

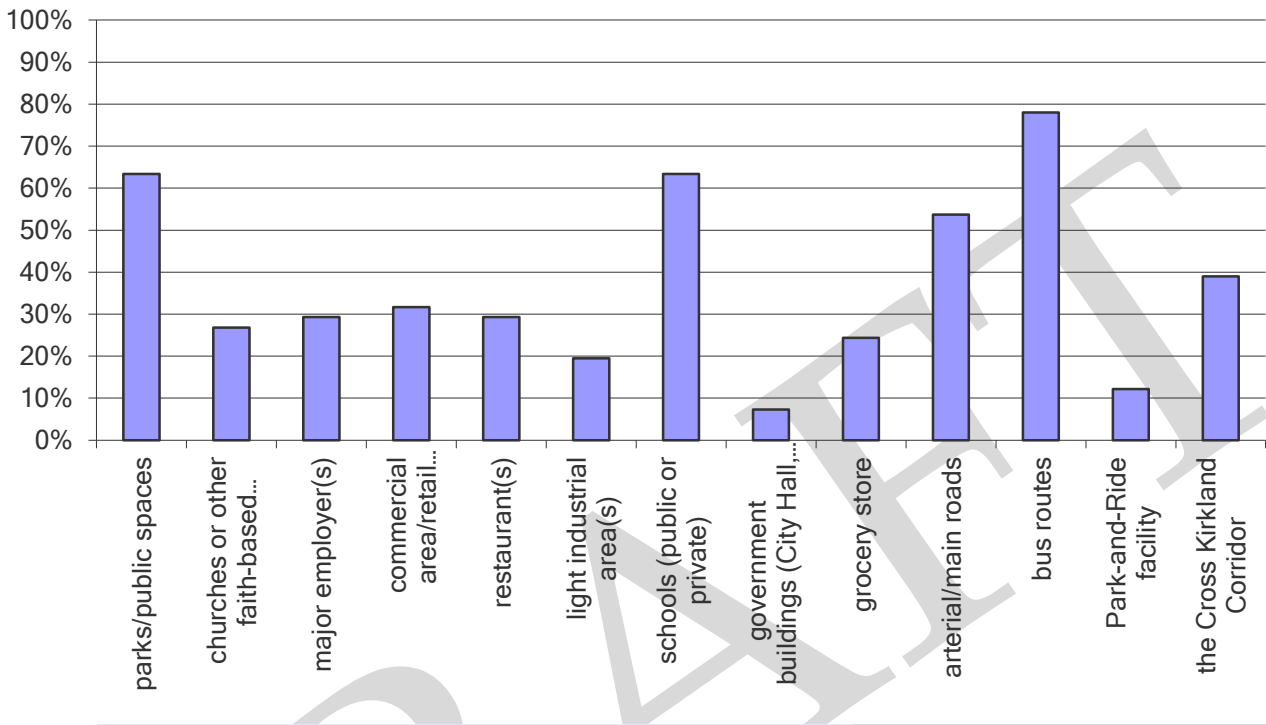
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KAN Parking Survey

Preliminary Results
Houghton Neighborhood
November 1, 2015

Q3: I live in the immediate area of:



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
parks/public spaces	63.4%	26
churches or other faith-based gathering places	26.8%	11
major employer(s)	29.3%	12
commercial area/retail businesses	31.7%	13
restaurant(s)	29.3%	12
light industrial area(s)	19.5%	8
schools (public or private)	63.4%	26
government buildings (City Hall, Police Station, Courthouse, Post Office, City Maintenance Center, etc.)	7.3%	3
grocery store	24.4%	10
arterial/main roads	53.7%	22
bus routes	78.0%	32
Park-and-Ride facility	12.2%	5
the Cross Kirkland Corridor	39.0%	16
Other (please specify)		2
answered question		41
skipped question		3

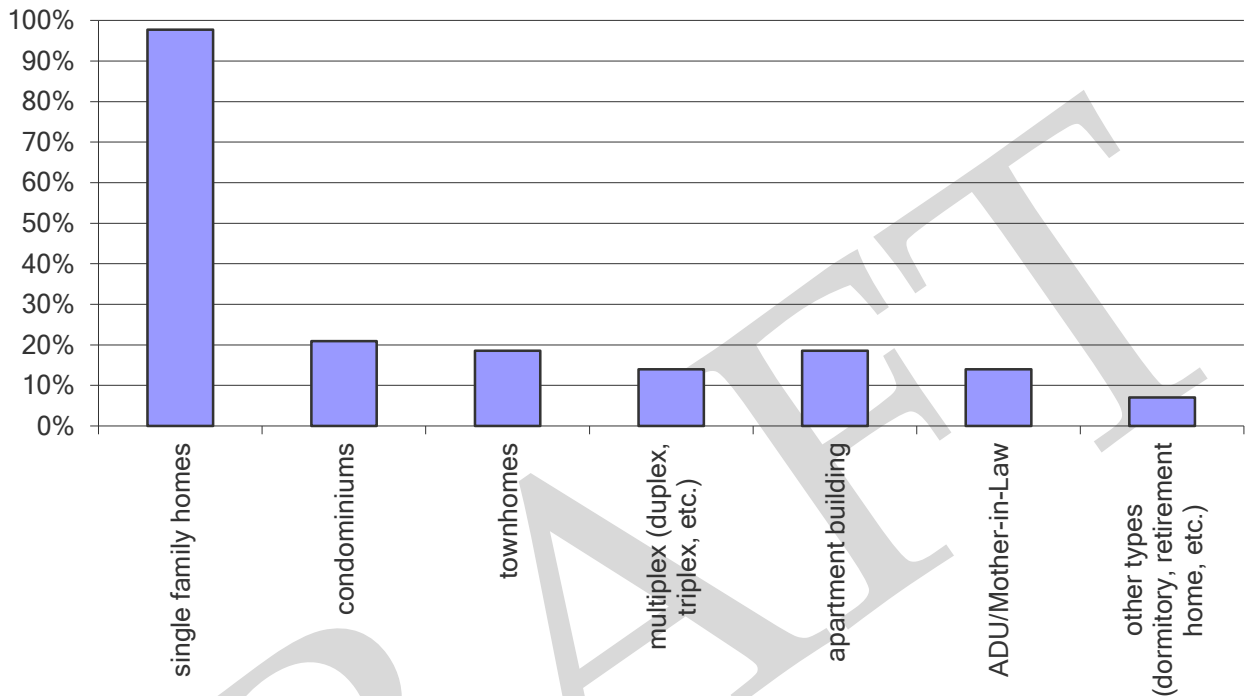
Q3 Comments



- multiple condos
- 2 Home based businesses

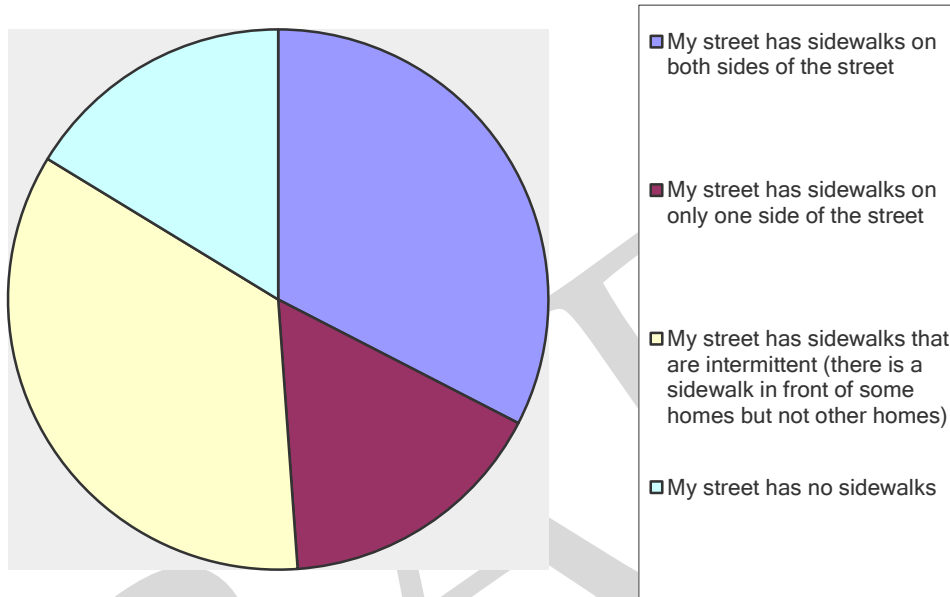
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Q4: My street has homes that are (click all that apply)



