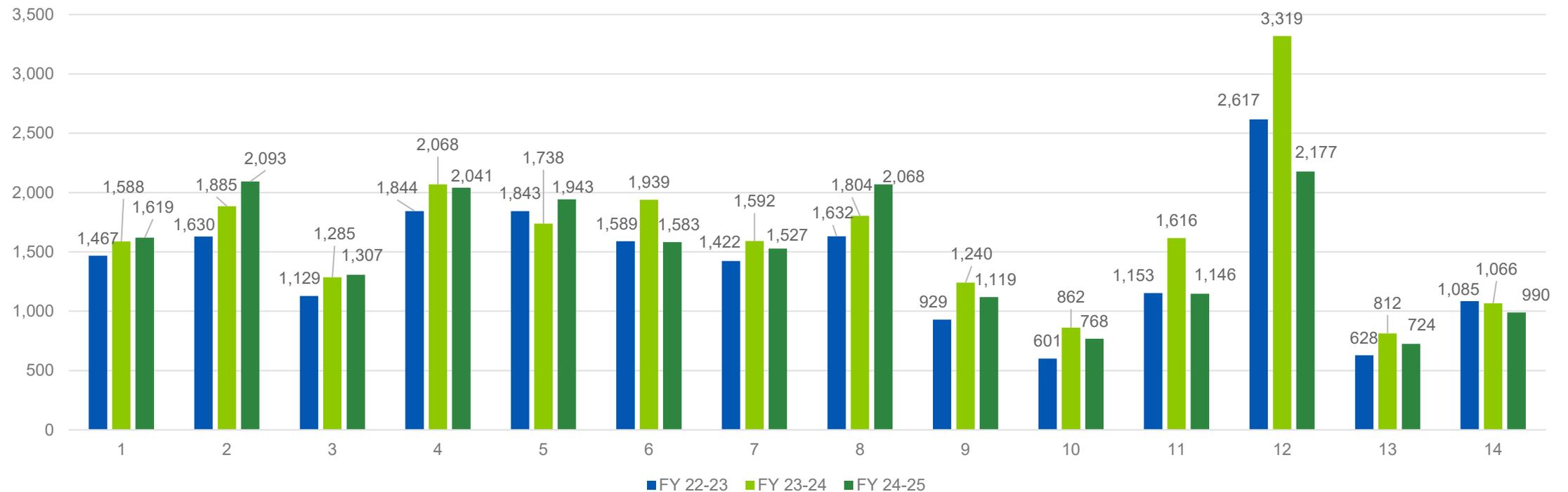


Concern Type	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25
Loud Music / Party	614	925	758
Construction Noise	351	614	637
Animal Noise	321	364	407
Mechanical Noise	293	365	344
Homeless Activity	49	95	63
Traffic / Vehicle Noise	49	76	80
Dumpster Pick-up	42	63	66
People Yelling / Fighting	15	22	21
Sirens / Alarms	7	7	15
Uncategorized / No Description	1350	1135	1166
Total	3091	3666	3557

**The following 311 data was filtered out of this report: Multi-family properties, business properties, right-of-way noise, and duplicates.

