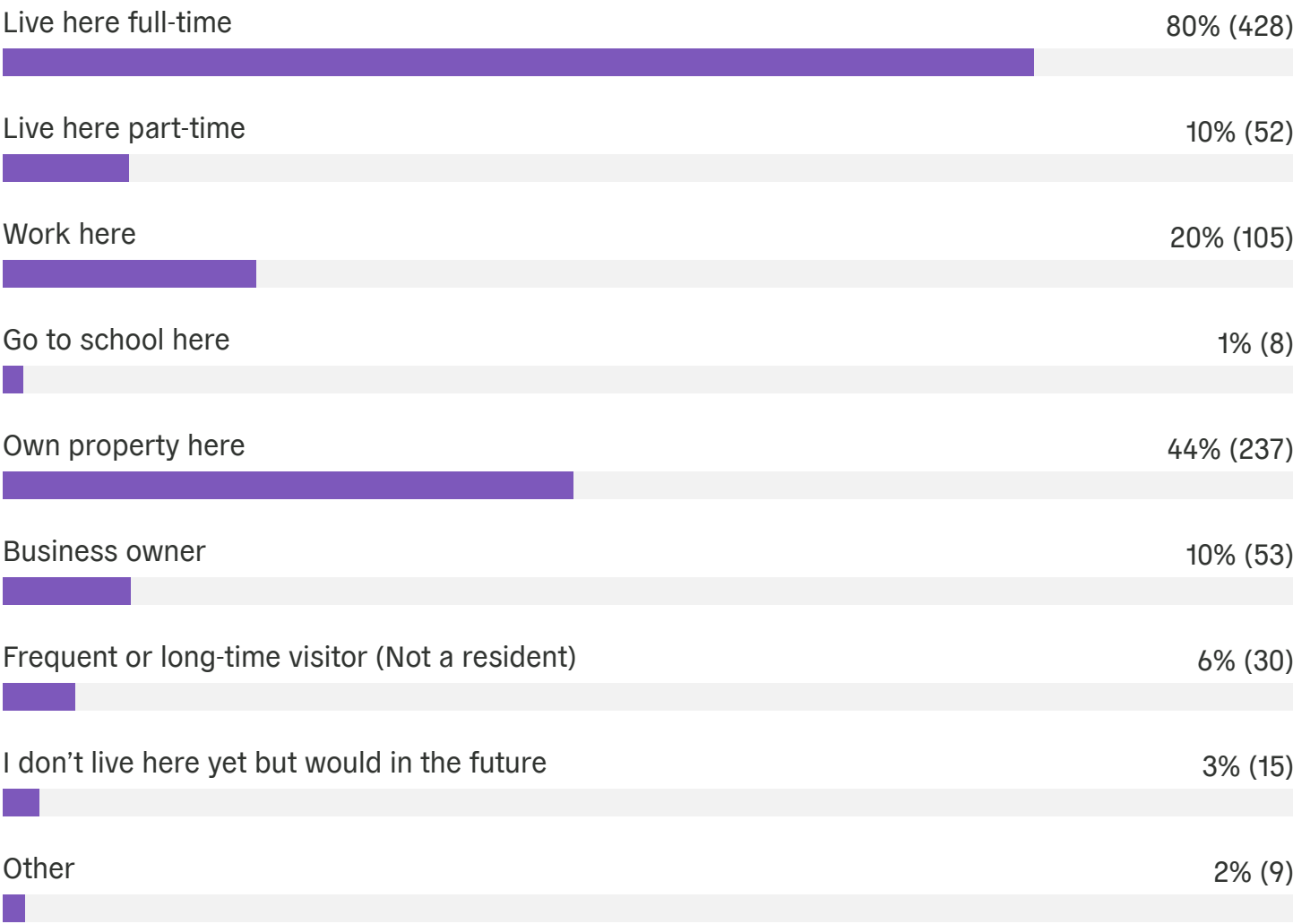# Polco

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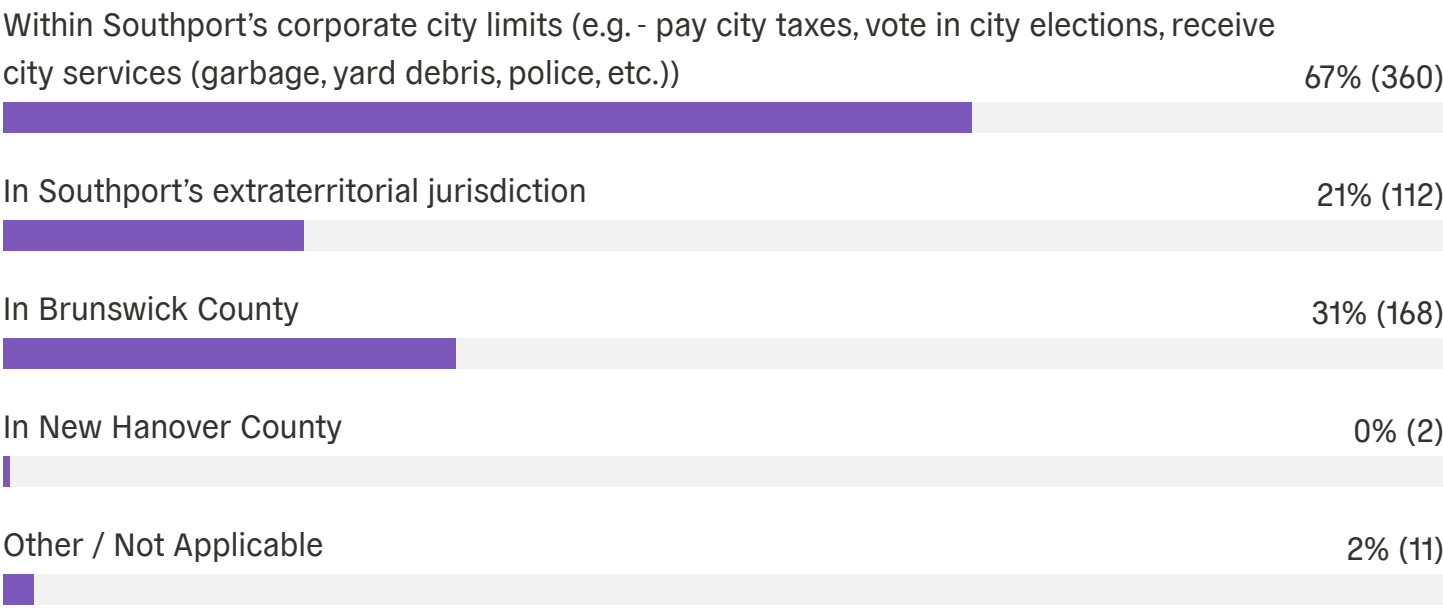
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How do you relate to Southport? Select all that apply.

