

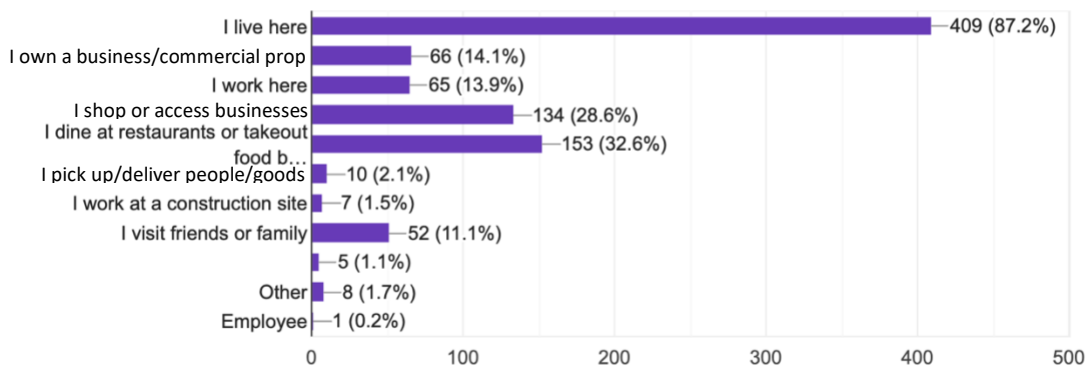
NORTHERN LIBERTIES

Online Parking Survey Results March 2021

The NLBID ran an online survey to gauge the parking needs of residents, visitors, property owners, and business workers. 469 people responded. These are the results.

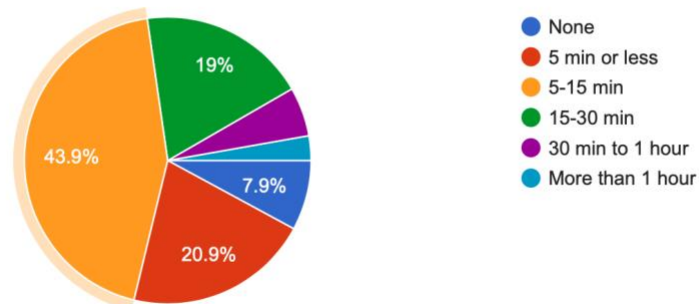
Which best describes your reason for seeking parking in Northern Liberties? Please select all that apply.

469 responses



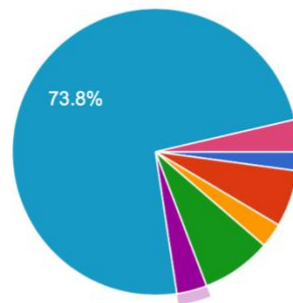
How much time per day on average do you spend looking for parking in Northern Liberties?

469 responses



How long do you typically park a vehicle in Northern Liberties?

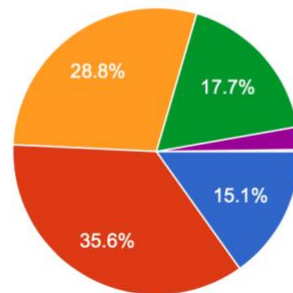
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- 30 min or less
- 30 min to 2 hours
- 2-3 hours
- More than 3 hours during the day (before 5pm)
- More than 3 hours in the evening (after 5pm)
- Overnight
- Not applicable

How far do you typically have to walk to get to your destination in Northern Liberties?

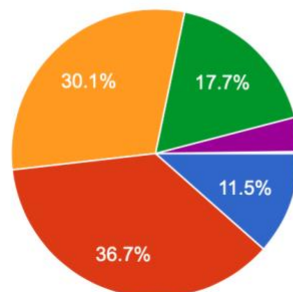
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- Less than 1 block
- 1-2 blocks
- 2-3 blocks
- 3-5 blocks
- More than 5 blocks
- More than 3 blocks

How far are you willing to walk from a parking space to your destination?