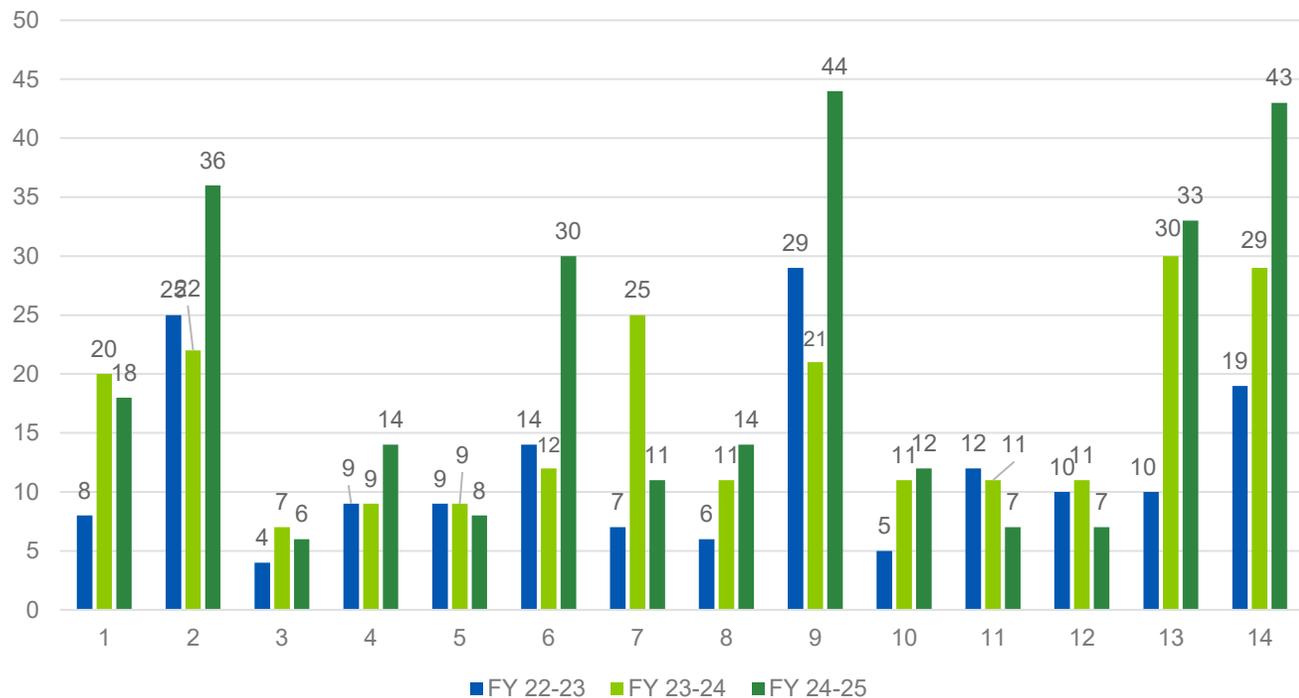
Appendix: Dallas Police Noise Data

DPD Loud Music Calls by Council District and Fiscal Year



Appendix: Code Compliance Lighting Data

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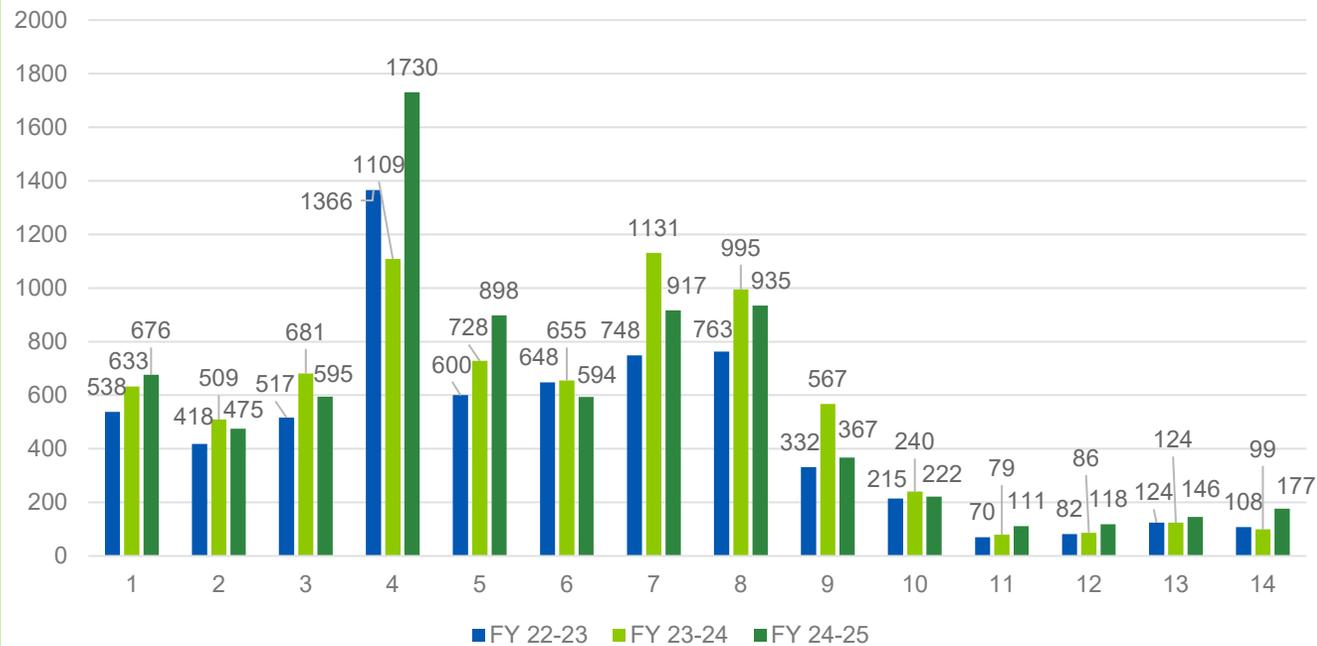


Type of Concern	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25
Light Glare	84	109	164
Inadequate Lighting	51	72	73
Broken lights	10	15	17
Construction lights	9	14	6
Homeless Encampment / Squatters	7	12	16
No lighting permit	4	4	5
Holiday light fire hazard	1	0	0
Holiday lights all year round	1	0	1
Total	167	227	282

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Appendix: Code Compliance Parking Data

CCS Parking on Unapproved Surfaces Concerns by Council District and Fiscal Year



Appendix: Transportation and Public Work Parking Data

Council District	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
1	5	4	4
2	21	16	25
3	12	64	23
4	6	3	7
5	2	2	5
6	5	13	7
7	5	9	4
8	2	6	3
9	4	6	4
10	6	9	4
11	3	7	8
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13	8	13	11
14	13	8	22
Total	92	167	131