Live here full-time — 80% (428)

Live here part-time — 10% (52)

Work here — 20% (105)

Go to school here — 1% (8)

Own property here — 44% (237)

Business owner — 10% (53)

Frequent or long-time visitor (Not a resident) — 6% (30)

I don't live here yet but would in the future — 3% (15)

Other — 2% (9)

If you selected "other" for Question 1, please explain below:

Volunteer here too

Volunteer at numerous agencies

Live in BSL but attend church, shop, eat in Southport

I live in Caswell Beach and go to Southport often, for dining and shopping.

Brunswick county resident

Volunteer in lieu of working

Moving into house being built in Southport. 12 July 24

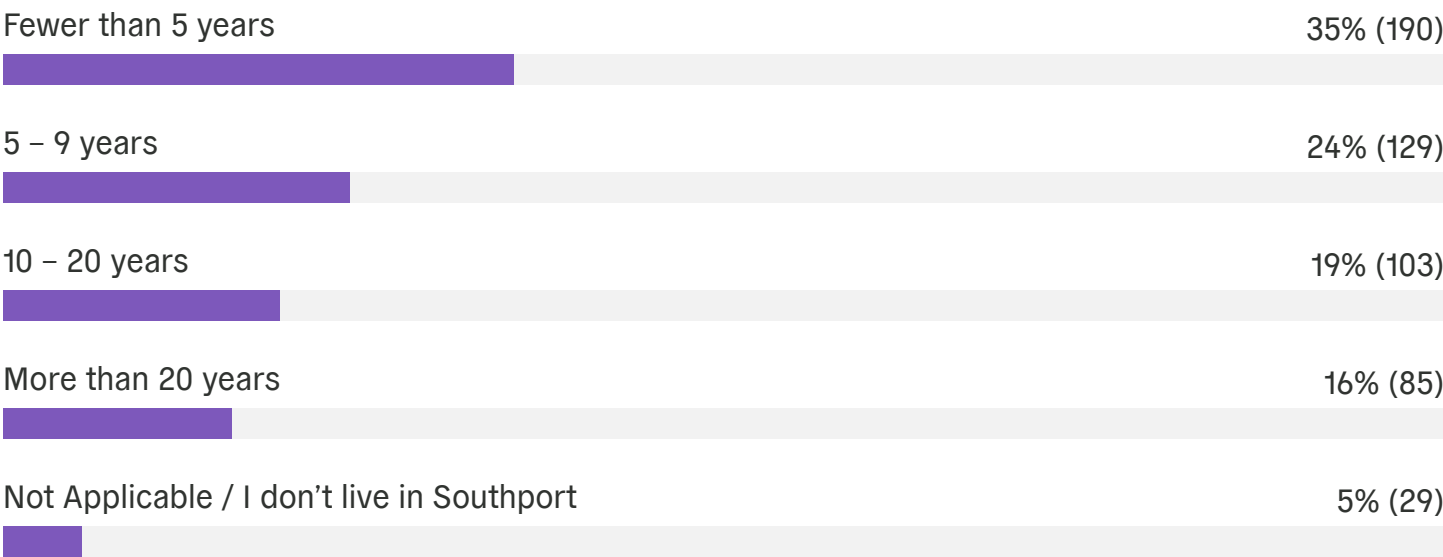Volunteer at the Visitor Center every Friday

Live in adjacent area

Where do you live, work, or own property? Select all that apply.

Within Southport's corporate city limits (e.g. - pay city taxes, vote in city elections, receive city services (garbage, yard debris, police, etc.))   67% (360)

In Southport's extraterritorial jurisdiction   21% (112)

In Brunswick County   31% (168)

In New Hanover County   0% (2)

Other / Not Applicable   2% (11)

If you selected "other" for Question 3, please explain below:

Remote work / telework.

Vacation here for 40 years

We visit Southport about every two to three months. We are also participants in the Open. Sure do miss it being at the marina there.

See Q1

Actively in purchasing process

Pender

Austin, TX

I live in St. james

I don't live there yet but will within the next year.

Massachusetts

Vacation in Southport for almost 30 years

How many years have you lived or worked in Southport? Select one.

Fewer than 5 years   35% (190)

5 – 9 years   24% (129)

10 – 20 years   19% (103)

More than 20 years   16% (85)

Not Applicable / I don't live in Southport   5% (29)

Select a priority level for the following items:

Question	High	Medium	Low	No Opinion/Neutral
Design guidelines for commercial, nonresidential, and multi-family residential development to improve appearance.	59%	30%	10%	2%
Safe multi-modal transportation (e.g., bicycle lanes, pedestrian walkways)	59%	32%	9%	0%
Water quality in creeks, river, and estuaries	84%	13%	2%	1%
Stormwater management	71%	24%	3%	3%
Quality of utility services	75%	20%	3%	2%
Impacts from sea level rise and climate change	54%	25%	17%	4%
Public art and culture	37%	45%	15%	3%
Mitigation of natural hazards	57%	32%	5%	7%
Protection of the marshes, wetlands, shoreline, and environmentally sensitive natural areas	84%	13%	2%	1%
Preservation and protection of the historic sites and buildings	79%	18%	3%	0%
Marine access (e.g., docks, boat ramps, mooring fields)	27%	42%	24%	8%
Pedestrian access to the water (e.g., non-motorized boating and fishing)	43%	39%	14%	4%
Character along commercial NC Highway 211, 87, and 133 corridors	49%	35%	13%	4%
Protection of established neighborhoods and underserved communities	64%	26%	7%	4%
Housing affordability for residents and workforce	43%	39%	13%	5%
Tourism economy	27%	49%	22%	2%
Support for local businesses	75%	21%	3%	0%

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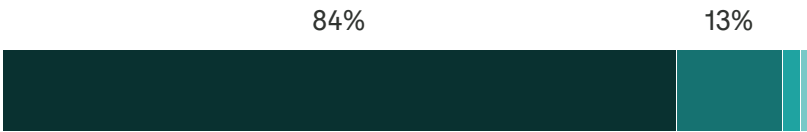| High	Medium	Low	No Opinion/Neutral

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71%   24%

Quality of utility services

75%   20%

Impacts from sea level rise and climate change

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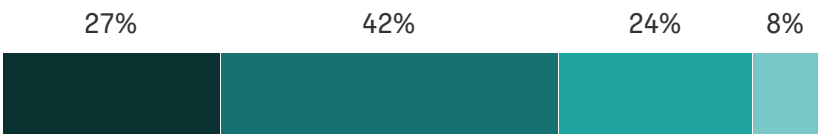
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84%   13%