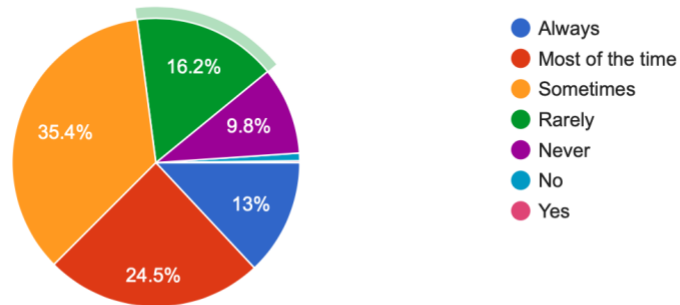
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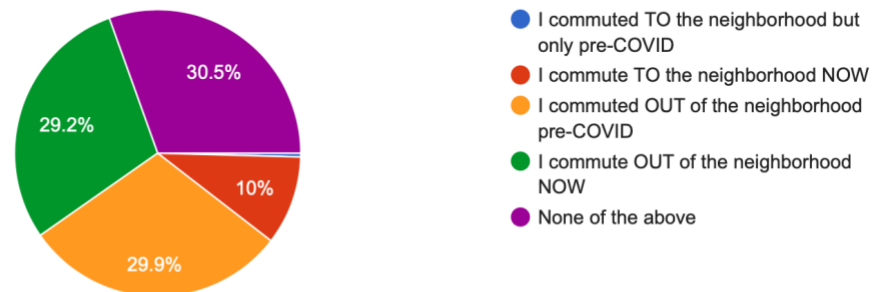
Do you have difficulty accessing a business or residence because of parking in Northern Liberties?

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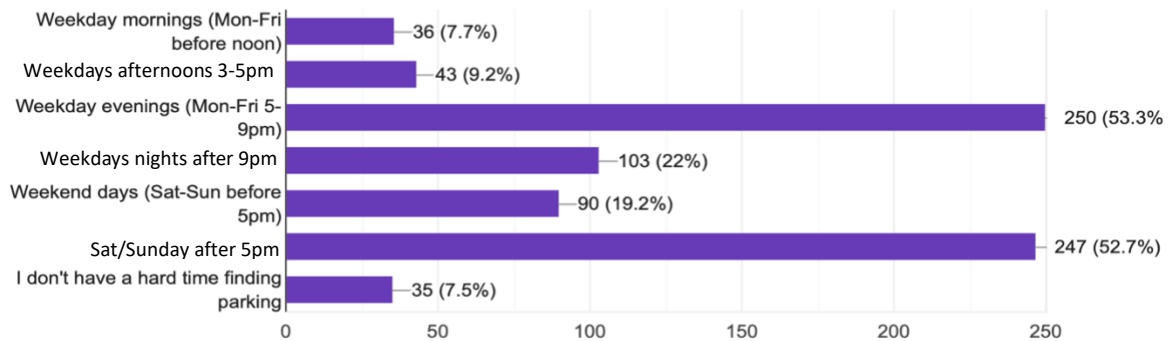
Do you commute to work into or out of the neighborhood in a privately owned vehicle? (pre-COVID / now)

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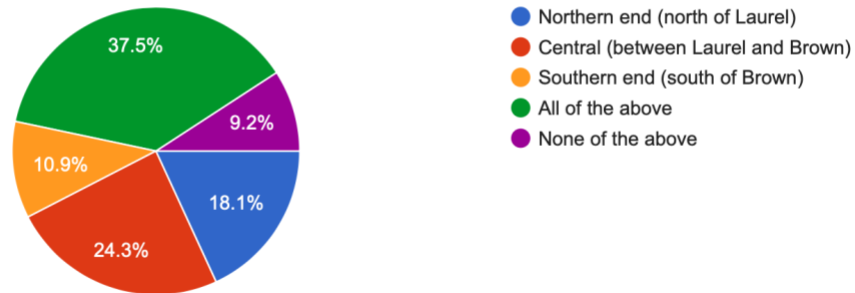
What day(s) of the week and time of day do you have the hardest time parking in Northern Liberties? Please select no more than 2 responses.

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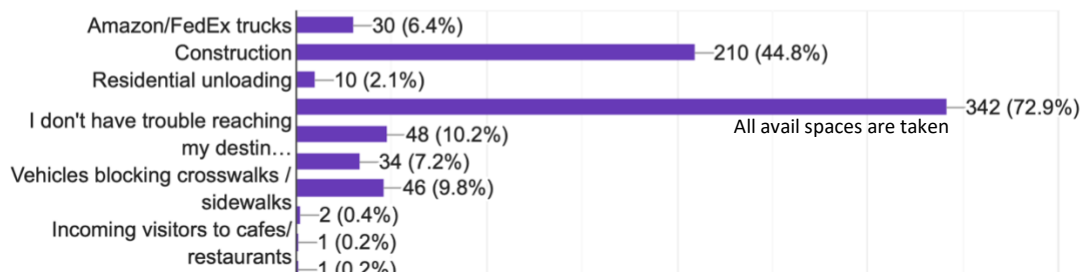
Which section of Northern Liberties do you experience the hardest time parking?