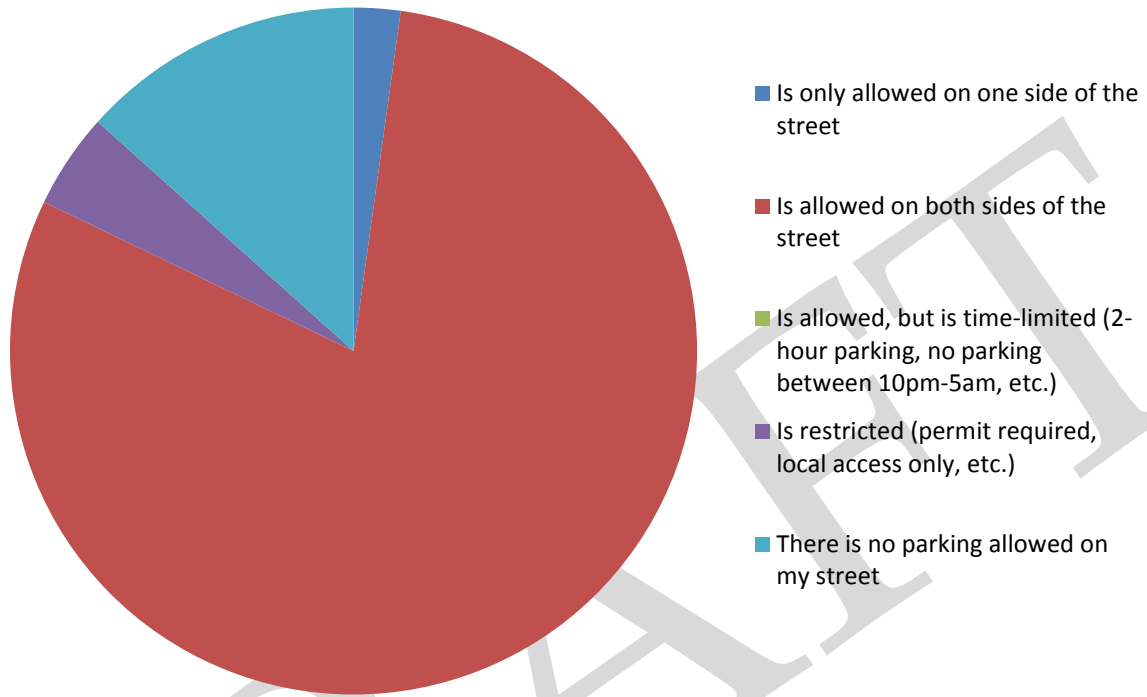
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
single family homes	97.7%	42
condominiums	20.9%	9
townhomes	18.6%	8
multiplex (duplex, triplex, etc.)	14.0%	6
apartment building	18.6%	8
ADU/Mother-in-Law	14.0%	6
other types (dormitory, retirement home, etc.)	7.0%	3
<i>answered question</i>		43
<i>skipped question</i>		1

Q5: Does your street have sidewalks on one or both sides of the street?



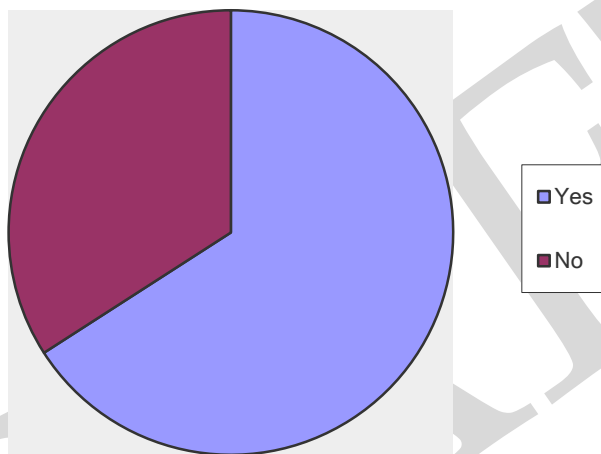
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
My street has sidewalks on both sides of the street	32.6%	14
My street has sidewalks on only one side of the street	16.3%	7
My street has sidewalks that are intermittent (there is a sidewalk in front of some homes but not other homes)	34.9%	15
My street has no sidewalks	16.3%	7
<i>answered question</i>		43
<i>skipped question</i>		1

Q6: Parking on my street:



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Is only allowed on one side of the street	2.3%	1
Is allowed on both sides of the street	83.7%	36
Is allowed, but is time-limited (2-hour parking, no parking between 10pm-5am, etc.)	0.0%	0
Is restricted (permit required, local access only, etc.)	4.7%	2
There is no parking allowed on my street	14.0%	6
<i>answered question</i>		43
<i>skipped question</i>		1

Q7: In your opinion, is the street wide enough for the current parking that it has?

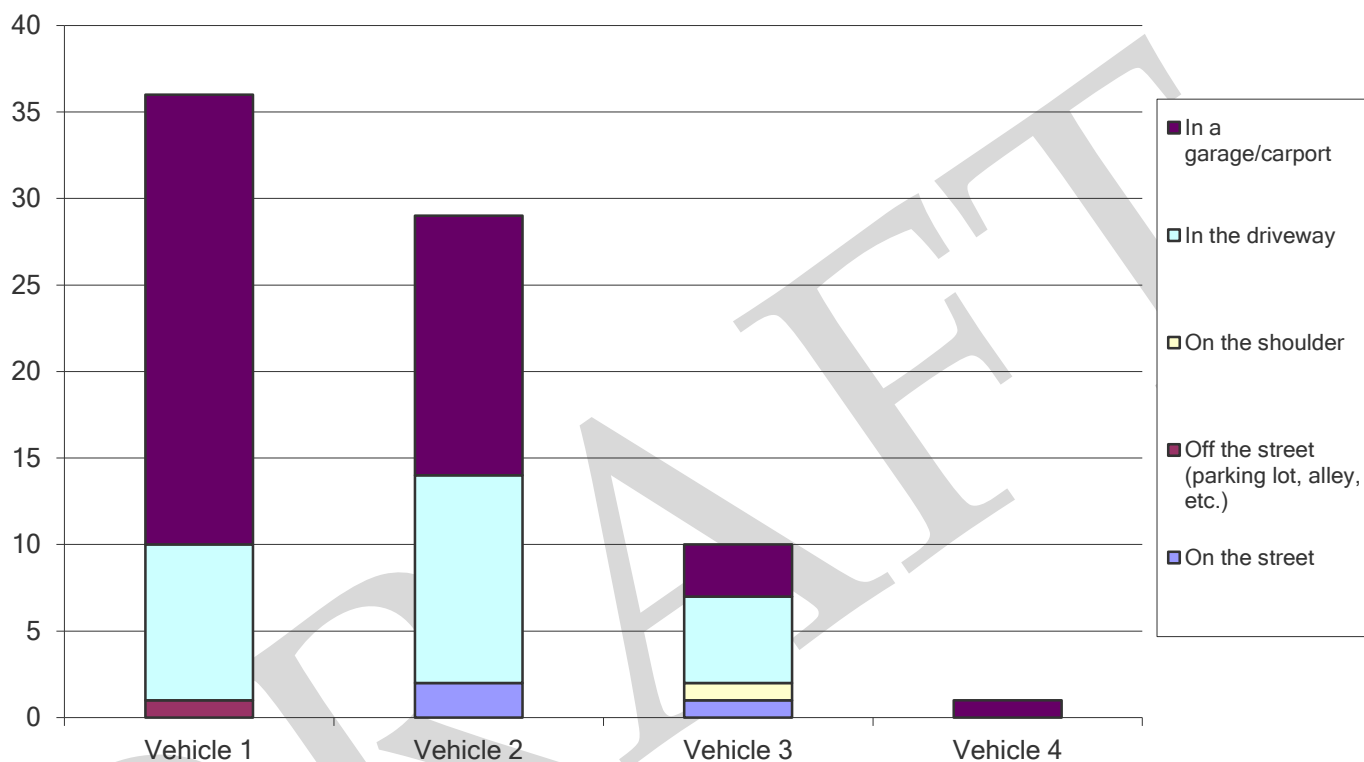


Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	65.9%	27
No	34.1%	14
Other comments about your street		14
<i>answered question</i>		41
<i>skipped question</i>		3