Preservation and protection of the historic sites and buildings

79%   18%

Marine access (e.g., docks, boat ramps, mooring fields)

| 27% | 42% | 24% | 8% |

Pedestrian access to the water (e.g., non-motorized boating and fishing)

| 43% | 39% | 14% |

Character along commercial NC Highway 211, 87, and 133 corridors

| 49% | 35% | 13% |

Protection of established neighborhoods and underserved communities

| 64% | 26% | 7% |

Housing affordability for residents and workforce

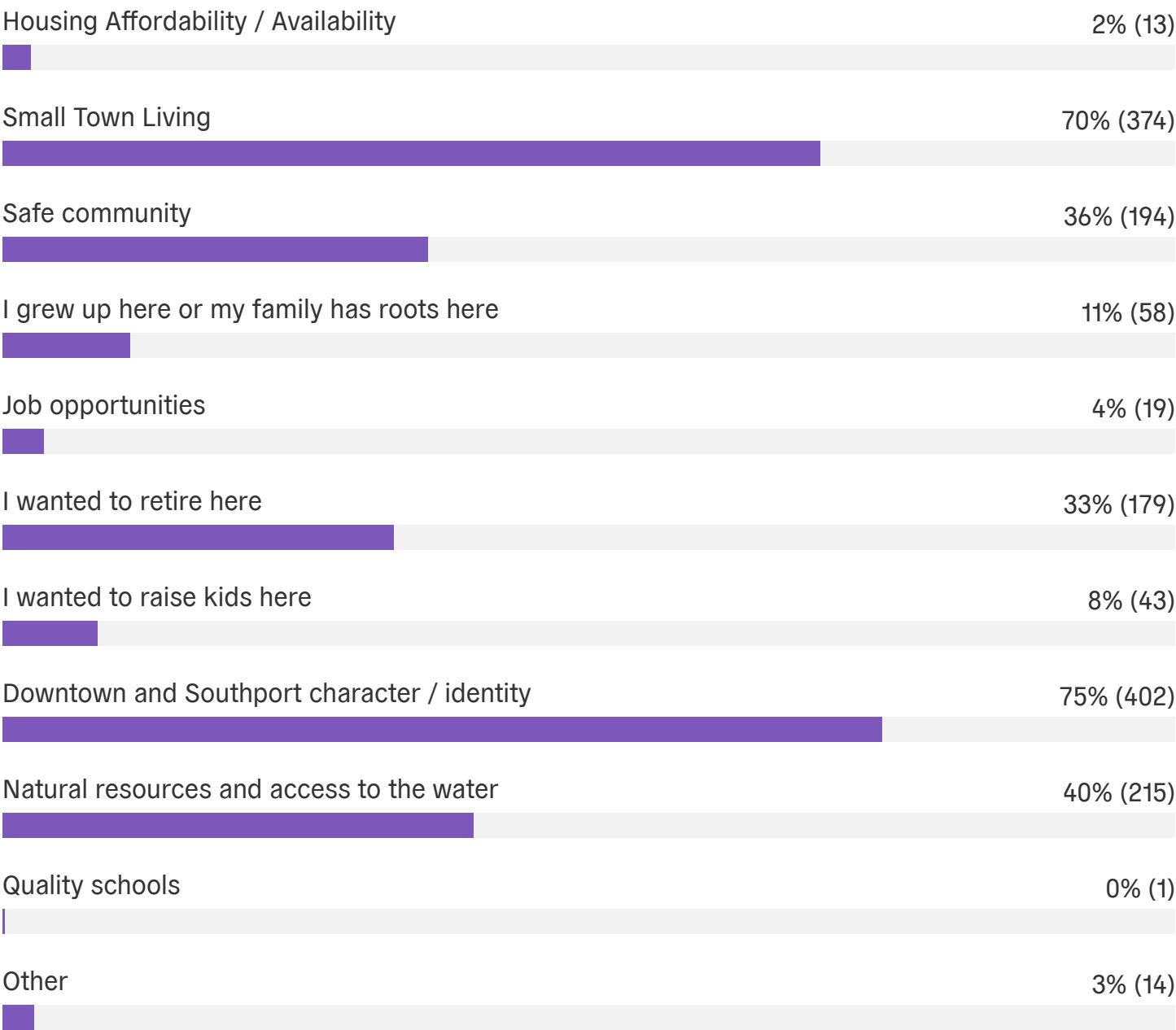| 43% | 39% | 13% | 5% |

Tourism economy

| 27% | 49% | 22% |

Support for local businesses

| 75% | 21% |

What are your top three reasons for living in Southport? (Select up to three or at least one.)

Reason	Percentage (Count)
Housing Affordability / Availability	2% (13)
Small Town Living	70% (374)
Safe community	36% (194)
I grew up here or my family has roots here	11% (58)
Job opportunities	4% (19)
I wanted to retire here	33% (179)
I wanted to raise kids here	8% (43)
Downtown and Southport character / identity	75% (402)
Natural resources and access to the water	40% (215)
Quality schools	0% (1)
Other	3% (14)

If you selected "other" for Question 7, please explain below:

Not just small town but a small town with energy. The tourism creates the energy that helps make it so nice

Married a SPT native

Partner moved for work

We're just day trekkers.

History

We live in Caswell. We go to church in and love visiting Southport:)

karma

I wanted to retire here and enjoy the weather in a non-tourist town without the hectic nature of traffic while having convenient, basic services. I also wanted a nostalgic feel without the restrictions of a modern Home Owner's Association and where I could enjoy my walks around the City to see the existing homes, gardens, hardscapes and bathe in the "feel" of a traditional American small town. It could be better summed up as a nice small town. Don't change it.