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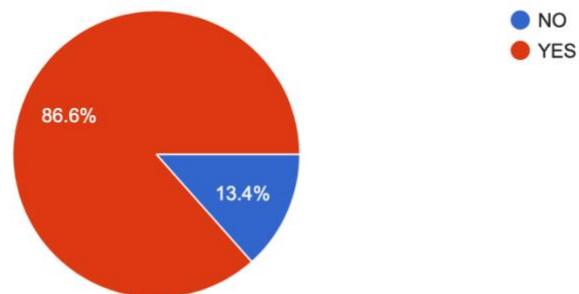
Which is the biggest impediment to reaching your destination? Please select no more than 2 responses.

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Are you a resident of Northern Liberties?

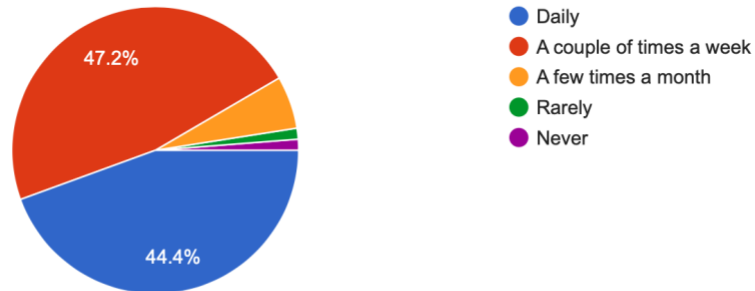
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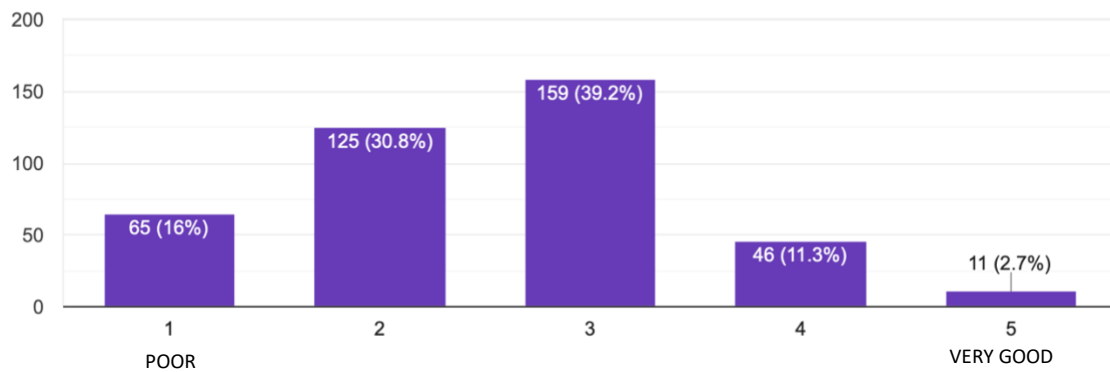
How often do you use a vehicle (car, motorcycle)? Answer which best describes you.

405 responses



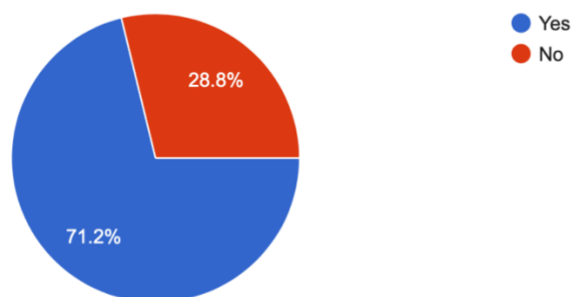
How would you rate parking in the neighborhood now?

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Do you own one or more motor vehicles? Please check all that apply.

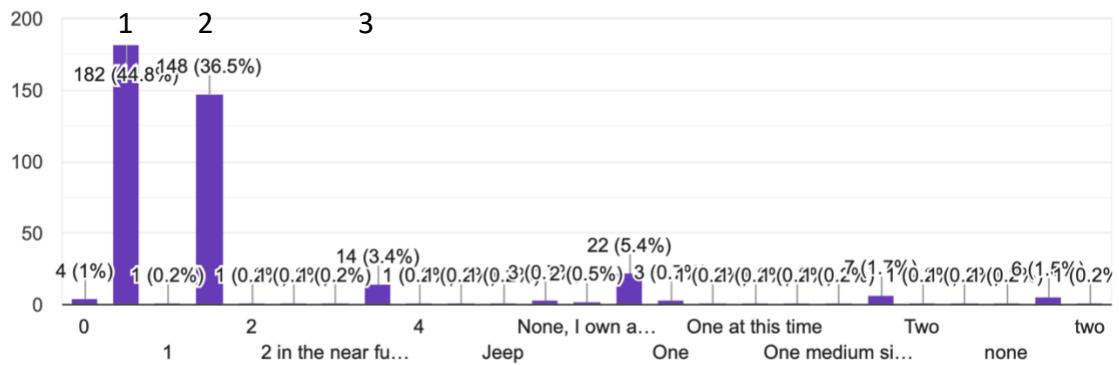
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How many full-sized vehicles are in your household?