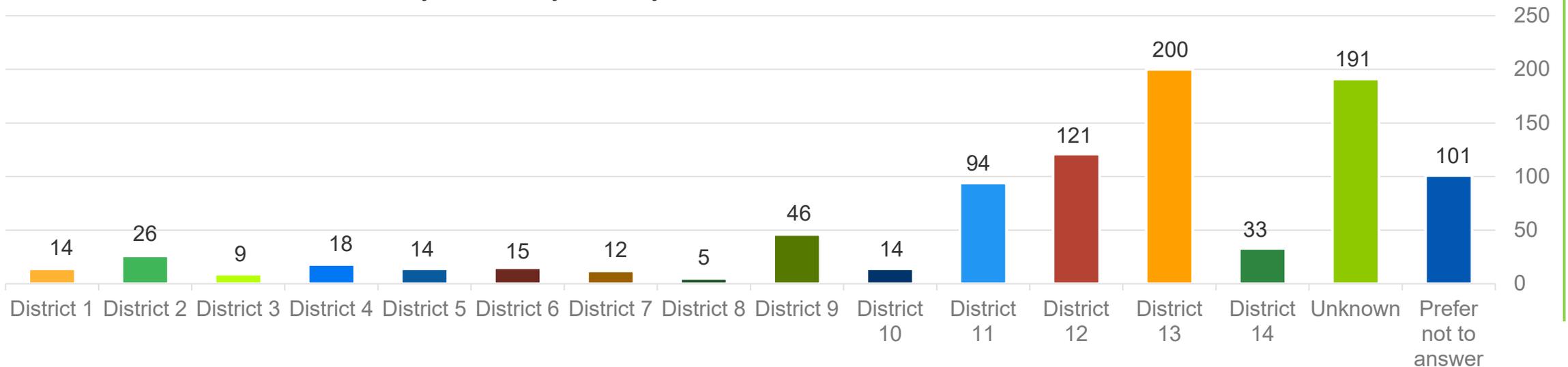
Violation Type Reported	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025	Total
24 Hour violation	26	35	17	78
Commercial/Oversized Vehicle in Residential zone	5	18	9	32
Expired Meter or Exceeding the Posted Time Limit	1		1	2
Facing Wrong side of the Road	12	11	12	35
No Parking/No Standing	28	24	30	82
Obstructing a Fire Hydrant	1	1	4	6
Obstructing a Sidewalk	4	45	22	71
Other	15	33	36	84
Total	92	167	131	390

Key Words:
 Event (93)
 Loitering (5)
 Loud Music (20)
 Party (93)
 Rental (136)
 Short Term Rental (42)

Appendix: Community Survey Results

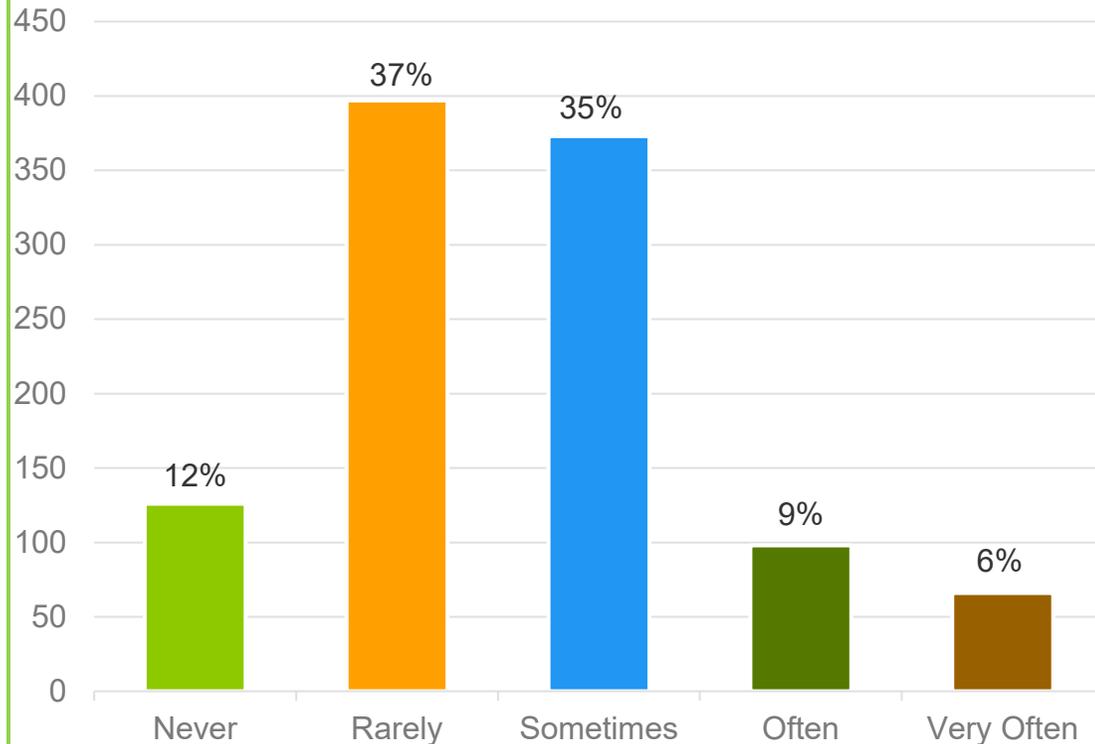
A twelve-question survey was created for public engagement and taken to HOA's and Neighborhood Groups. This survey, administered by ZenCity, was intended to increase understanding of the effects of residential gatherings, noise, and lighting concerns. 1,060 submissions were recorded as of January 4, 2026.

