

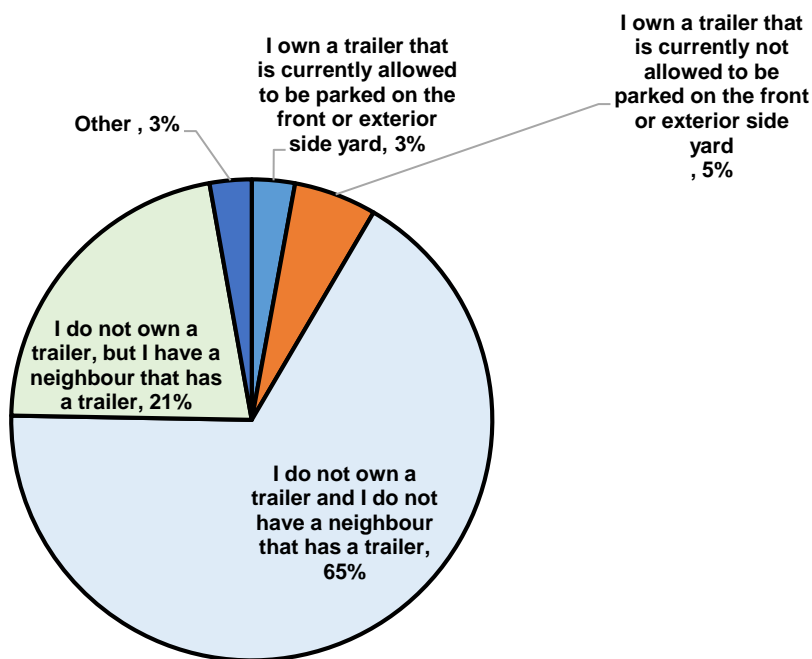
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Proposed City-Initiated Zoning By-law Amendment for Enclosed Utility Trailers: Survey Findings

Between April and June of 2022, a survey was posted on Brampton.ca to engage residents on the proposed City-initiated Zoning By-law amendment for enclosed utility trailers. The questions and overview of findings are summarized below.

The survey had total of **2,753 responses**.

Question #1: Which of the following best describes you?



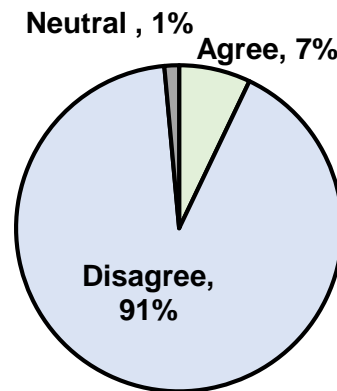
I own a trailer that is currently allowed to be parked on the front or exterior side yard	77
I own a trailer that is currently not allowed to be parked on the front or exterior side yard	148
I do not own a trailer and I do not have a neighbour that has a trailer	1,779
I do not own a trailer, but I have a neighbour that has a trailer	583
Other	75

Of the 65% who answered "I do not own a trailer and I do not have a neighbour that has a trailer" for question 1, 95% of them answered "Disagree" for Question #2.

Question #2: Do you agree with the proposed amendment to expand the existing Zoning By-law permissions to allow for the parking of enclosed utility trailers on the front and exterior side yard?

The findings show that the majority of respondents, 2,513 in total, are in disagreement with moving forward with this proposed amendment.

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Question #3: Tell us more about why you chose that answer for Question 2.

There were 2,361 responses to this question. Many of the responses identified similar sentiments and are summarized below.

Agree with the Proposed Amendment:

- The size of the driveway and availability of space on the driveway may impact ability to park an enclosed utility trailer, and if enough space, it should be allowed
- Easy access to trailers for residents if they want it and provides ability to keep an eye on it for safety purposes
- Hard to find a place to store the utility trailer if not on the property, especially if it solely for the summer months
- If adequate space and in good working order, it is their own property and residents/home owners should be able to park them on their property
- If this is someone's source of business, it should be allowed and will help to support jobs in the city and the local economy
- Costly to park elsewhere in the city, leading to residents travelling long distances to get to their utility trailers
- Property owners and renters pay a lot of money for their properties and should have the right to park what they want
- Parking on the side yard would not impede views and impacts to the neighbourhood
- Other cities allow this and therefore Brampton should allow it as well

Disagree with the Proposed Amendment:

- Visually unappealing, loss of curb appeal, negative impacts to streetscape and quality of neighbourhoods
- Significantly impacts visibility particularly in denser neighbourhoods, leading to more accidents
- Leads to difficulty seeing pedestrians on the sidewalk
- Impacts visibility and blocks view, while also making it difficult to exit driveways and may cause a safety concern/be a hazard, especially with kids playing on the street
- Impacts to property values, leading to neighbourhoods becoming "junk yards"
- Request trailers go in the garage or where they cannot be seen