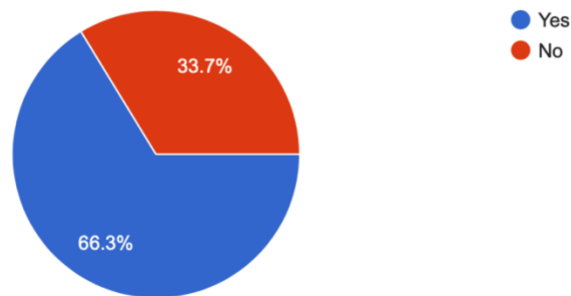
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Does someone in your household have a #10 permit?

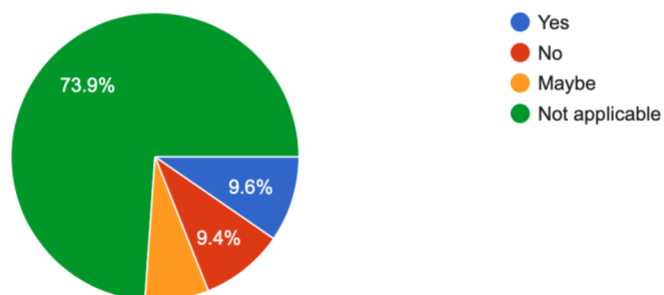


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If you do not own a car, do or would you use temporary permits for rental or shared vehicles?

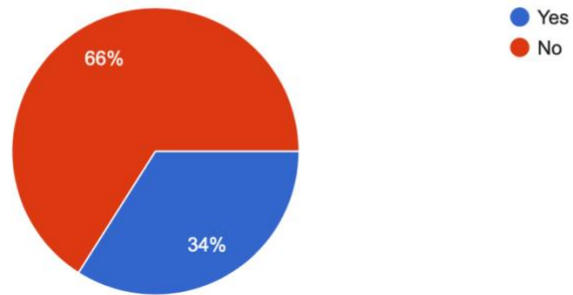
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Do you have off-street parking?

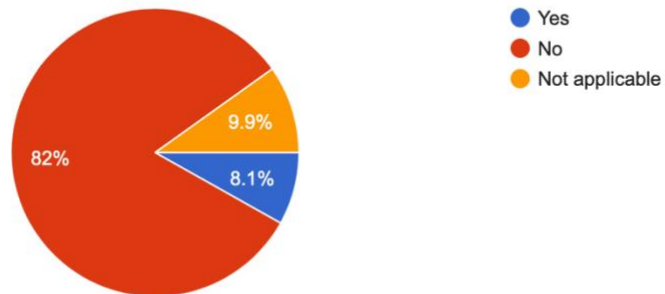


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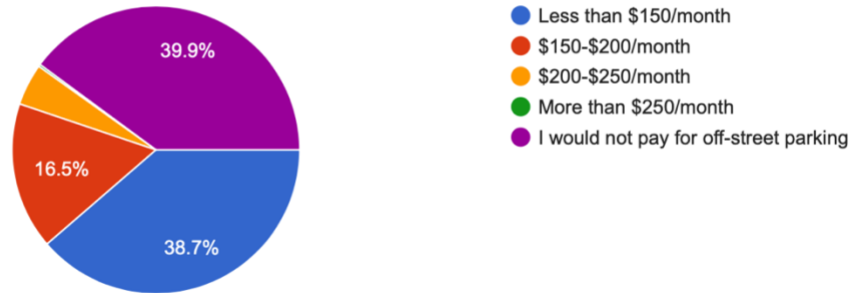
Do you currently pay for off-street parking?

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How much would you pay for secure off-street parking?

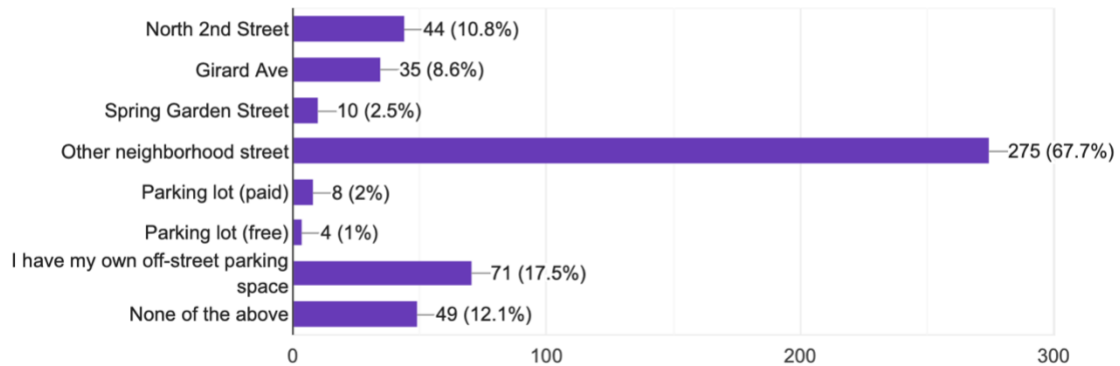
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If you DO NOT have off-street parking, where do you typically find a parking space now?