If you know your City Council district, select it from the list below.

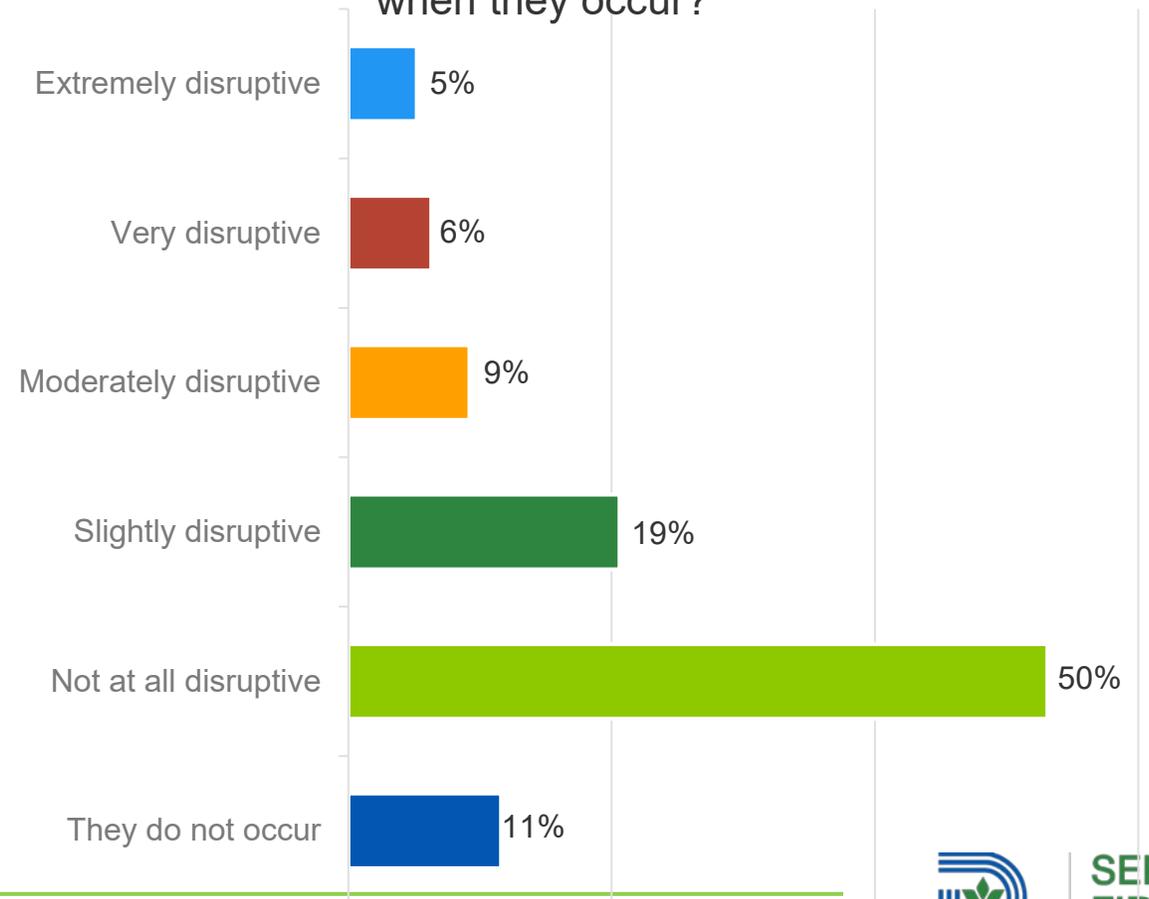


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How often do large gatherings or event-related activities (e.g. parties, backyard gatherings, noise from event venues) occur in your neighborhood?