Beautiful town on the verge of some wonderful and much needed commercial growth
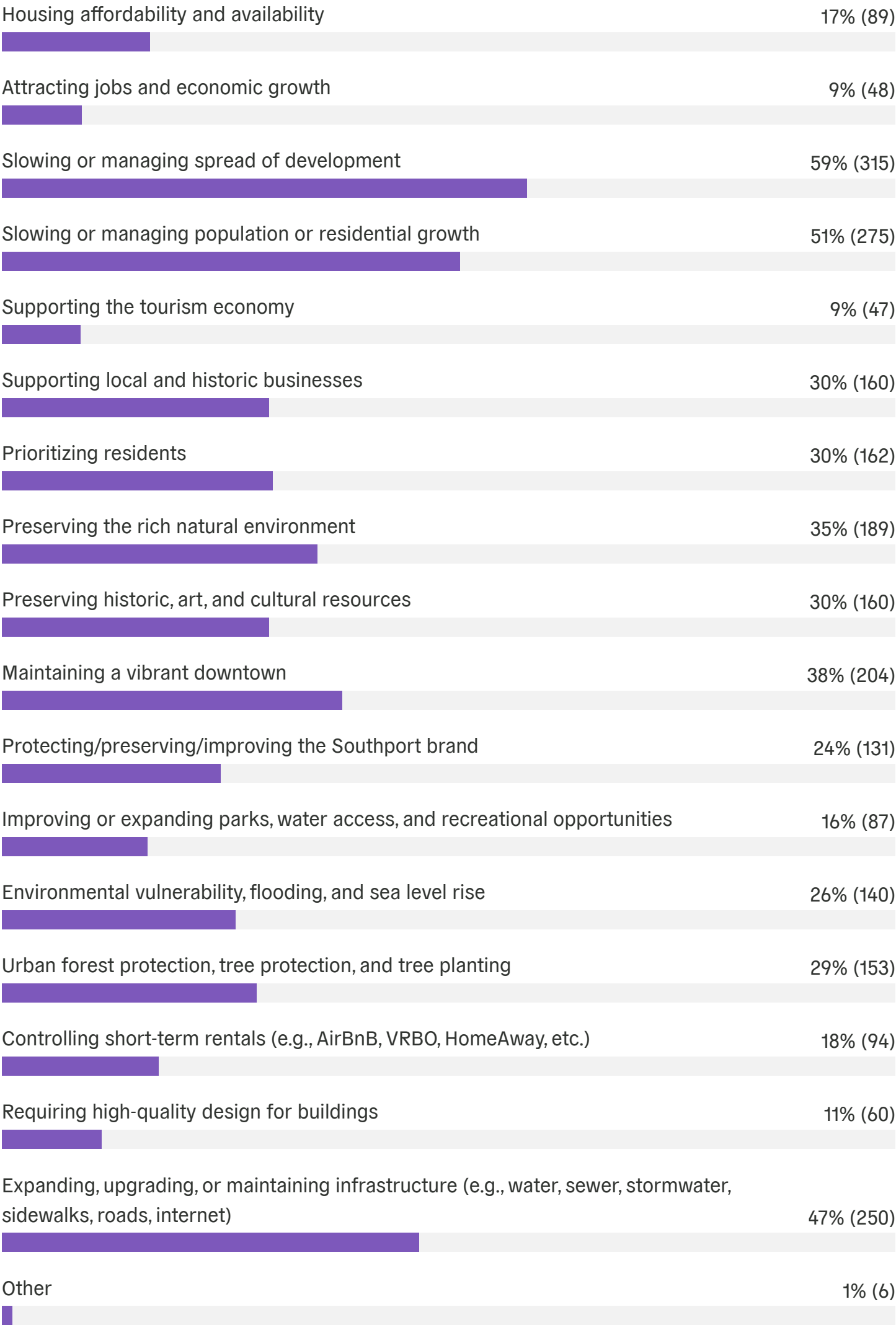
Temperate weather

Natural beauty of the area and friendly people

Don't live in Southport. Frequent visitor.

My family retired here and I choose to live nearby to be able to help and support them when needed.

The ability to walk along bay st.

What are your top five concerns for the future of Southport? (Select up to five or at least one.)

Housing affordability and availability — 17% (89)

Attracting jobs and economic growth — 9% (48)

Slowing or managing spread of development — 59% (315)

Slowing or managing population or residential growth — 51% (275)

Supporting the tourism economy — 9% (47)

Supporting local and historic businesses — 30% (160)

Prioritizing residents — 30% (162)

Preserving the rich natural environment — 35% (189)

Preserving historic, art, and cultural resources — 30% (160)

Maintaining a vibrant downtown — 38% (204)

Protecting/preserving/improving the Southport brand — 24% (131)

Improving or expanding parks, water access, and recreational opportunities — 16% (87)

Environmental vulnerability, flooding, and sea level rise — 26% (140)

Urban forest protection, tree protection, and tree planting — 29% (153)

Controlling short-term rentals (e.g., AirBnB, VRBO, HomeAway, etc.) — 18% (94)

Requiring high-quality design for buildings — 11% (60)

Expanding, upgrading, or maintaining infrastructure (e.g., water, sewer, stormwater, sidewalks, roads, internet) — 47% (250)

Other — 1% (6)

If you selected "other" for Question 9, please explain below:

Protecting, restoring, &maintaining the historic features that have made Southport "Southport".

Rapid growth is an issue

Returning integrity as a requirement for leadership.

housing diversity

Protecting SPT's historic features (Garrison, Courthouse, Franklin Square Park, improve appearance of Yacht Basin area)

Handicap parking along Bay St

What kind of development would you like to see more of in Southport? (Select three options.)

Development Type	Percentage (Count)
Single-family homes	20% (105)
Townhomes or apartments	6% (32)
Duplexes, Triplexes, Quadplexes that fit in with the existing community character (i.e., multifamily homes that look more like single family homes)	10% (55)
Hotels and lodging	1% (7)
Mixed-use development (residential homes integrated w/ commercial uses)	17% (91)
Small-scale commercial (shops and restaurants like in downtown)	62% (331)
Large-scale commercial (grocery stores, shopping centers)	5% (28)
Office space	1% (5)
Medical facilities	29% (156)
Entertainment	26% (140)
Longer operating hours or days open in the off season	25% (134)
Services (professional, financial, personal, etc.)	14% (76)
Industrial / Manufacturing (large- or small-scale productions)	1% (4)
Recreation and tourism	24% (130)
Other	7% (40)

If you selected "other" for Question 11, please explain below:

NO more development

Affordable homes for medical employees

Until infrastructure can catch up with what is already here & longstanding problems (dredging the yacht basin, securing the shoreline, improving the appearance & safety of the yacht basin area, parking issues,& many other issues that need to be taken care of) further development should not happen.