Please select no more than 2 responses

406 responses



APPENDIX 1: How would you want parking regulations to change?

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1. More permit parking
2. That the residences be able to park on the block that they live.
3. A parking lot
4. Make all parking spots permitted and institute a policy (such as street cleaning) where cars have to be moved with relative frequency
5. They're fine. Don't change them
6. None
7. As a business owner that commutes to the area it's impossible for me to get a permit therefore I have to drive around until I find a spot. Parking permits for business owners would help.
8. none
9. Shorter periods for parking and more sections requiring parking passes
10. Remove permit parking
11. It is very stressful when construction vehicles are blocking every possible route to arrive at a specific destination. If they could at least talk to one another to make sure areas of the neighborhood aren't completely shut off from traffic at the same time, it would be helpful.
12. Metered parking
13. Build a new paid parking lot for non residents.
14. hold construction and delivery entities more accountable.
15. Making use of every square foot of available space for legal street parking would be significantly help. Distributing the spaces to as many cars can fit. Many visitors and some residents have been seen parking with wasted space around their vehicles. Designated spaces for larger cars, compact cars.
16. I don't want them to change
17. New constructions required to have parking
18. Zoned parking in all of philly without having to get a percentage of residents to agree to it
19. Zoned parking AWAY from commercial areas
20. balance between needs of local businesses, workers at those businesses and neighborhood residents
21. I want more residential parking zones- no 2hr parking without exceptions for residents
22. A designated lot with a regular trolley service
23. Not sure. I currently have a resident parking for one of our cars and a garage for the other, so we are fine. However, it is hard to park if we have guests (not that we had any in the last year ;o)
24. I like that some parking is permit parking and some parking is open general parking. What would be nice is to move out people who park their cars for weeks/months on end without moving them in the general parking spots.
25. Higher costs so less people leave their cars permanently parked on the street
26. Loading zones to prevent double parking.
27. The 2-hour limit is tough for visitors maybe and a third hour
28. Add more spots; have some street cleaning times when cars can't park so they can't sit forever in the same spot
29. Make American st 2 hr parking
30. Make the entire zone residential parking
31. Less permitted spots/more designated parking for apartment building residents to free up the street spaces
32. Enforcement of non permitted or time lapses violatirs
33. Not necessarily. The issue is needing more garage/lots for residents and visitors as opposed to street regulations.
34. Not much change needed, there's no way to regulate our way out of increasing density other than increasing public transit and bike lanes.
35. More permit parking
36. Construction takes advantage. Check on loading zones that they are up to date. Too many new residents, not enough parking per unit.
37. delivery trucks cannot temporarily park in the middle of the street blocking traffic so they may make a delivery
38. More permit parking in the neighborhood

39. People with garages should be allowed to park in the space in front of the garage. Saves other spaces for the rest of us
40. more car share availability
41. no commercial truck allowed to park over night
42. every home with parking be ineligible for a parking permit
43. More parking spots available near 2nd
44. not sure
45. make permit parking more uniform, free up restricted spaces, find a way to make valet services for businesses and restaurants
46. More 2 hour parking for non residence
47. I would like less spots to be taken by construction, moving trucks, etc
48. Allow permit holders one year before renewal
49. Fewer 2hr parking until midnight
50. Applications for Construction (esp. along N 3rd) should include parking plan for all those workers.
51. Adding lines for street parking
52. 2nd Street is commercial and should have parking meters to encourage customers that want to patronage retail or restaurants. There would be a lot more customers picking up takeout or buying retail item if they knew they would find parking. Paid meters encourage short term parking only.
53. don't change them
54. My experience (14 years in total living here) is that in non autumn/cold weather, there is a lack of physical parking from Friday afternoons through the weekend. Rezoning areas to remove what free parking is available to residents (going to meter parking or converting more areas to 2-Hour parking windows), does not address the fact there is limit to how many cars can fit in this area once people come in to dine/shop/etc. My dream would be two fold in that all street parking is lined (paint on the ground) to illustrate the spaces (to avoid bad parking taking up two spaces) and the construction of a multi-floor garage so when we are in parking peak seasons, there is a place to handle the overflow.
55. 2 hour along all of second st
56. Short time limits to encourage frequent turnover, rather than long-term parking.
57. 2 hour parking for all non residents. Designated parking areas for visitors to businesses.
58. More unlimited time, free parking for residents
59. Make all city managed parking either Residential Permit Parking or metered. My block is neither and people use it to permanently store cars.
60. relax prohibited parking areas
61. Less parking, prioritizing pedestrians and local neighbors.
62. Too many spots are restricted for seemingly no valid reason- in front of the Rec center, on Green at 3rd, etc.
63. Enforce existing regulations more.
64. Limit time of parking so people don't park their cars there for days at a time.
65. New multi-unit construction must include one for one parking.
66. Lined spots so space is used efficiently
67. While it's fine to require one parking space for each new apartment or home, many of the people who live in those residences have multiple vehicles. Those of us with no off-street parking (lots or garages) are gradually being squeezed from parking near our homes because of the influx of new vehicles from multi-vehicle residences.
68. should be 2 or 3 hour on 2nd Street all the way down. I own at 829 N. 2nd Street. This is a no brainer. We will have to walk to park our personal car. No big deal.