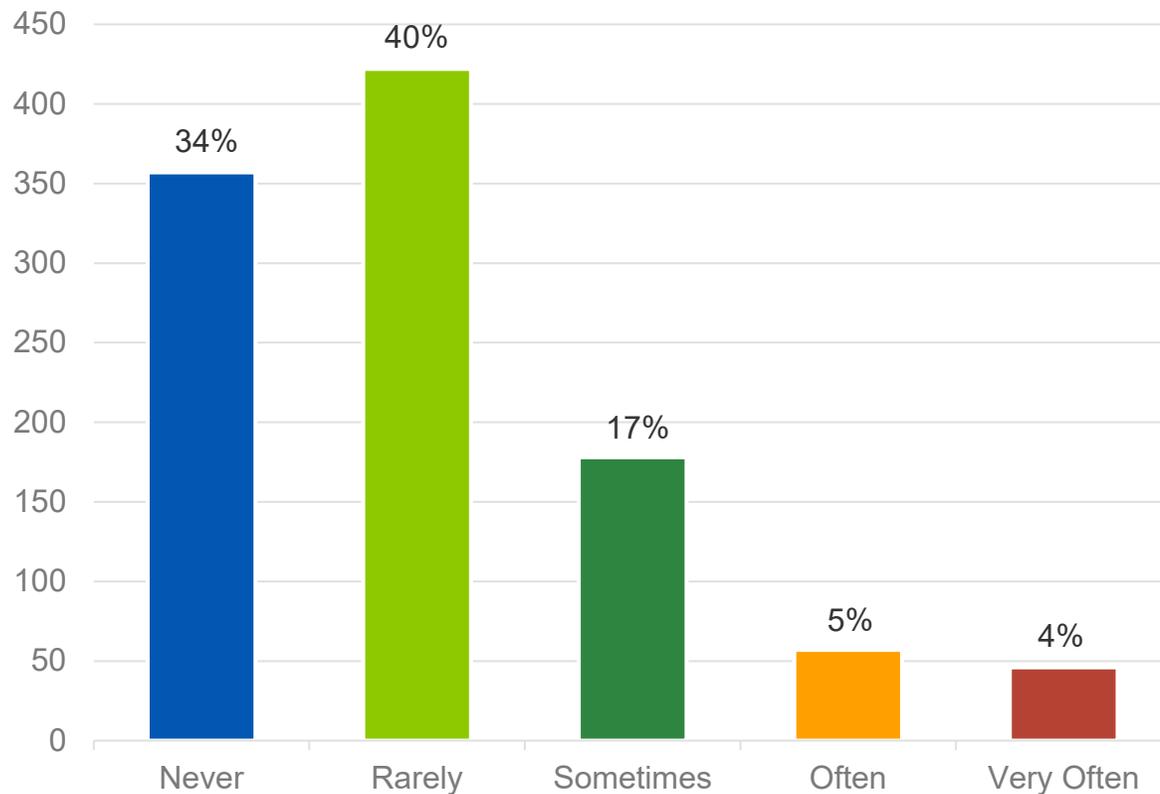


On average, how disruptive are these gatherings when they occur?

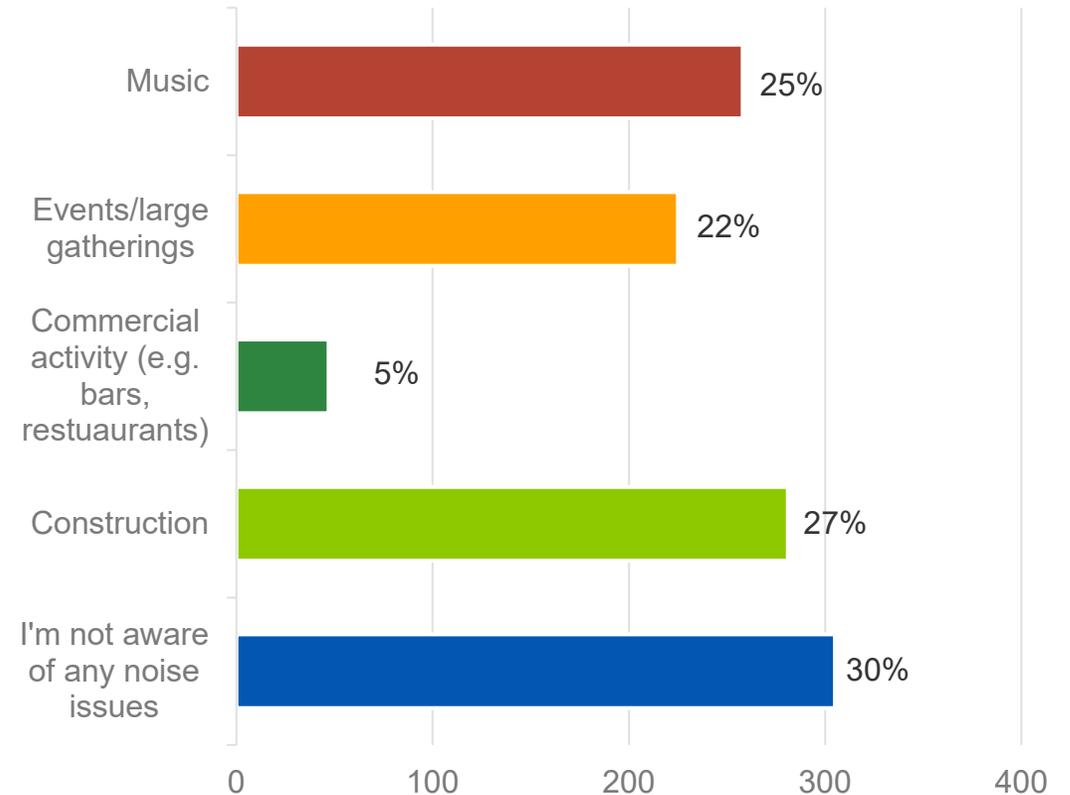


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How often do you experience noise-related issues due to events or gatherings?