Development that enhances tourism, can ultimately enhance the locals experience as well. Develop more Small commercial for shops, restaurants, etc and allow residential homes for short term rentals for lodging. New visitors every week are more likely to go out to eat at our local restaurants nightly or buy stuff at the shops weekly than residents. Without theses visitors, the shops and restaurants don't stay open. Most residents don't go out to eat every night, go on a ghost tour, sunset cruise or buy new trinkets at the boutique shops everyday, but tourist do. This is a strong argument to allow more short term rentals. Tourism brings a great energy to the town. If new businesses can open an thrive with tourists, the locals get to enjoy these new businesses as well. They may "get a little too crowded" during peak season but are awesome in the shoulder and off season for residents. If we are not encouraging and giving visitors more to do in the peak season, businesses can't keep their doors open and us residents don't get to enjoy new businesses that enhance our wonderful town. It would be great to have more places for our teenage and adult children to go when they come visit. Although our most vocal residents may be older, we need to keep the town attractive to families and kids as well. Unless you live on one of the original 100 Smithville lots, your home was new at some point and once part of expanded southport development. We don't need to stop developmemt, we need to encourage it. We just need to be smart about it. It is hard to believe there are now more restaurants open and more to do in Oak Island after 8pm than Southport.

Grocery store in downtown

no more development

Small-town Southport's uniqueness will be completely and utterly ruined if you keep going in the direction of unfettered growth. Where are you going to "put" any of these things? It is well on the way to becoming a traffic and people-choked blot on the landscape already. Do you not see that you are not-so-gradually turning it into a featureless, treeless, mass of humanity and vehicles with sheer greed as the propellant? Do you want to turn Southport into another formerly-quiet Beaufort, so completely strangled by tourism that it cannot even be easily visited anymore and many just drive (crawl) through and U-turn without having spent a dime at their businesses/restaurants? You encourage full-timers here to support our local businesses, yet it's too unpleasant to try to navigate among all the cars and tourists. Many give up and stay home to await the end of the "touron season". The serenity of "sweet little Southport" of even 5-10 years ago has disappeared.

SOUTHPORT NEEDS BICYCLE & GOLF CART PATH THAT GOES FROM WALMART ALL THE WAY TO THE WATER FRONT

Ecotourism to highlight diverse wildlife in the area

No more development

More restaurants on the water

Limit further business expansion

I would like to see less development and more thought to adding green space , parks.. preserving the trees and stop trying to make more parking!!!!

Greenspace/Eco-tourism

No more development in Sourhport....the footprint of the towns can't handle it!!!

None, we have developed enough. Better signage in donwtown directing to ferries and bathroom facilities is the only "development" adjustment needed.

Preserving green space and natural habitat, marsh

I would like to see SPT "develop " a sense of preserving, protecting, restoring, & maintaining more of what SPT originally was.

Would prefer all development be slowed down and carefully controlled. Bill boards and large advertising signs should be abolished. Power stations should not be visible from main roads, and abandoned homes should be torn down. Pubic transportation to beach and to Wilmington should exist. Bike lanes down Moore street to the harbor oaks and the landing subdivisions as well as along Howe street from the downtown area to Walmart should be built. Pump stations should be camaflaged and there should be no odors coming from them. The pump station on Burlington ave is disgusting.

Short term rentals (airbnb)

University

University

None

Keep the town the same. At the most add a limited number of small-scale shops like Haven or Cafe Koa. Stop trying to be "bigger" or more inclusive of every new thing. NO duplexes or multi-family townhouses. It goes against the Southport feel.

Require downtown business to landscape & decorate the exterior of their business to make them visually appealing.

Southport doesn't need any further development. Southport is a cul-de-sac not a pass-through town. Traffic is horrible as well as the congestion of people.. you can't drive through town without fear of hitting someone whether they are driving or walking. Southport does't need to advertise for more toiirists. The property owners can't enjoy their town for the tourists...which there is no season anymore..it is year around. Unless you are going to put up a gate and charge for admission... because you act like Southport is a "Disney World", then stop promoting weekly festivals and markets. Let the citizens breathe and enjoy where they pay to live!!!!!!

Maintaining traffic flow. Eventually the the finished 211, flows into 1 lane into Southport downtown.

affordable housing for potential workforce to allow businesses to be fully staffed

Development of Greenways.

I don't want to see anymore development. I would like to keep and improve existing infrastructures. I don't want to change Southport small town feeling. I want to prevent and slow down commercialization of our beautiful Southport.

Bike path and more roads that allow golf cart have builders pay into the coast of new roads, schools, fire man etc.

SPT doesn't need any further development ! Can't maintain what we have now. The only possible new development, as SPT's population is mainly retired, would be a 3- stage retirement community nearby.

No new development. Keep the small town hallmark feel.

None it's over crowded residents can't even get out onto 211

Less building more nature

With aging population town needs more doctors

Slow, smart development so as not to strain resources and infrastructure.

NO MORE DEVELOPMENT YOU MONEY HUNGRY THIEVES.

Residential growth in Southport can take multiple forms. Most neighborhoods surrounding downtown are considered traditional neighborhood development. Many of Southport's newer subdivisions are considered conventional subdivisions. Different neighborhood design types can have more or less density and open space preservation within the development. Indicate your support for the neighborhood design types below. (See image above for subdivision descriptions.)

Question	Support	Neutral	Do Not Support
Conventional subdivision (bigger lots, higher unit cost, less preserved open space)	17%	28%	54%
Conservation subdivision (smaller lots, mixed unit cost, more preserved open space)	57%	22%	21%

Expand all / **Collapse all**

| Support | Neutral | Do Not Support |

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For new neighborhoods, what qualities do you think are most important? (Choose up to three or at least one)

Sidewalks and crosswalks — 30% (159)

Access to parks, greenspace or walking trails / greenways — 39% (208)

Preservation of open space /natural resources — 66% (352)

Landscaping / beautification / street trees — 41% (222)

Active recreation and/or health related amenities (pool, fitness center, athletics courts/fields) — 10% (56)

Homeowners Association (HOA) — 4% (24)

Subdivision design that fits with existing development and the landscape — 42% (223)

Including a mix of unit types for households — 13% (69)

Architectural design and details / unique finishes — 18% (94)

None of these — 5% (26)

Which pedestrian elements are needed in and around downtown? (Choose up to three or at least one)

Pedestrian crossing signals — 28% (149)

Streetlights — 18% (99)

Sidewalks — 48% (256)

Shade trees — 59% (317)

Seating — 39% (207)

Wider sidewalks — 17% (91)