69. Do not change anything ppa is out of control leave things the way they are i have been here since 1992 you people come in here whining about no parking so ppa can come in hufe and rip us off my clients can park without getting a ticket. Stop ruining the neighborhood.
70. I live here and I pay for a parking permit. I would like to be able to park in any spot, including 2 hour spots.
71. I wish we had a parking garage somewhere on 2nd for people who come here for dining and businesses rather than taking the residential spots
72. Not realistically - every owner should get a spot in front of their home! (can wish!). Realistically, no change.
73. Sticker parking should only be allowed.(do away with the 2 hr rule).. others should have to park in lots they pay for or they should only be able to park on non permit streets
74. I would like to see people who have a garage and or driveways to use it and not park on the street.
75. a parking garage available for anyone to park (even if we had to pay) would be a great benefit
76. Requests to block off parking due to construction for over a few days shouldn't be allowed. Also, permit parking should be removed. If it's on one block, it should be on all and if not, no where then. Also, there's nowhere to pay to park in a private lot.
77. Less restricted parking or more spaces available, parking garages or lots
78. I've been here for 12 years on the lower end of second we generally can find spots If it's not around brunch time or after 6. I think the parking restrictions work well down here. Northern end of second (laurel. North) is a nightmare if I coming back to neighborhood and have to run in somewhere
79. Stop writing so many tickets- it's ridiculous how many tickets and how fast you get one.
80. addition of parking lot or garage
81. unlimited parking
82. three hour metered parking
83. It's really not too bad - should get better once some of the construction is finished
84. Metered parking for all parking without local 10 sticker
85. I'm generally fine.
86. Enforcement should be on residential streets during non work hours
87. I would like to have permit parking on 5th street between Poplar and Girard.
88. Timed parking to increase turnover near businesses
89. Stop letting people park on sidewalks. For anyone, but especially disabled residents and visitors, this can mean needing to be a pedestrian in the street, this risking lives. It is not ADA friendly.
90. I'm ok if parking is a challenge in dense urban areas. If we don't need cars, we should consider not having them.
91. Better enforcement on illegal space saving with cones and chairs.
92. Parking permits every block. Non-residents leave cars parked in same spot for days
93. Do not change any parking regulations on 2nd Street.
94. More spots required to be provided with new buildings
95. If I live here and pay over \$10,000 in property taxes than i should have a reserved spot in front of my home.
96. If an address has on-site parking, they shouldn't be allowed to also have a parking permit, since they have already taken away an on-street parking space or more with their curb cuts. Make some of the on-street parking restricted to permit holders only. Failing that, at least be consistent with the hours of the permit parking blocks; right now it's a patchwork of different hours, different days, different lengths; when permit 25 was added in Fishtown, virtually every block has the same terms: 2 hour parking, 8 am. to 2 am., 7 days a week.
97. More neighborhood parking lots and garage selections
98. Developers adhere to buildings with Parking

99. Reconsider where no parking signs are located and ticketing cars near hydrants that aren't in functional use. The street of W Laurel is so wide, more parking could be permitted without impeding safety.

APPENDIX 2: Do you have any other comments for us?