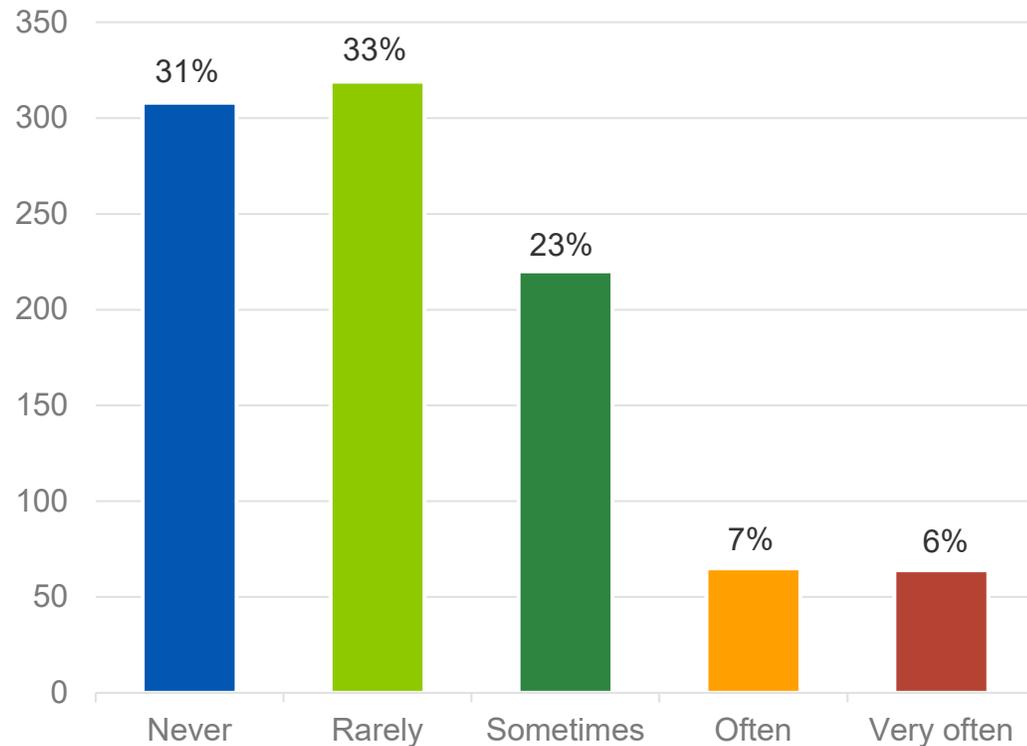


What types of noise most affect your neighborhood?

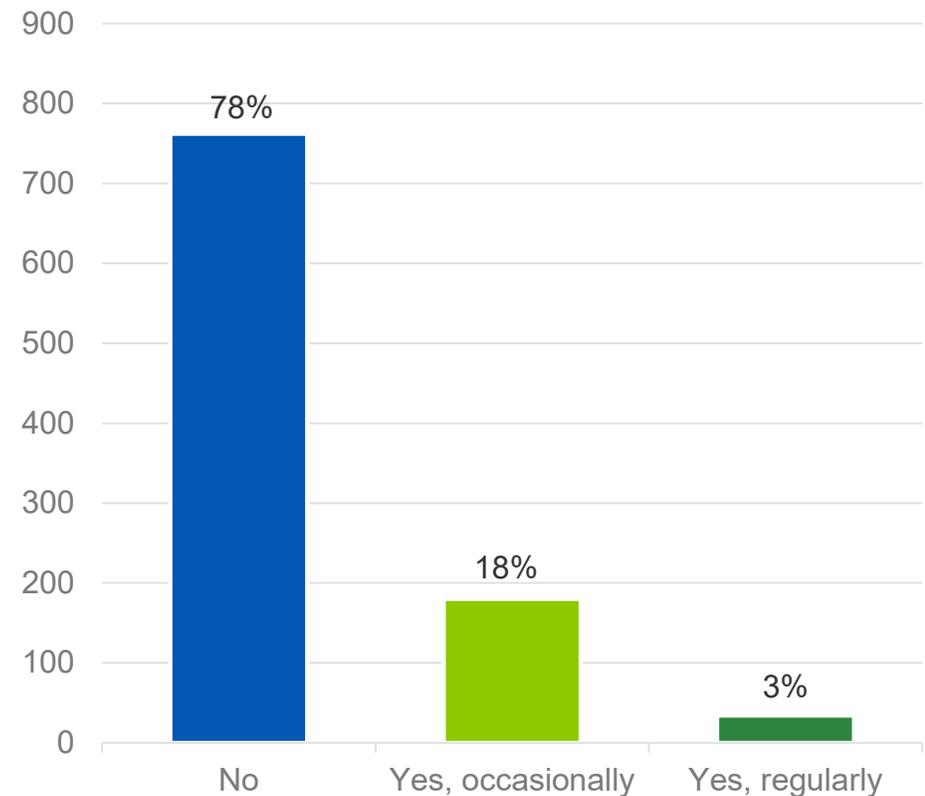


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How often do you experience parking overflow or street congestion related to events or gatherings?