Q7 Comments

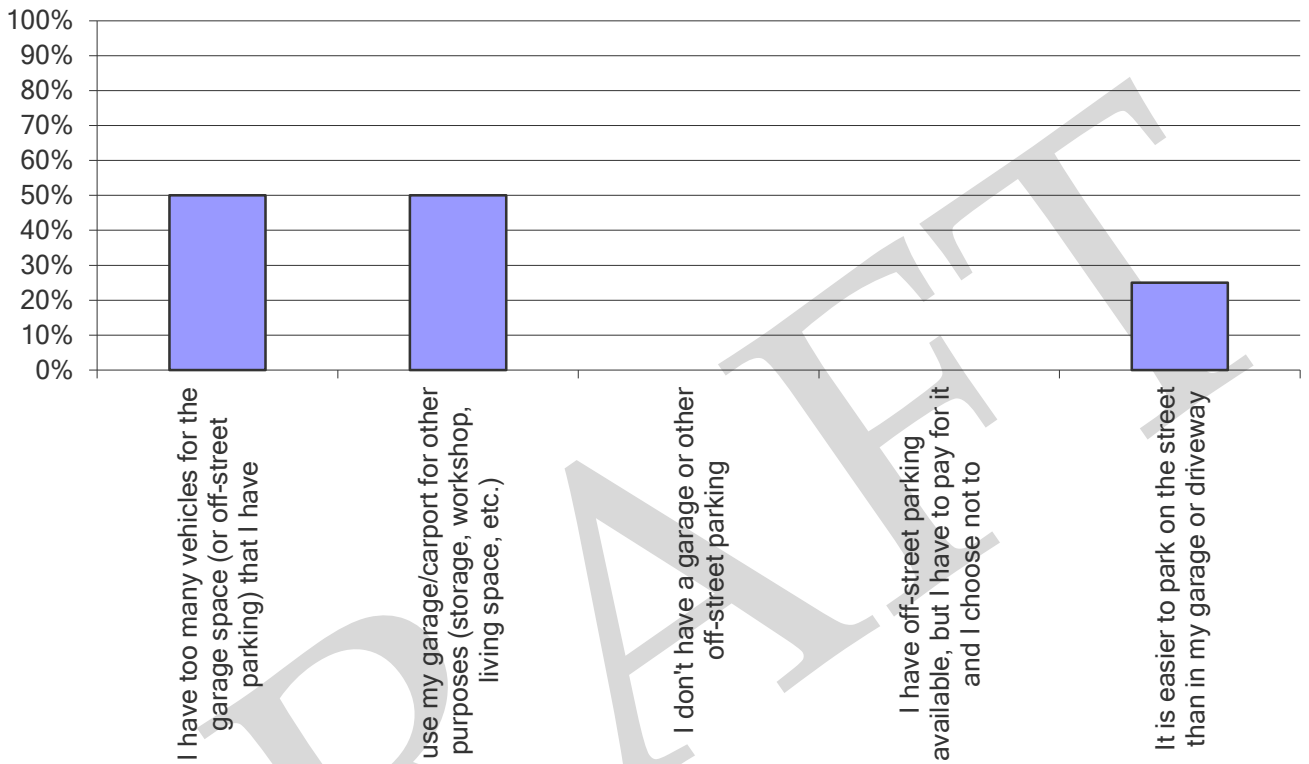
- 52nd street gets quite a few bus commuters who use local streets to park their car rather than the parking structure at the park and ride (I guess it doesn't have enough spaces?)
- 53rd and 55th streets need to have no parking. Too much over flow from 3 schools and church on weekends
- Barely wide enough, very limited spaces
- During the ICS morning commute, and when there is a school event with overflow parking 112th Ave N cannot handle 2 sided parking and 2 way traffic.
- Except for near the corner of 62nd and 108th where traffic gets congested at the intersection. People shouldn't be able to park on either side of 62nd until east of the first curled sac. Then limit it to one side of 62nd.
- I think at least one space in front of a home should be reserved for the homeowner
- It's pretty clogged up with commuters and people who work at Google
- N.A.
- People park on our street instead of the park and ride.
- Street had Heavy traffic from evening commuters heading north on 108th ave who take short cuts through our neighborhood to 405 without regard to safe and defensive driving
- When cars park on both sides there is only room enough for 1 car to drive. Constant issue.
- when parking on street is utilized, it narrows the street to single lane use. This is particularly risky at intersections as people turning into narrowed area are not aware until they turn that 1. there is an oncoming car and 2. there may be inadequate room to continue turn
- When people park on the street, traffic flow is restricted.
- Wide enough and has a lot of street parking that gets used by bus riders.

Q8: For any vehicles that you and your family (who reside with you) own, where do you park when you are home?



Answer Options	In a garage/carport	In the driveway	On the shoulder	Off the street (parking lot, alley, etc.)	On the street	Response Count
Vehicle 1	26	9	0	1	0	36
Vehicle 2	15	12	0	0	2	29
Vehicle 3	3	5	1	0	1	10
Vehicle 4	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>answered question</i>						36
<i>skipped question</i>						8

Q9: If you park one or more of your vehicles on the street, why?



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I have too many vehicles for the garage space (or off-street parking) that I have	50.0%	2
I use my garage/carport for other purposes (storage, workshop, living space, etc.)	50.0%	2
I don't have a garage or other off-street parking	0.0%	0
I have off-street parking available, but I have to pay for it and I choose not to	0.0%	0
It is easier to park on the street than in my garage or driveway	25.0%	1
Other (please specify)		3
answered question		4
skipped question		40

Observations:

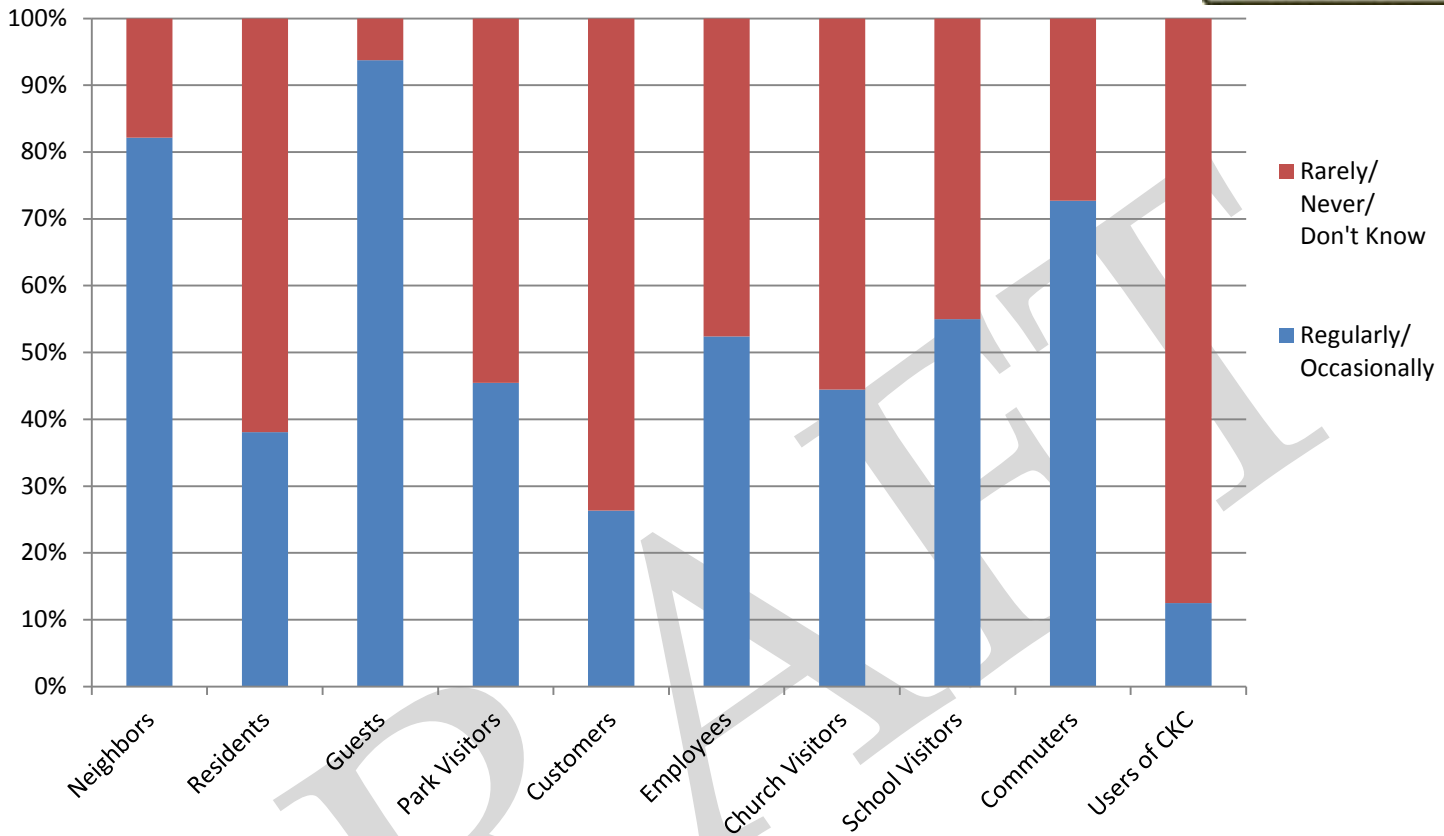
- Only 4 respondents

Q9 Comments

- Children play in driveway
- I recently got a new car and will be selling or donating the older car on the street soon.
- We park on the street during the day if we are going to use the car again.
- It is easier to park on the street than in my garage or driveway

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Q10: In your opinion, who parks on your street, and how often to they park there?