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1. The awful parking situation is what is making me seriously consider moving to the suburbs. My elderly parents haven't been to my home in years because they cannot find a close parking spot and my mom is disabled.
2. My employees have nowhere to park and get tickets and towed constantly. Parking is a real issue to my business and has hindered people from coming because they don't want to deal with parking.
3. When building residential properties make sure there is enough parking for all residents
4. Yes, many comments. 1. Encourage people to use public transportation or Uber to come here, not cars.
5. Thank you for reading. I drive a compact car because it's the city and it makes sense to save on space, gas, and is also environmentally efficient. I would like to an initiative to help encourage others to driving compact cars because space here is limited because it's a sensible approach to city living room. This is the suburbs after all.
6. The neighborhood is growing and becoming more successful, don't punish density by unnecessarily forcing parking above current code requirements.
7. Thanks!
8. I want to add that I would love for the restaurants/bars in our area to still be able to use some of the parking spots for their outdoors. It is MUCH appreciated in the neighborhood, even if it takes up some of the parking spots!
9. Having a hodge podge of parking does help me as a resident. I know areas that I can use for my own car since I have a permit sticker and when I have visitors like my parents I neee to find them parking in an area that doesn't have a 2 hour limit as they usually come for the day.
10. Variable rate parking is crucial on commercial corridors.
11. I would like to have the ability to pay for an annual second sticker for guests
12. Construction workers takingavailable parking spots and they
13. Residential street zoned parking off the commercial corridor really helps residents. But each block has to choose to apply for it, which is how it should be.
14. We see a decent amount of abandoned vehicles in the non-permit areas.
15. one of the biggest problems on our street is people who take more than once space up as they park their car
16. i have notice that renters from out of state do not change there addrsses and park on not permit parking streets for weeks not change there address for there cars (cars from new york new jersey delaware N. carolina and vermont
17. Please don't add more metered parking to neighborhood.
18. make parking on 2nd St. safer and more user friendly
19. 3rd St between Greene and Poplar should be completely replaced
20. It's difficult for my older parents to visit due to 2hr parking limits
21. I think many "no parking zones" should be reviewed/modified. For example, there is a long stretch of Fairmount Ave between 3rd and 4th, in front of the Rec Center that is a 24-hour No Parking zone (due to it being a loading area). But how come this stretch of the block can't accommodate parking from 6PM to 6AM?
22. We need a parking garage in the neighborhood. All new buildings should have enough private parking spots for 50 percent of residents.
23. I would give up some on-street parking to make space for more protected bike lanes, loading zones, etc.
24. Residents require free unlimited parking
25. We need to encourage new construction or repurposing for private pay garage or surface lot parking, temporary and monthly. The city wildly underprices street parking (less than 10-cents per day for RPP), so it makes this difficult when everyone compares market rate private pay parking to effectively free city parking.
26. Thanks

27. We need more parking!
28. Parking is not as bad as people say it is.
29. People need to stop parking on the sidewalk. Its a ACA issue. Some neighbors are in wheelchairs and cannot navigate and pedestrians should not be forced to walk in the street because cars are on sidewalks. This is a safety issue, too.
30. Turnover parking is good for business on 2nd.
31. Randolph Street (900 Block) got residential parking about 4 years ago. This is not the answer. You pay \$35 a year for a sticker and can seldom find a space. 2 hour parking limits guests from parking without getting ticketed. The guest passes are expensive and you can only get them in the City, Monday through Friday. I believe there are 5 in a pack. I would like our street to be available after 6pm instead of midnight and anytime on Weekends and Holidays.
32. This neighborhood needs parking garages residents and businesses
33. Provide public parking in a lot.
34. With the huge construction projects north of the Piazza south of girard I see parking becoming a much greater issue
35. I have a garage parking spot and live in Northern Liberties so street parking isn't a major issue
36. Charge a fee \$125.00 to get a pass to park in northern liberties. Only give tickets to cars that don't have the passes. If you have the pass you can park anyplace, no problem. If you don't you will get a ticket. But make the passes available to anyone who wants to buy one.
37. yes...fix this
38. Really appreciate you guys for taking efforts to improve and grow the neighborhood
39. Def concern for the amount of condo construction and impact on parking
40. Streets are disgusting. Need to start local community group for keeping streets clean, if Philadelphia city will not clean streets. Everyone that comes to visit me mentions how dirty Northern Liberty streets are.
41. I worry that adding more paid parking will lead to a greater shortage for residents.
42. Hopefully permit parking could make a difference. thanks!
43. 2 hour parking doesn't allow shopping and dining
44. Quality of life is better with less cars on the street. I hope that at least some of these COVID pop-up in-street dining rooms stay after the pandemic is over. The city could charge restaurants rent for tables instead of cars. They make the neighborhood more lively and inviting. It's a win/win.
45. Extend permit parking west of 4th Street
46. Include ALL streets in permit parking. Any changes especially to metered parking should be done only if the number of businesses is more than the number of residences
47. I'm concerned about parking with all of the new construction and I'm not seeing substantial added garages or spaces. I hope there are plans for an increase in cars and traffic.
48. More parking would be nice.
49. Remove permit parking for home owners.
50. Its only going to get much much much worse with all the high rises coming up
51. Limit amount of time construction can tie up spots. New construction project on 3rd between Green and Fairmount took four years.
52. The trick is to allow ample time for people to visit, without allowing non-residents to park for extended hours.
53. Consider addressing traffic in the neighborhood more generally. Cars often speed down streets or come to a stop in the middle of crosswalks. The more pedestrian friendly this neighborhood, the more enjoyable it is for everyone
54. A few suggestions: 1) clearly mark and advertise locations of non-zoned parking; 2) consider painting "spots" on key streets so that poor car placement doesn't restrict spaces; 3) we need a parking garage somewhere nearby, even down between Spring Garden and Callowhill.