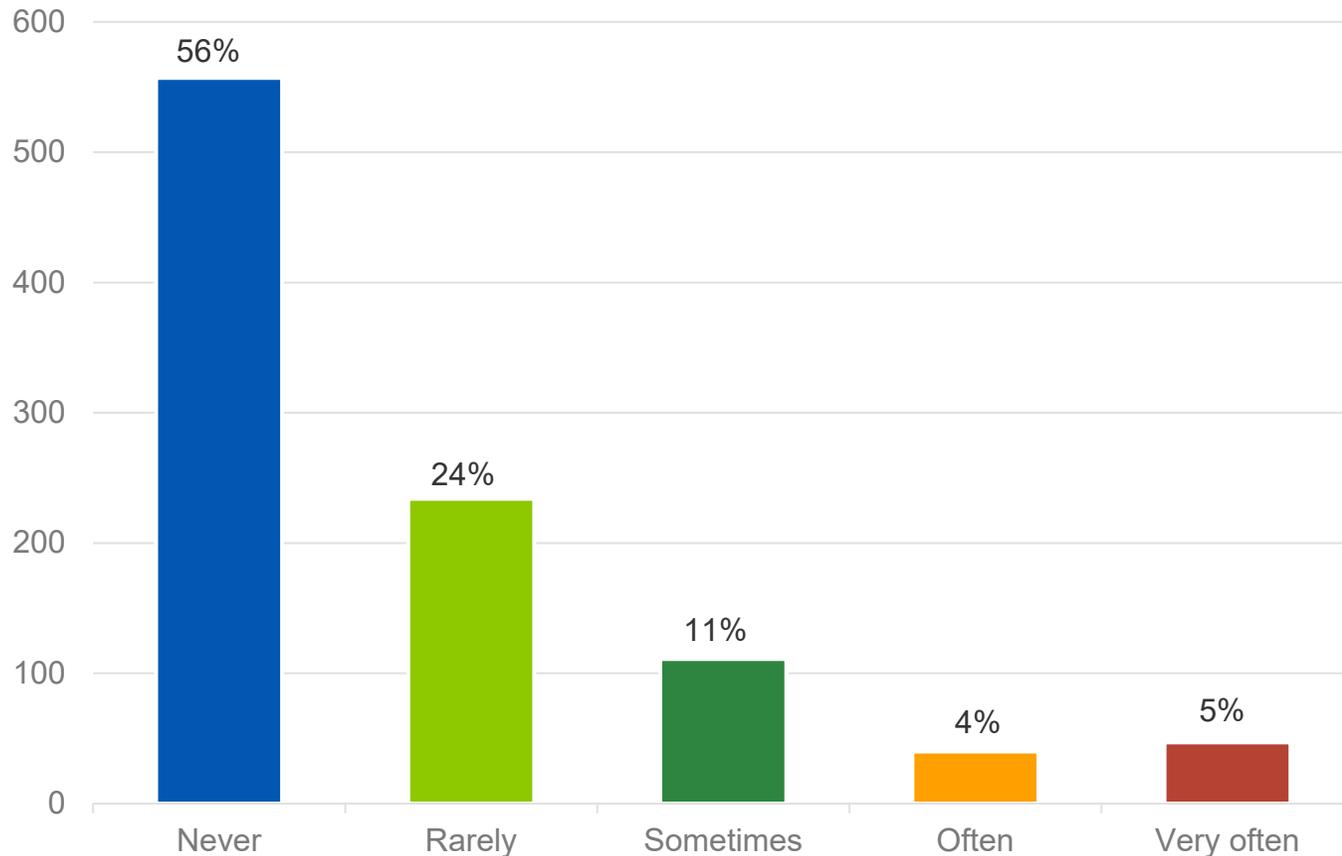


Do commercial vehicles park overnight in your residential area?