Answer Options	Regularly		Occasionally		Rarely		Never		Don't know		Response Count
Neighbors (people who live within several houses of you)	16	57.1%	7	25.0%	3	10.7%	2	7.1%	0	0.0%	28
Residents of nearby apartments/condominiums	7	33.3%	1	4.8%	3	14.3%	10	47.6%	0	0.0%	21
Guests (visitors to to your home or other residences, as well as service people such as plumbers, electricians, landscapers, cable TV, etc.)	18	56.3%	12	37.5%	1	3.1%	0	0.0%	1	3.1%	32
Visitors to nearby parks, pea-patches, or other public spaces	9	40.9%	1	4.5%	4	18.2%	7	31.8%	1	4.5%	22
Customers of nearby businesses	5	26.3%	0	0.0%	4	21.1%	8	42.1%	2	10.5%	19
Employees/volunteers of nearby businesses	9	42.9%	2	9.5%	2	9.5%	7	33.3%	1	4.8%	21
Visitors to nearby churches/faith-based buildings	7	38.9%	1	5.6%	3	16.7%	6	33.3%	1	5.6%	18
Visitors to nearby schools	4	20.0%	7	35.0%	3	15.0%	4	20.0%	2	10.0%	20
Commuters catching a bus or carpool	15	68.2%	1	4.5%	2	9.1%	3	13.6%	1	4.5%	22
Users of the Cross Kirkland Corridor	0	0.0%	2	12.5%	6	37.5%	4	25.0%	4	25.0%	16
Other (please specify)											5
answered question											34
skipped question											10

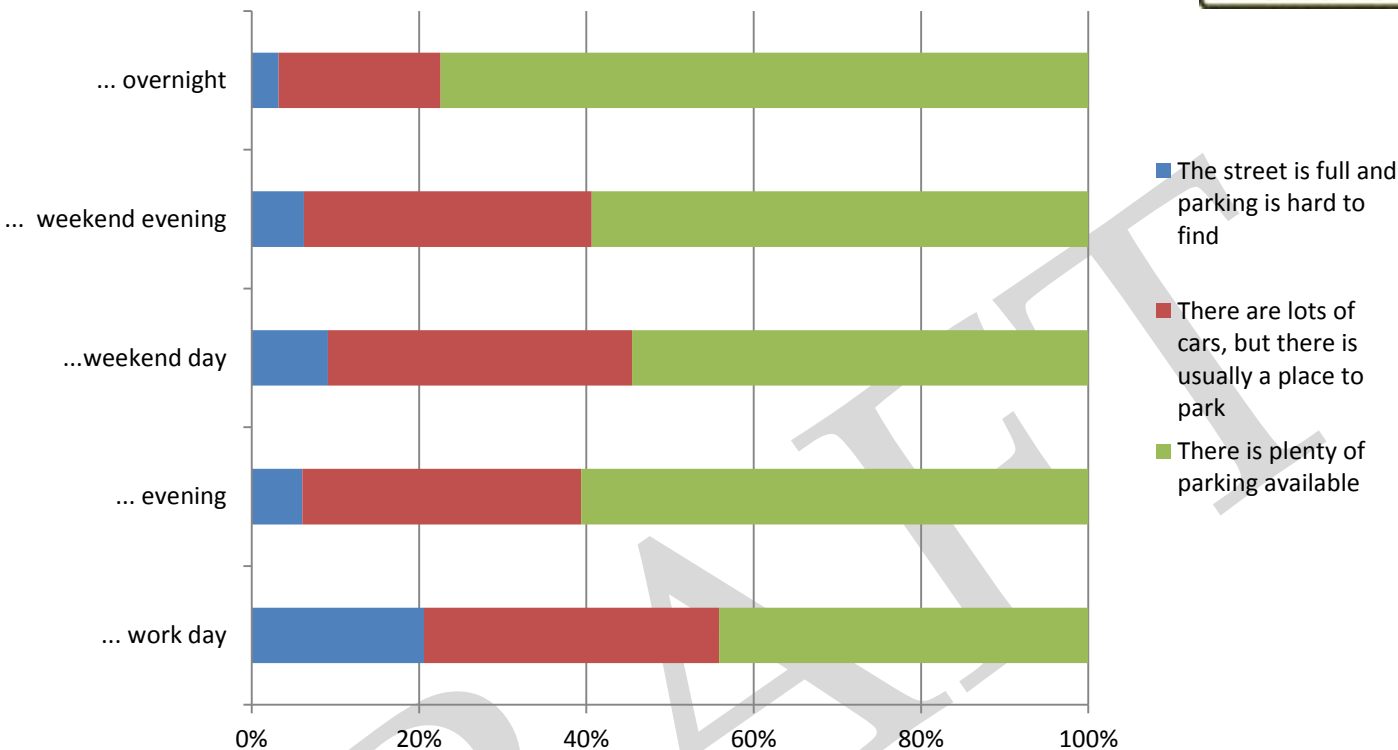
Q10 Comments



- At 60th and 108th there a lot of people who seem to park there and catch the bus.
- Commuters are the ones parking on 62nd instead of going to park n ride. One neighbor parks her vanpool vehicle there too when it could be in her own driveway
- Commuters park too close to 108th and limits traffic to one lane
- visitors to myself and or neighbors

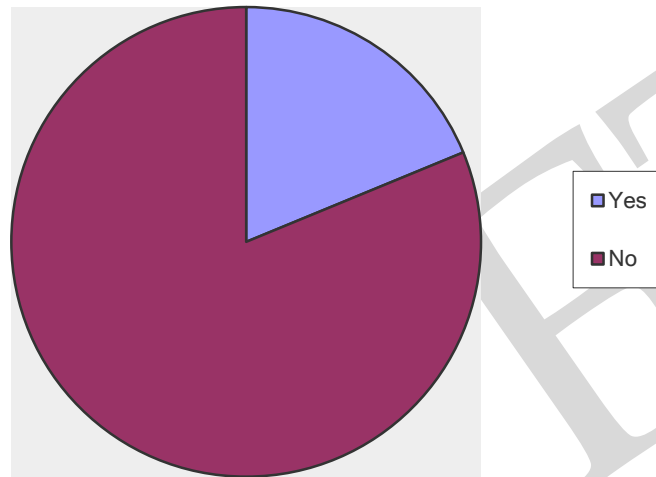
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Q11: Of the available parking spaces, how full is your street on a typical...



Answer Options	The street is full and parking is hard to find		There are lots of cars, but there is usually a place to park		There is plenty of parking available		Response Count
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	
... work day	7	20.6%	12	35.3%	15	44.1%	34
... evening	2	6.1%	11	33.3%	20	60.6%	33
...weekend day	3	9.1%	12	36.4%	18	54.5%	33
... weekend	2	6.3%	11	34.4%	19	59.4%	32
... overnight	1	3.2%	6	19.4%	24	77.4%	31
answered question							34
skipped question							10

Q12: Does the parking on your street vary seasonally?