55. Lower residential parking permit rates
56. Can we charge parking for non-residents on 2nd st and use the profits to help the BID/neighborhood?
57. Monitoring area at Randolph and Girard by PPA as much as possible as customers to Check Cashing place park all over the place, often blocking entrance to Randolph St. They park on pavements, in front of driveways, in front of fire hydrant leaving trash--discarded lottery tickets, drinks, masks, etc. They are causing damage to curbs.
58. When one finally finds a parking spot they are then harassed by the parking authority. No one enjoys that!
59. More Parking Lots
60. Theft and vandalism are an additional concern. I would prefer keep the eateries than gain back the parking spots. I know know =)
61. It was much more difficult before COVID due to restaurant traffic. Additional parking specifically for restaurants would take some pressure on on street parking.
62. 8-6pm restrictions are normal in other cities. Metered parking also needs to end earlier on weekend especially. It would be great to have a safe and monitored lot
63. Add zone 10 permits to more time-limited areas.
64. We pay a lot of BID money. At times I'm not sure what exactly we get in return. Business/property owners should have access to special permit parking
65. Please delineate spaces on the ground, so people park better to free up more parking spaces.
66. Overnight parking by permit only. Any chance of surface parking lot for residents?
67. COVID has made it more difficult as more people are home and cars are not turning over.
68. Thank you for doing this.
69. We need more parking spots, especially with the planned new construction near George and 3rd
70. More attention to construction site taking spots and impacting traffic is needed.
71. I also think it could be very helpful to mark off parking spots on the street to avoid people parking horribly and wasting lots of spots. I understand this could be difficult given variation in car sizes and not wanting to make the spots too large and waste space, but maybe there are other solutions that could help prevent people from parking terribly and taking up way too much space.
72. Before parking gets sorted we desperately need to look at all the signage & safety. there are many spots that need stop signs, speed bumps
73. Parking is an ever increasing problem, new construction by the piazza has now built on top of the only free lot. Cars have flodded the streets with volume it cannpt supprt, especially with the covid restaurants taking up vital spaces. All the new houses and condo construction do similar. With new construction there should be requirements for more available parking, 2 cars per unit plus extra spaces available for people on site. Get new cars near their owners on their own property and leave street parking to the houses and apartments who do not have access to onsite parking.
74. Metered parking is a big mistake
75. Most of my answers are based on the fact that I have my own parking lot
76. No parking meters !!!!!!!
77. No, but I do find construction/delivery vehicles to be near daily inconveniences either while driving or walking.
78. Please begin enforcing ticketing for people that park in front of their own garages. They should have to use their garage or park legally on the street.
79. There are more people with Jersey tags in this neighborhood than PA tags.
80. PUBLIC LOT \$10 ALL DAY
81. more residence going up, no parking is being added
82. Parking under the highway overpasses are still not good options due to car break ins. Not sure if more lights or a camera could be installed - would make it safer and nicer for residents to park there.
83. Also, anejo had their broken outdoor seating taking up perfectly good parking for a week. Also, the piazza took a lot of parking by the parking garage

84. too many new construction homes with driveways reducing parking options in an already dense neighborhood
85. 5th Street above Spring Garden is still problematic with speeders; too many streets in NoLibs need repaving (when do we see some of our tax dollars spent here on repaving?)
86. Do we have a plan to clean the streets especially from construction debris?
87. We need some dedicated spots for charging electric vehicles. Currently, I can't buy one because I have reliable way to recharge it.
88. There are a lot of people who park illegally on sidewalks or by in pedestrian crosswalks, especially on smaller streets. There should be much more ticketing or towing of these cars.
89. Why can't we get paid parking lots/garages?
90. Some blocks have construction taking parking spots for months or even longer than a year. Also outdoor dining in parking spots needs to see an end.