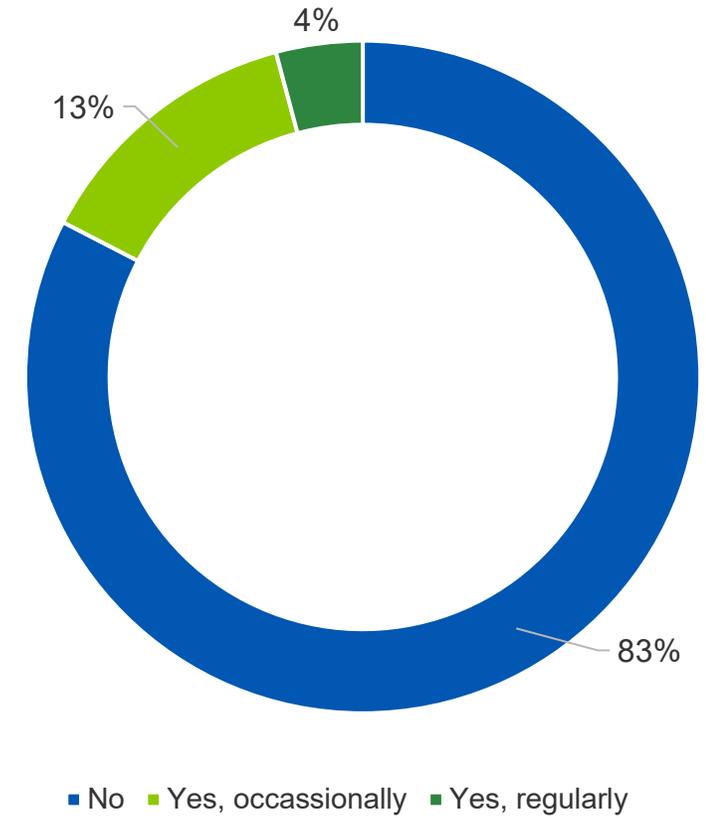


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How often do you experience bright or excessive lighting in your neighborhood?

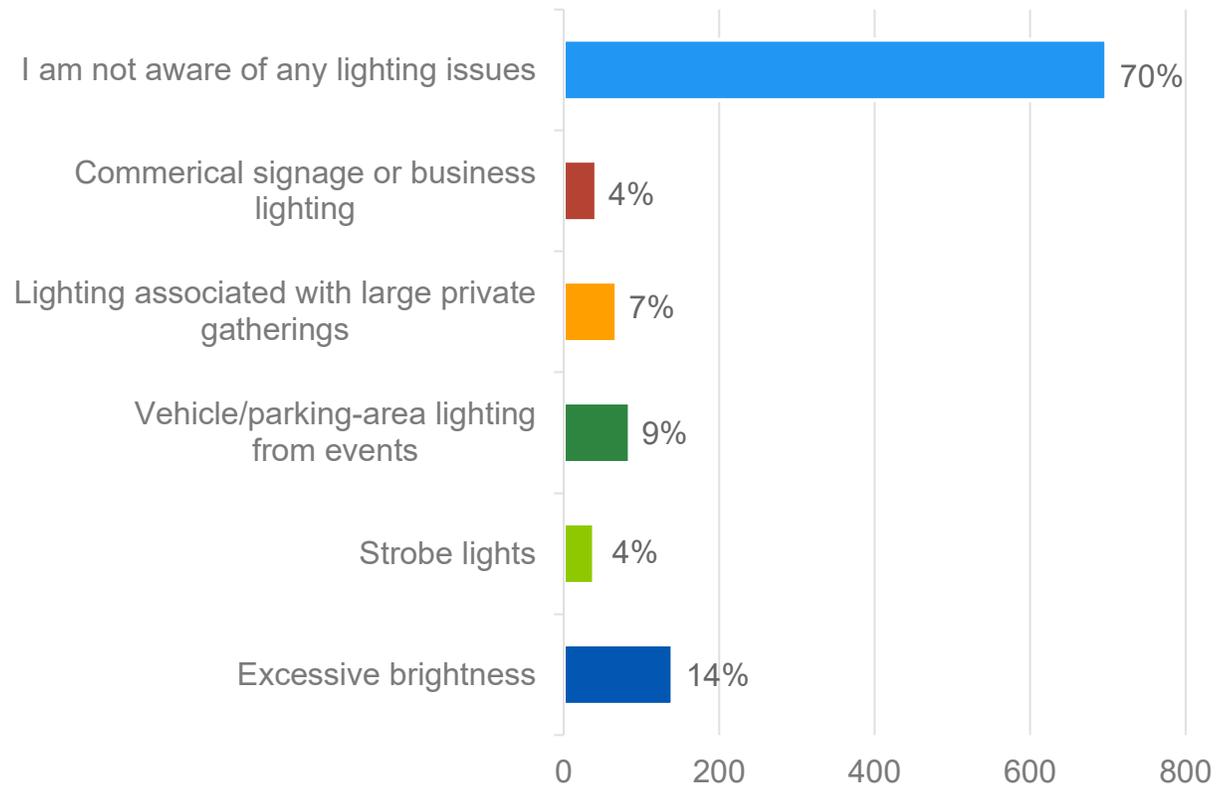


Do bright lights from nearby homes affect your comfort or sleep?



Appendix: Community Survey Results

What lighting issues have you noticed?



Do you support limits on the size or frequency of private gatherings?