Improved wayfinding signage — 13% (69)
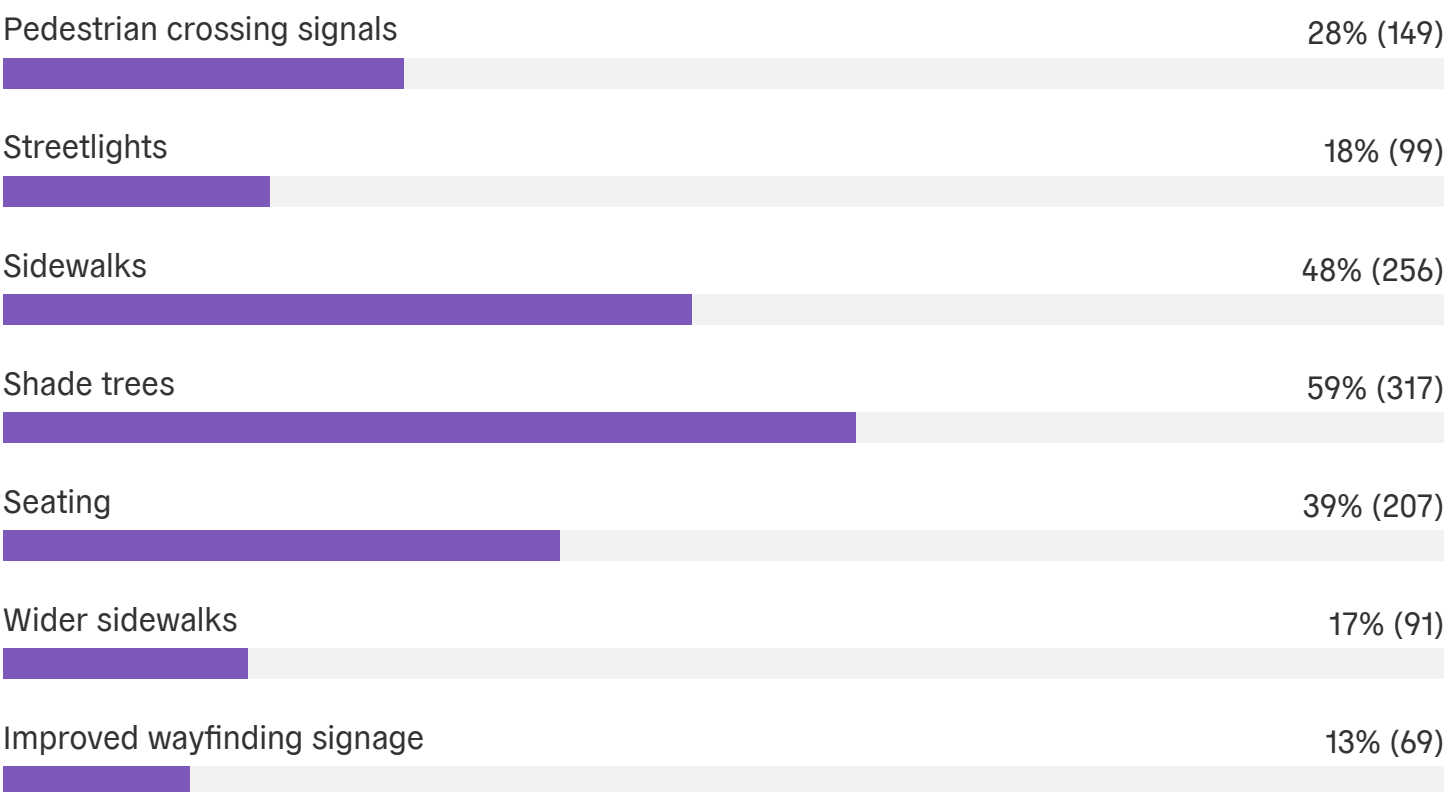
Where would you prioritize new sidewalks or making sidewalk improvements?

Question	No Priority	Low Priority	Moderate Priority	High Priority
Bay Street	8%	18%	41%	32%
Howe Street	5%	16%	33%	46%
Leonard Street	13%	29%	40%	19%
Other	43%	17%	21%	19%

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| No Priority | Low Priority | Moderate Priority | High Priority |

Bay Street

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Howe Street

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Leonard Street

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Other

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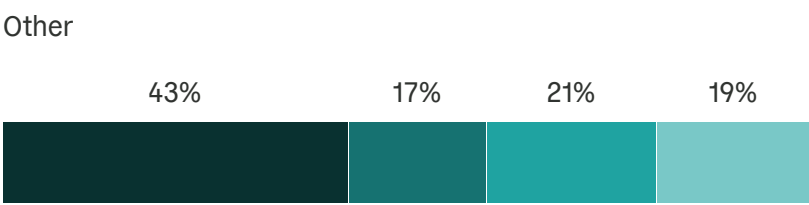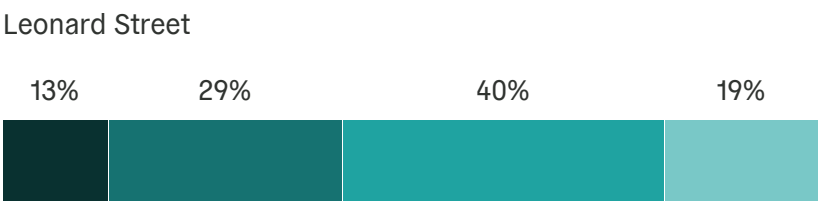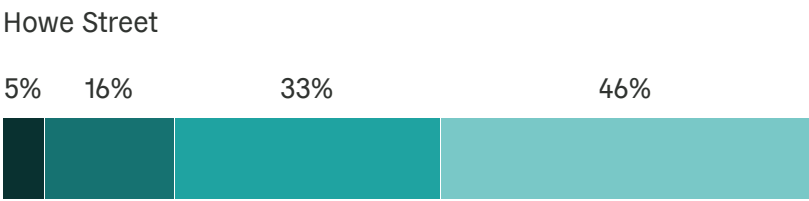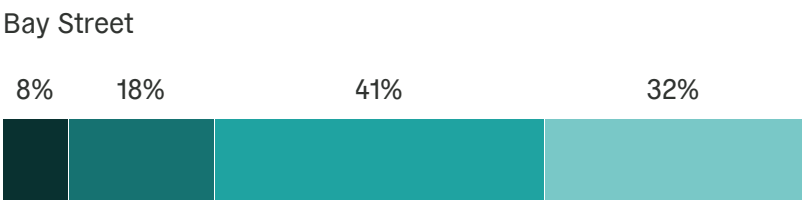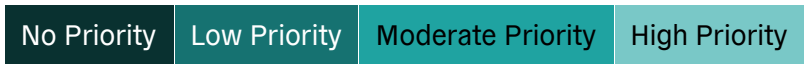
If you selected "other" for Question 16, please explain below:

Other side streets downtown area

N/A

Stop the growth

Non-busier streets may not warrant the expense of sidewalks.

Non-busier streets may not warrant the expense of sidewalks.

NA

its not a priority

Side streets

Throughout the core downtown area we need fewer cars and more walking, biking, Carts. Downtown should be more like BHI and only special motored vehicles allowed. Need to encourage more shared rides like shuttles, Uber, Lyft to keep cars out of southport.