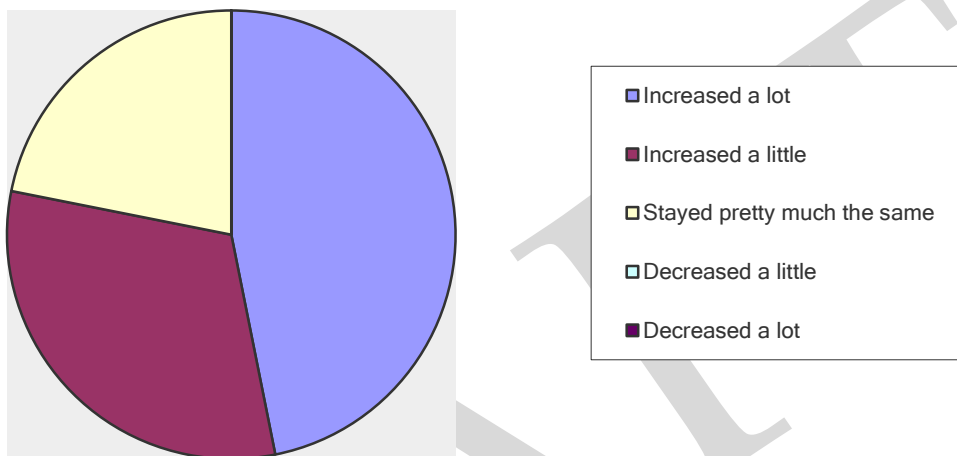
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	18.8%	6
No	81.3%	26
If yes, please explain		6
<i>answered question</i>		32
<i>skipped question</i>		12

Q12 Comments

- Home based business is influenced by the school calendar
- Houghton Neighborhood Park attracts many more cars during nice weather.
- more cars going to the park in summer
- People using the beach parks
- Softball and baseball games at Everest fields
- There is more parking in the summer - whenever there are events in Everest Park.

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Q13: How has the number of cars parked on your street changed over the last several years?

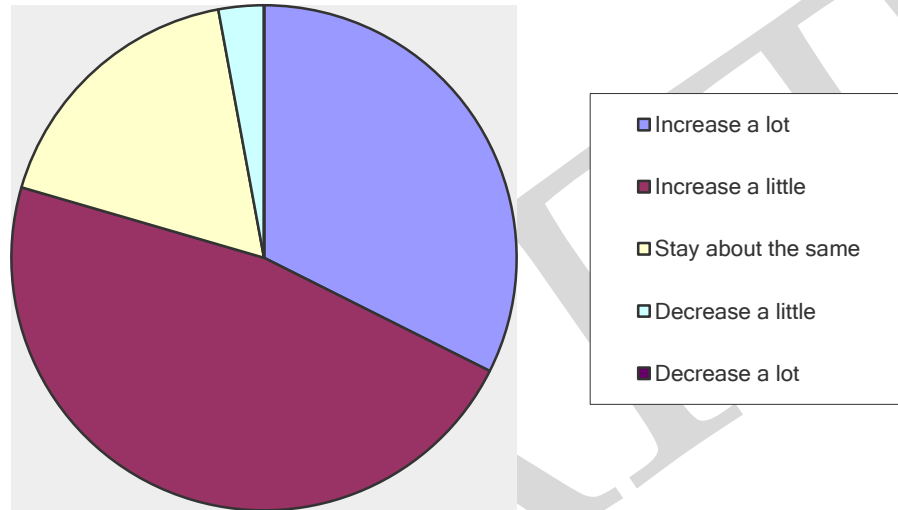


Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Increased a lot	46.9%	15
Increased a little	31.3%	10
Stayed pretty much the same	21.9%	7
Decreased a little	0.0%	0
Decreased a lot	0.0%	0
Do you know why?		16
<i>answered question</i>		32
<i>skipped question</i>		12

Q13 Comments

- Bus users
- Bus?
- commuter parking, trying to catch bus "upstream" or no room at South Kirkland Park and Ride
- Construction and more people riding the bus maybe?
- Due to development there are more homes/people now living in my neighborhood.
- Google
- Google; parking for bus into Seattle especially after tolling began in 520
- I don't know
- It started when the park and ride was closed while building the new structure. So some of those riders just kept parking. We are 2 stops from the park and ride. Perhaps they can be guaranteed a seat by parking on local streets rather than in the structure.
- More day commuters leaving their car on side streets.
- More events at ICS
- More houses being built
- more people living on the street & construction
- Not enough parking in the area and the businesses and numbers of bus riders are growing.
- There was no problem until the park was created.

Q14: How do you think the number of cars parked on your street will change over the next several years?

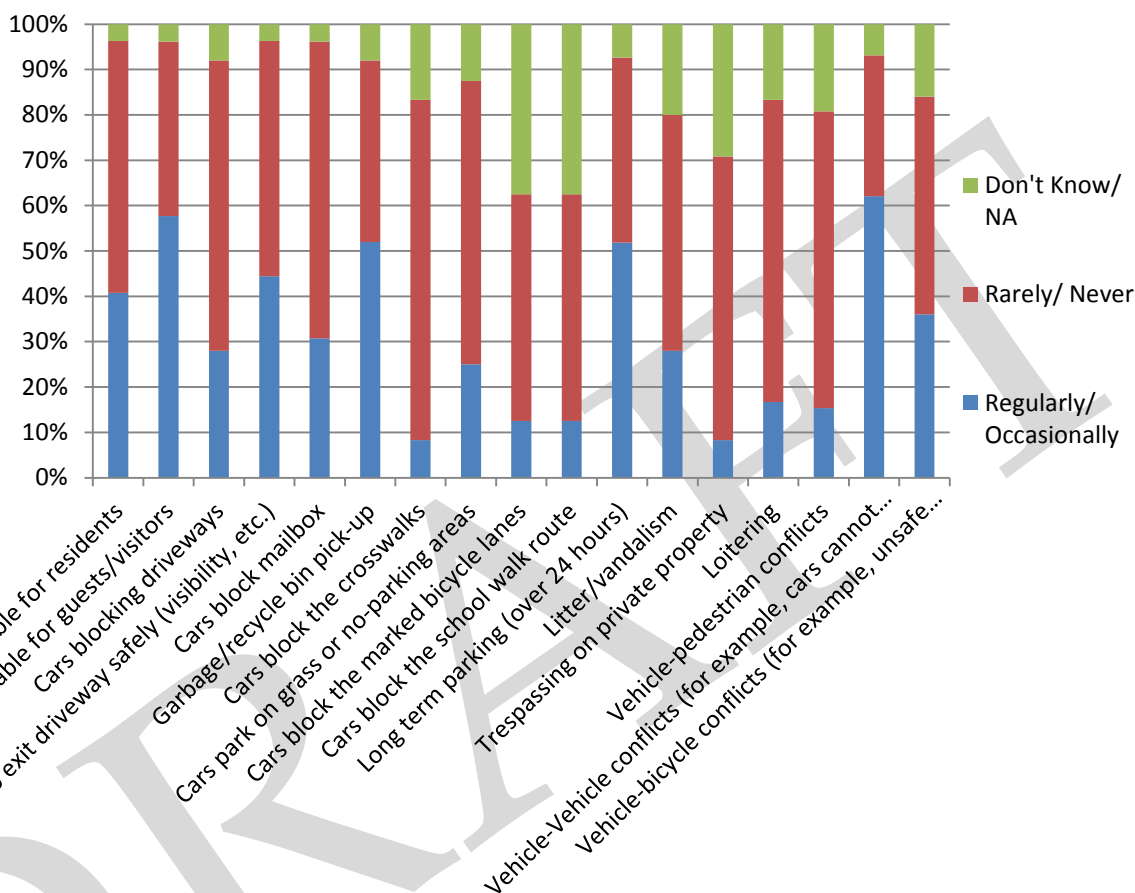


Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Increase a lot	32.4%	11
Increase a little	47.1%	16
Stay about the same	17.6%	6
Decrease a little	2.9%	1
Decrease a lot	0.0%	0
Why do you think that?		20
	<i>answered question</i>	34
	<i>skipped question</i>	10

Q14 Comments

- (hopefully) more commuters and new houses in neighborhood may mean more young families with multiple car households (teens with extra cars)
- As new families with children move in there will be a need for more cars
- Because bus ridership is being encouraged and the park and ride/low income apartment structure doesn't have enough spaces. It didn't have enough when it opened. Which is sad.
- Bigger houses replacing smaller ones
- Bus
- Businesses are growing particularly Google and there are no restrictions.
- development
- Drivers are avoiding park and ride lots
- Google
- Google Parkers
- Google will have an additional parking garage opening soon which should help cut-back on some of the increasing number of people parking on the street.
- I think that the lack of support by the city to reinforce and mitigate on street parking in residential neighborhoods and lack of providing adequate parking at park and rides and development projects will force more transient parking onto my street.
- More and more homes/people are moving into what was once a quiet, unknown pocket neighborhood.
- more houses / lots subdivided
- New condos going in
- New multi family construction
- People are too lazy to walk to bus stop or want to get on the bus before others and get a better seat.
- People parking in the neighborhood to catch transit. Changing household types with multiple adults in the home rather than families. Multi-family housing that charges extra for parking stalls within the building or site
- There is hardly a parking space available on the street now during week days, so it can't increase much

Q15: There are many types of "problems" that may occur when vehicles park on the street. When you think about your particular street, what have you observed?