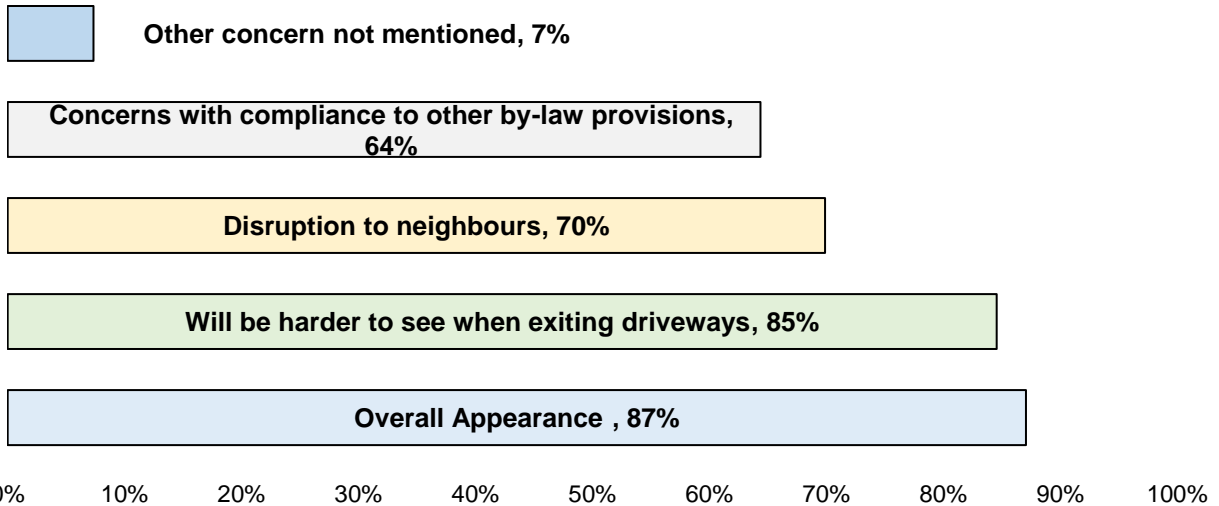
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- Often in bad repair and become an eye sore to the rest of the community, sometimes becoming homes for pests and animals
- Adds to Brampton's current parking challenges, with many identifying parking is a large concern with overcrowding of vehicles in neighbourhoods
- Impact to community standards and value of housing in neighbourhoods
- Attracts break-ins and theft, leading to further criminal activity in neighbourhoods
- Increases likelihood of overcrowding of driveways – many respondents identified too many cars being parked on driveways that lead to vehicles overhanging onto sidewalks and onto the street, adding the parking challenges in residential areas
- Becomes used for storage and leads to illegal parking of other vehicles
- These are often for commercial use and therefore should be stored in commercial areas, not residential areas
- City needs to increase enforcement of infractions, not allow for more flexibility
- Lead to more street congestion and difficulty driving along the street
- Changing the by-law will lead to these and other by-law permissions being abused
- Lead to the city looking like a trailer park
- Cause more conflict between neighbours
- Increased community emissions and environmental impacts
- To allow the parking of enclosed utility trailers means you should allow everything, leading to a slippery slope
- Trailers like this could be used for illegal or misused for non-regulated activities
- Few benefit and many on the street are impacted (not for the greater good)
- Other cities that do allow it do not look as nice as Brampton does
- Reasons outlined in question #4
- Neighbourhoods will feel like parking lots
- May pose a safety risk and block access for emergency services for a house

Most respondents that were neutral on the matter identified points from both sides and identified that they may support an amendment if their concerns identified were effectively addressed (e.g., strict rules on visibility impacts, no impact to surrounding neighbourhood, minimize any nuisances, etc.) Some identified they were neutral if a time limit were to be provided (e.g., 72 hour period each month).

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**Question #4: If trailers were parked in the front driveway or exterior side yard, would you be worried about any of the following?
Choose all concerns that apply.**



Overall appearance of the street	2,397
Will be harder to see when exiting driveways	2,328
Disruption to neighbours	1,924
Concerns with compliance to other by-law provisions	1,772
Other concern not mentioned	831
I have no concerns with the proposed amendment to the current Comprehensive Zoning By-law	202

Question #5: Do you have any other comments?

There were 1,433 final comments. The majority of comments reiterated findings from questions 1-4. Overall, the sentiments from the comments identified that moving forward with a proposed amendment was not in the best interests of the city and its residents.