Bike paths on howe st

I had to select something

Moore Street

I did not select "other"

Atlantic Ave

NA

No explanation

Yacht basin

I don't think new sidewalks are needed

Cannot think of any

Didn't mean to select other

I have no idea what you mean by "other"

West side of North Lord St

i don't know

Crosswalks in more places downtown

N/a

Not applicable

N/A

I don't know what you want

Where possible

?

None

n/a

A sidewalk is needed on N Fodale Ave. Both pedestrian traffic and vehicular traffic have increased significantly in the last few years. We have more pedestrians walking in the street, and they note that some vehicles move over but many do not, causing some "face-offs" in the street. As an example of the increase in vehicle traffic, today between 3:00 and 3:40 pm, 49 vehicles drove down Fodale Ave between E Leonard and Howe Street. Fodale was considered for a sidewalk some years ago. I believe it should be up for consideration again.

All of Downtown

N/a

Consider a walking area along East Moore St. Lots of traffic. Lots of people walking.

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Moore

Moore St

The main walking streets with shops should be priority. "Other" would be low priority.

Question didn't make sense

Don't really recall a specific issue

No reason

First of all, We should not change the sidewalks in the residential historic areas. These already have great character. We should add more crosswalks on Howe and maybe even a traffic light or two just for the crosswalks. We should add sidewalks all the way up and down Howe. All the way to the new traffic circle. We should also add sidewalks for the first block or two in each direction on the cross streets of Howe. Some of the existing sidewalks get really narrow on Howe.

Did not select other

Sidewalks seems fine - the roads need to be fixed. Most people walk in the roads on all of the sidestreets and they are filled with potholes.

N/A

Cannot uncheck box

NA

Seems like we are spending too much on sidewalks

None- survey made me select

There are other areas in the town but since the question is nebulous, the answer cannot be direct.

No necessary

Na

Many downtown streets have no sidewalks or ones that need repair. Trim trees and shrubs for obstruction free walking.

Leonard Street needs a sidewalk or at least a bike path or both up to Howe St. People drive fast and there is no shoulder for walkers or bikers.

Lord and Caswell

West, Nash, and Moore

I did not choose "other"

N/A

Moore Street

NA

Yacht basin

No p

Yacht basin pedestrian walkway....maybe a boardwalk style

9th street....school to Howe St

X

Not selected

Pedestrian improvements near the commercial area of intersection of routes 133 and 211.

Rhett St. - Sidewalks on Rhett St is discontinued between Nash and West.

East Moore Street

Areas on Long Beach Rd to Oak Island have great potential for business and tourism attractions. Right now it's looks crappy.

Sidewalk should extend all the way up Howe street to at least Stuart avenue

Add sidewalks to streets without them before expanding on streets with them already.

N/A

Why was Leonard singled out? I understand Howe and Bay

More public bathrooms

Lord St

Lord St

Sidewalks to and from neighborhoods that are about a mile from town to Howe Street.

Depends on where additional parking is created.

Aaaaaa

None

Moore street from downtown to ferry circle

Stewart Ave

We need sidewalks/ bike lanes/ golf cart lanes on Howe from waterfront to light at Famous-Southport should be a walkable town

Moore Street

No new sidewalks needed in historic district

W Brunswick St & Yacht basin

N/A

Moore street -

In the corner of the yacht basin at frying pain, people walk in the road blocking driving

Forced to answer question

SPTs sidewalks are just fine. The only possible exception would be around the Yacht Basin for ped. safety.

Moore st

All streets should have sidewalks on the entirety of both sides.

Extend sidewalks all the way to Walmart at a minimum. Some people don't have a vehicle. Too dangerous to get groceries. I see many people walking and riding their bikes everyday along that route. There are no places to get groceries in town. People should have safe access to food. We need to worry about our citizens and be a REAL small town instead of creating a facade and cater to only tourists and St. James residents.

A mistake in choosing this

Moore St

didn't mean to select it

Yacht Basin area

BSL

Sidewalks need to be extended from 9th Street to the Walmart Shopping center or beyond. Pedestrians and bicyclists have no safe paths to follow today. Too great of an emphasis is placed on accomodating motorists. This is stale, unimaginative thinking. If there were sidewalks and/or bicycle lanes, it could reduce the amount of cars coming into the town requiring parking.

All sidewalks are in a current state of disrespair and have been the cause of pedestrian injuries

our side street sidewalks are in disrepair

All other streets

All streets should have sidewalks on at least 1 side of the street, along with bike lanes. More walking and biking = less pollution, fewer medical issues for residents...

Xxx

E. Moore St - from downtown to the circle

Sidewalk access to walmart

The survey required a selection. So, assuming there may be some requirement, without the survey being clear on what "other" streets meant, I chose Low.

moore street

Traffic calming devices and sideways are required on all city streets particularly "cut through" for ferry traffic has to happen to prevent someone getting killed. Speed limits are posted and ignored. The city is responsible and has a long history of promising much and delivering nothing.

Fix shoulder unsafe pinch points like Smithvile Burial Grounds, Walmart west entrance and Rob Gandy right shoulder entrance and Doshier Cutoff Bridge

Moore Street - from ferry(s) to downtown area. All the way.

I think that sidewalks are adequate in all areas except for Bay St. and specifically the Yacht Basin, which is in desperate need of upgrades to physically separate Pedestrian traffic from vehicle traffic.

Bike lanes

The street corners that have those awful looking "pedestrian friendly corners are a Poorly designed HAZARD and an eyesore

Not a big issue with me

Extension of Moore St sidewalks

I believe there should be sidewalks along ninth street toward Indigo. I think sidewalks should also extend to the City offices along Caswell above 9th and from Famous Subs into town along Howe Street past the Trailer Park across from All in Bloom. This makes town more accommodating for walkers. Nine (blocks) is not that far for visitors.

Yacht Basin Dr and Brunswick St need walkways to improve pedestrian safety and not impeded vehicle traffic.

Money could be sent in a better way to help the community.

Confusing question. What do you mean by other?

Fodale Avenue for the many walkers and runners

Null

All of the roads in the historic area should have sidewalks. Keep people safe & off the roads.

Moore st

N/A

Lord street

West Moore St from N. Howe to Yacht Basin Dr

Repair/replace existing broken sidewalks on other streets

Improve existing sidewalks for repairs.

Find ways to have cars stop at crosswalks like having police sit sometimes at the crosswalks instead of hiding at the old rescue building.