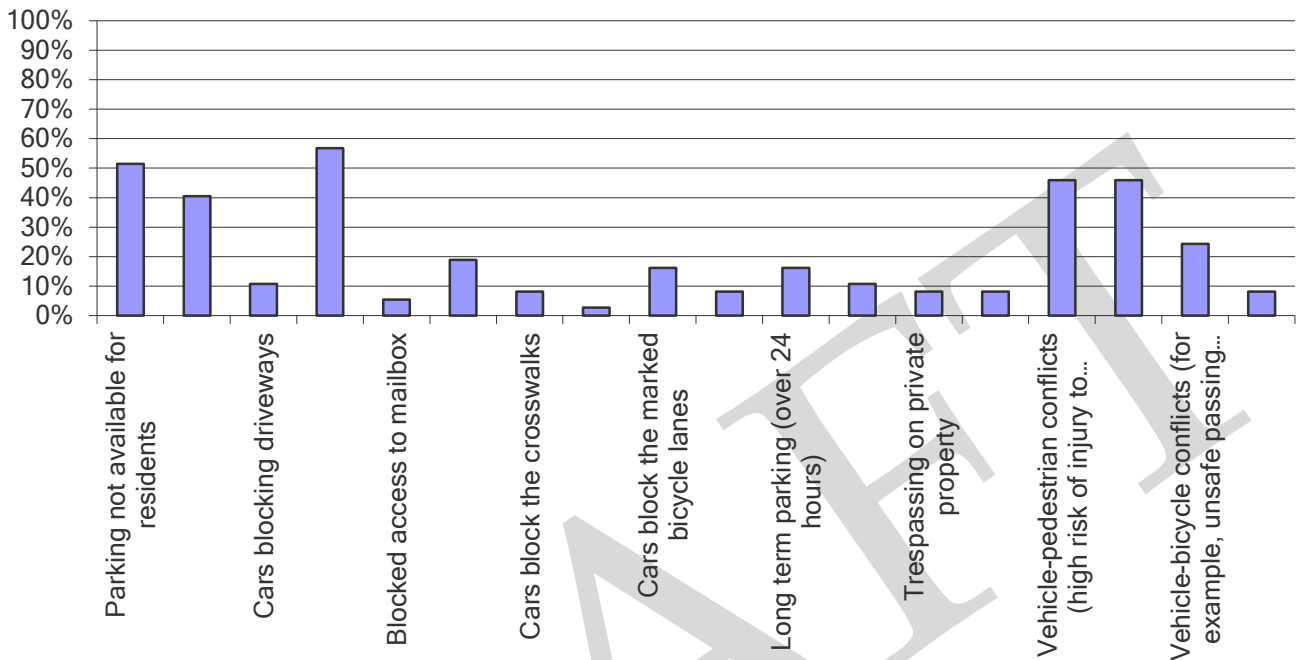
Answer Options	Regularly/ Occasionally		Rarely/ Never		Don't Know/ NA		Response Count		
Parking not available for residents	3	8	40.7%	10	5	55.6%	0	1	27
Parking not available for	4	11	57.7%	6	4	38.5%	0	1	26
Cars blocking driveways	2	5	28.0%	9	7	64.0%	1	1	25
Unable to exit driveway safely	7	5	44.4%	8	6	51.9%	0	1	27
Cars block mailbox	2	6	30.8%	8	9	65.4%	0	1	26
Garbage/recycle bin pick-up	5	8	52.0%	5	5	40.0%	1	1	25
Cars block the crosswalks	0	2	8.3%	4	14	75.0%	1	3	24
Cars park on grass or no-parking	2	4	25.0%	3	12	62.5%	1	2	24
Cars block the marked bicycle lanes	0	3	12.5%	2	10	50.0%	0	9	24
Cars block the school walk route	1	2	12.5%	4	8	50.0%	1	8	24
Long term parking (over 24 hours)	4	10	51.9%	7	4	40.7%	0	2	27
Litter/vandalism	1	6	28.0%	7	6	52.0%	3	2	25
Trespassing on private property	0	2	8.3%	6	9	62.5%	5	2	24
Loitering	1	3	16.7%	11	5	66.7%	2	2	24
Vehicle-pedestrian conflicts	1	3	15.4%	6	11	65.4%	3	2	26
Vehicle-Vehicle conflicts (for example, cars cannot pass on street)	11	7	62.1%	4	5	31.0%	0	2	29
Vehicle-bicycle conflicts (for example, unsafe passing due to parked cars)	2	7	36.0%	4	8	48.0%	2	2	25
Other types of problems:									7

answered question 32
 skipped question 12

Q15 Comments

- My neighbors and I didn't purchase an expensive house in the east side suburbs to have strangers parking in our front yard while our children are at play in the same yard.
- Road is too narrow to drive when cars are parked close to the corner on both sides and cars are cutting through the neighborhood from 108th.
- There has been an increase of cars being parked by residents who don't want to walk to neighborhood bus stops and don't want to or can't find room to park at park & rides. These cars are parked on neighborhood streets Monday thru Friday during the day cluttering the neighborhood streets with commuter cars.
- Trying to pull out onto 6th st S is almost impossible at morning and evening commute times from downtown kirkland to access to 405 via 68th and 520 via 108th.
- Vehicles block line of sight on corners and room to turn
- Vehicles pull too far forward at intersections into crosswalk/bike lane/vehicle lane to see around parked cars.
- We are the last driveway on our street before it dead ends. Cars and trucks routinely use our driveway to turn around; that traffic has taken its toll.

Q16: Even if you do not experience parking problems on *your* street, please tell us which problems, if any, you consider the most severe, if occurs on *any* residential street.



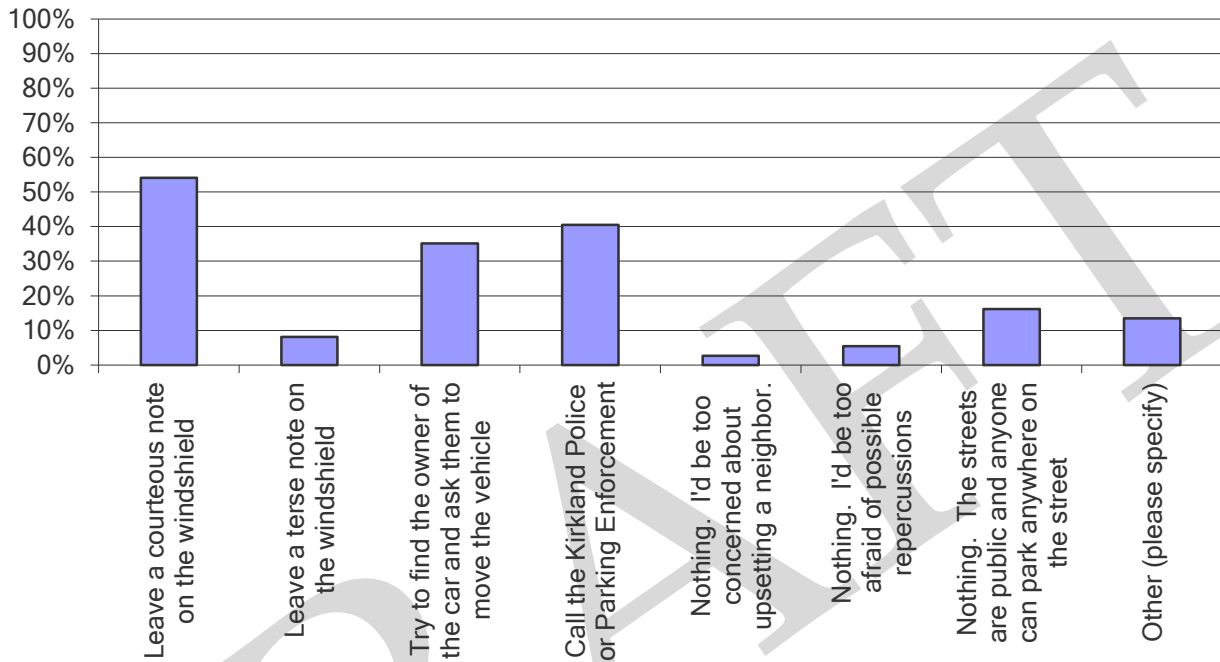
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Parking not available for residents	51.4%	19
Parking not available for guests/visitors	40.5%	15
Cars blocking driveways	10.8%	4
Unable to exit driveway safely (visibility, etc.)	56.8%	21
Blocked access to mailbox	5.4%	2
Garbage/recycle bin pick-up	18.9%	7
Cars block the crosswalks	8.1%	3
Cars park on grass or no-parking areas	2.7%	1
Cars block the marked bicycle lanes	16.2%	6
Cars block the school walk route	8.1%	3
Long term parking (over 24 hours)	16.2%	6
Litter/vandalism	10.8%	4
Trespassing on private property	8.1%	3
Loitering	8.1%	3
Vehicle-pedestrian conflicts (high risk of injury to pedestrians)	45.9%	17
Vehicle-Vehicle conflicts (for example, cars cannot pass on street)	45.9%	17
Vehicle-bicycle conflicts (for example, unsafe passing due to parked cars)	24.3%	9
Other (please specify)	8.1%	3
answered question		37
skipped question		7

Q16 Comments

- gross violations of speeding including busses
- No sidewalks. Need sidewalk on both sides of street
- See answer to #15.

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Q17: If a problem arose with a vehicle parked on your street, for example, a car parked where it shouldn't be, what would you do?



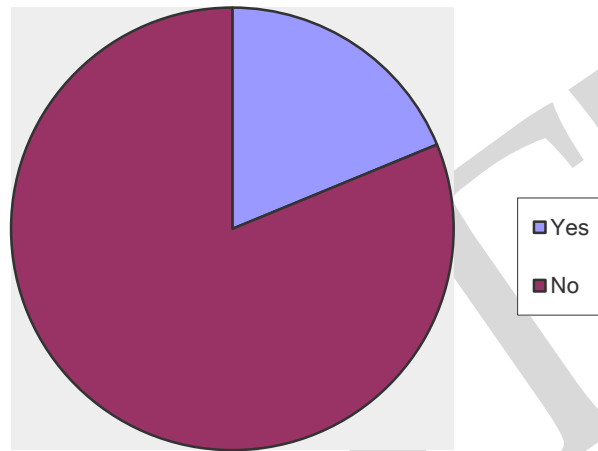
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Leave a courteous note on the windshield	54.1%	20
Leave a terse note on the windshield	8.1%	3
Try to find the owner of the car and ask them to move	35.1%	13
Call the Kirkland Police or Parking Enforcement	40.5%	15
Nothing. I'd be too concerned about upsetting a neighbor.	2.7%	1
Nothing. I'd be too afraid of possible repercussions	5.4%	2
Nothing. The streets are public and anyone can park anywhere on the street	16.2%	6
Other (please specify)	13.5%	5
answered question		37
skipped question		7

Q17 Comments

- I have asked people (nicely) not to park in no parking zones. They usually swear and do not move.
- I'd ignore it, unless it was habitual. Then I'd leave a note.
- It depends on why the car should not be parked at the location. If it was a safety issue, I would leave a nice note. If it is not a safety issue and a one time situation, I may not do anything.
- The only time our street gets parked up is when ICS has special events. They have been very good about notifying immediate neighbors in advance of these events.
- We regularly ask our neighbor to not park their car close to our driveway boundary. We have a 16 year old new driver who leaves for school at 6:35am. Blocking our driveway is not a good idea.

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Q18: If you have experienced parking problems on your street, did you complain to anyone at the City about it?



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	18.8%	6
No	81.3%	26
If yes, please explain. To whom did you complain? What was the response? Was the response satisfactory to you?		7
<i>answered question</i>		32
<i>skipped question</i>		12

Q18 Comments

- A car was parked illegally on the vacant lot (grass) next to our house. The car may have been occupied too. I called the Kirkland Police. By the time the police arrived the car had left, but the police noted the tire tracks on the grass and my description of the car and said they would cruise the neighborhood looking for it. Nothing further occurred, but I was pleased that at least the police responded to the call.
- Although self defeatist, since complaints regarding the lack of parking downtown and the increased routine traffic jams in town to the city have gone largely ignored, I feel it would be a waste of time to even try.
- I do not remember who at the City I spoke with. My request had been for parking signs limiting parking to two hours during the day so that Google employees and people taking the bus into Seattle would not park on our street all day long. I was told I had to go to my neighborhood alliance to get this kind of signage. I also was told once the Park and Ride construction ended the parking on the street would improve. It never did.
- There was once an old RV that does not belong to anyone in the neighborhood. It suddenly appeared and was staying the nights parked on my street. It did not have license plates on it either. It was unsightly and strangers so I called the police. They came out and looked it over but it was locked and no one around. They left and later that day the RV moved on.
- We call police , they always come to check out cars that are questionable
- We have complained on ICS event nights when cars were blocking driveway, too close to corner and crosswalks. We've complained to the school and the police. We did not notice any action on either part
- When the park was first completed I complained to the parks dept many times. I was told it was only because the park was new and it would get better over time. NOT TRUE. I was told it is a "walk to park". NOT TRUE. Because the park is fenced and has a bathroom it attracts LOTS of young mothers from all over. It is also right on a major bus line and commuters who don't want to fight the park and ride (right down the street) can get on the bus easier and sooner (guaranteeing them a seat) They park in front of the park using 1 of the 3 available spots. It is dangerous for the small kids going to the park and the residents trying to drive past. We were given a No Parking sign and told it would only be enforced if we called. I received the only ticket ever given for parking in front of my own house over night.

Q19: What type of special events occur that affect your street, and how often?

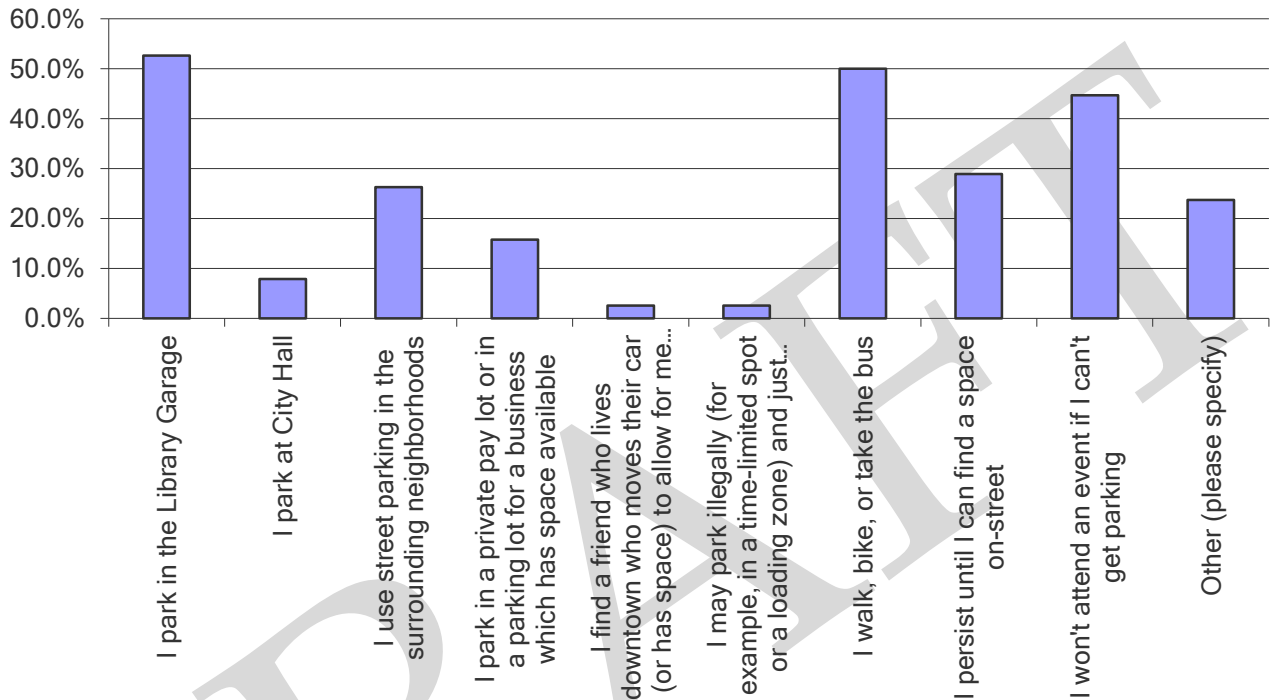


Answer Options	Frequently, and it is a really challenge	Frequently, but it doesn't bother me	Sometimes, and it is a real challenge	Sometimes, but it doesn't bother me	Rarely, and it isn't a problem	Never	Rating Average	Response Count
Sports games/events (Little League, soccer, football, etc.)	1	0	2	6	4	16	0.93	29
Festivals (SummerFest, Kirkland Uncorked, etc.)	1	2	0	3	4	21	0.74	31
Farmer's Market	0	1	0	0	4	24	0.28	29
5K Walk/Run (or 10K, triathlon, etc.)	0	2	1	7	8	13	1.06	31
Other types	3	2	4	4	3	11	1.70	27
Comments:								12
							<i>answered question</i>	36
							<i>skipped question</i>	8

Q19 Comments

- Antioch church parking on Sundays is very chaotic and I get really frustrated with all the jaywalkers too/from church.
- Come on with the rush hour traffic and badly timed lights - I can't even get out of my driveway...
- Construction vehicles parked or using street as part of the construction zone. They not only take parking, but disrupt sidewalks and bike lanes.
- Events at ICS where parents attend and there is not enough parking in the lots
- Forest preservation
- ICS school events
- Multiple church attendance on most Sundays. But it doesn't bother us.
- People parking to visit the park
- Private events resulting in too many cars parked in our street.
- School events at ICS, a few times each school year. They are good about providing advance notice and it is typically not a problem. Its all just part of living in a city.
- When ics has events people park anywhere and drive like crazy in neighborhoods with small kids.
- When Northstar has an event, typically it's difficult to navigate our streets.

Q20: Parking in downtown Kirkland can sometimes be difficult, especially where there is a special event such as a concert, SummerFest, or Kirkland Uncorked. What do you typically do about parking?



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I park in the Library Garage	52.6%	20
I park at City Hall	7.9%	3
I use street parking in the surrounding neighborhoods	26.3%	10
I park in a private pay lot or in a parking lot for a business which has space available	15.8%	6
I find a friend who lives downtown who moves their car (or has space) to allow for me to park	2.6%	1
I may park illegally (for example, in a time-limited spot or a loading zone) and just hope I don't get a ticket	2.6%	1
I walk, bike, or take the bus	50.0%	19
I persist until I can find a space on-street	28.9%	11
I won't attend an event if I can't get parking	44.7%	17
Other (please specify)	23.7%	9
answered question		38
skipped question		6

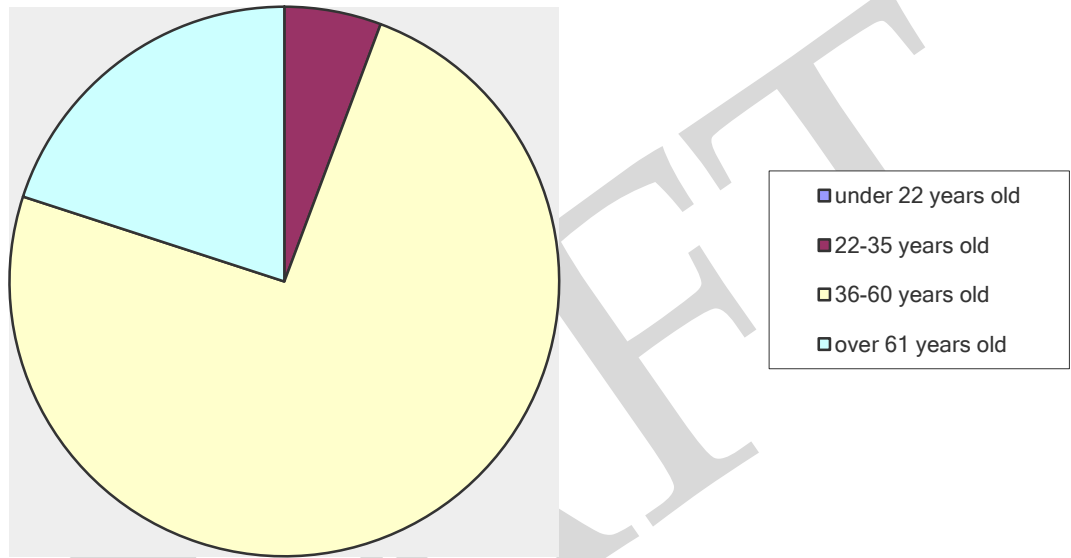
Q20 Comments

- I avoid downtown all together
- I have difficulty visiting a relative who lives at Merrill Gardens.
- I just avoid downtown as much as possible. Sad too because we chose Kirkland because we love the quaint downtown of 15 years ago.
- I live close by so don't drive
- I only park on the Main Street and not on neighborhood side streets to cause less impact on my neighbors.
- If I don't walk the entire way I will try and find street park half way and walk the rest of the way. I don't try to park downtown when a special event because there isn't usually any parking available. (And walking is good for me)
- If you want people to visit the downtown and shop, you need more parking. It needs to be easy to keep consumers in Kirkland and support our stores.
- The permit only spaces in the library garage are a joke and should be changed to business hours only.
- use city parking lot (Marina, Lake Street)

Q21 Additional Comments

- 106th Ave NE has gotten too necked-down with cars parked/trucks on both sides - people don't yield, it's not clear who has right-of-way, people aren't used to yielding to oncoming traffic. Also, there has always been a problem with people blindly turning right out of Met Market on to 106th - way too many close calls to count.
- All the new development in downtown is leading to a ton of difficulty going down there to restaurants. Parking this summer was more difficult than it used to be.
- At Christmas I parked in a spot that turned out to be coned off, but someone thought it would be funny to move the cones. I was nearly towed and had to pay \$225 on the spot to keep my car from being towed.
- Cars parked too close to stop signs and corners. I never see the cars ticketed.
- I am disturbed by how many people park all day along 6th street (Google) and on side streets off 108th Ave NE to catch the bus downtown. I am also disturbed by a camper truck and its operator who appears to reside parked on the curb on 6th Street by the 7-11.
- I ride the 255 bus daily. The number of people getting on the bus who drive in from elsewhere has been growing daily. There are now many cars on the side streets perpendicular to 108th. The buses are quite overcrowded, and people use this 'hide and ride' method in hopes of getting a seat. If you get in at the South Kirkland Park and Ride it will often be standing room only, or the bus will pass by unable to take more passengers.
- Limited visitor parking at Merrill Gardens. Very concerned about the safety of the traffic there. Narrow road, difficult to get past parked vehicles, delivery trucks, vehicles and people coming from different directions. Residents have limited mobility and vision.
- Nothing right now.
- Parking along 6th Street has gotten so bad that it is hard to see cars exiting driveways and cars leaving driveways can't see oncoming traffic. People are driving more and more aggressively along that street. Pedestrians take enormous risks crossing in the middle of the street especially to get the bus. The Kirkland Corridor has created new issues because every single time a pedestrian uses it, the lights flash and traffic is stopped vs. having a crossing where pedestrians have to wait for the light.
- Parking in non-parking areas
- Parking should be longer than 2 hours.
- perhaps more 15 minute parking by food vendors for pick up and take out
- Please see answer to #15. I think this is a problem around Houghton, I don't know about the rest of Kirkland in this regard though.
- There is not enough parking under the library. I think the city of Kirkland should take a field trip to the city of Pasadena CA. They built 3 large structures on the outskirts of their main downtown area. It preserved the integrity of the downtown shopping/restaurant area and visitors always found a place to park.
- You keep asking for what more we'd like in Kirkland - traffic /parking is all bad yet you keep pushing higher density, more traffic etc. On rainy cold nights when we go out for dinner etc. who wants to walk a mile? We go out of Kirkland where we can park...

Q22: Demographics



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
under 22 years old	0.0%	0
22-35 years old	5.7%	2
36-60 years old	74.3%	26
over 61 years old	20.0%	7
<i>answered question</i>		35
<i>skipped question</i>		9