I feel all of the sidewalks are in very poor condition

a walkway is needed on Moore St. to the roundabout walking is dangerous on Moore

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1. E Moore St. from in town to circle - both sides, 2. Bay St from Kingsley to Yacht Basin - both sides. 3. Howe St. from 14th St all the way to Bay St. - both sides.

E. Moore Street

Lord and Atlantic

Most of the sidewalks are uneven around town and I have heard of several people tripping and falling on raised lips of the sidewalk. It seems to me that this is a liability for the town should anyone get hurt.

No answer, survey forced me to answer question.

I don't know where you are talking about so i have no opinion

Moore street could use more sidewalks

People walk in the streets, why add more sidewalks

Fodale near Dosher hospital.

Didn't mean to answer and couldn't back outs

Yacht Basin and Brunswick Street "Riverwalk"

Only Downtown has sidewalks

North Atlantic

Stuart ave because of excess ferry traffic

We need bike paths in this town desperately!

Sidewalks on Moore st needed. Unsafe to walk

East Moore st

The road to the ferry

Keep the charm of the downtown

W. West St., Wider shoulders on Leonard for walking and cycling

Would love to see sidewalks all the way up Howe St to 87.

Long Beach Rd

other

No priority

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Better bike lanes needed

Moore Street needs either sidewalks or multi-use paths for cyclists and pedestrians.

Sidewalks on N Fodale Ave due to amount of vehicular traffic

Howe St to Walmart a sidewalk is needed

Atlantic Ave. from Bay to Dosher Hospital,

Moore St

No Comment

Need more bike and walking paths

Yacht drive and surrounding area.

Moore Street

I didn't select other but this survey makes you choose other to complete it.

Walkways near yacht basin for safety.

Need a path for bicycles and golf carts only.

Handicapped parking along Bay St so people can access all piers.

There are plenty of sidewalk space in all areas.

What do you value most about Southport?

The historic small coastal downtown feel and waterfront park

Quaint downtown with beautiful natural setting and water views

SMALL town

The quaintness of downtown and the waterfront!

The quaintness of downtown and the waterfront!

The once small town feel

The Southportness

Our Downtown reflects the image of small town USA. I want to keep that image even though the surrounding area is booming streets

Peaceful, quiet, nature, trees, water access

The history of the water/town. Not how much the real estate is or how much the boats are but the rich history here in a southern town. Not places to consume consume consume.

The quaint friendly small town feeling

Small town atmosphere and closeness of neighbors and residents.

No fast food. Boutique shops. No franchise restaurants...locally owned and locally sourced dining.

The small town quiet feeling that I valued is quickly fading.

Sense of history and community

small town quaintness

I value the small town atmosphere. I was attracted to Southport from yhe first time I visited. I grew up in a village in New York and was looking for some place in the south that would give me that quaint, friendly feeling of a village. I found it in Southport.

Small town feel and history of town

It's historic quaintness, low crime rate, it's "southernness"(friendliness)

Shops, sidewalks, docks

Small quaint safe atmosphere

The vibe--energy-but controlled, the history and it's retelling by capable groups and people, cool little side alleys.

Small Town living with access to commercial amenities outside of HWY 211/87

I like the history of southport and the low buildings and the skyline that we have. I do not want roof top bars or hotels in downtown. I don't want people building of top of older buildings

That small town feel.

We look out for each other.

Small town, historical fill.

Small town feel.

Small town feel

The people

Home

Small town-no multi family apartment living-do not become Leland, Wilmington or Myrtle beach!!

The coastal character and evergreen forest cover.

Here is why my husband and I moved to Southport: We looked a small town, on the water, with lots of history, and with a focus of how we could give back. And that is what we found here.

The character and charm.

Charm

Small town atmosphere with riverfront views. Fort Johnston is a treasure.

Slow pace

Easy access to the downtown area and the waterfront

The small town feel

It's mostly safe. There is minimal crime and one can walk around without fear.

Small town feel; no big box stores Or restaurants; more boutique shops & restaurants; more small boutique, shops, and restaurants; clamp down on short term rentals - ruins neighborhood; keep historic area streets as they are as they are so charming & great to walk. All the massive building that is projected for downtown & residential areas is ruining why I moved here.

The peaceful historical walkable downtown. This is why I bought an existing home here

Small city atmosphere friendly people all around

Small town feel with the energy of a thriving visitors destination. Honestly, it would not have the same feel or appeal if it wasn't a tourist town.. We love seeing all the visitors and weddings on the water front. We also love running into our neighbors at American Fish!

The small town, friendly character of Southport

Community of friendly neighbors.

I value the quaint throwback feel of Southport. Safety is also a top priority for my family.

Beautiful small sea town

Community water let's keep it charming

Small town feel, proximity to the water

The natural environment/waterfront

The small town atmosphere and walk ability of the area.

Close to ocean, nice people, plenty of good restaurants, lots to do.

Charm

The small seaport feel. Safe living. Friendly people. Love the "Don't change Southport, let Southport change you" concept.

The walk- ability to the shops, waterfront park, downtown area.

Beautiful small town by the coast

The charm and character of a small, historic town.

The way Southport IS

Scenery

Uniqueness

Small friendly town with gray natural resources including access to the water.

Small town feeling

The quaintness

Older small town appeal

Safe beautiful community

Historical small town feel.

Walkability, the people I know, great restaurants

The small town vibe, it still feels unique and special - not commercial.

The remaining trees

Small town feel

historical quaint homes and neighborhoods

Small town environment/safe community

Historic charm

Quality of life!

It's historic small town charm

Its small town character and eclectic beauty

Winter, when the population is smaller.

Cater to permanent residents, not tourists

Its "remote" location in the region. I wish I could also say its pervading green-spaces, serenity and the yesteryear feel of quiet neighborhoods and safe, peaceful walks, but those qualities are severely and I fear irrevocably threatened.

I used to value the peace and quiet and slow pace

Small town feel

Our sense of community.

THE PARKS 7 LOOK FAORWARD TO THE ALL-INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

Quaint home town feel. But this is quickly evaporating due to the exploding number of newly constructed housing developments.

The Cape Fear River

Quiet

Small coastal village.

Small town ambience

Natural beauty and historical significance

Walkable to an extent .. low crome

Tradition, history, and nature. Prevent the building of new structures within downtown and promote a safer pedestrian environment.

Beautiful seaside town

The historical aspect, the water access, small business growth and opportunity.

Views and access to water

Small town with coastal culture

Small town coastal life!

Small town charm.

Southern charm

Small town feel with many options for shopping and engaging outside. Love the big trees and laid back lifestyle.

Small town, focus on people

Welcoming lively community with parks, art, live music - Yacht Basin is beautiful but needs dredged

Small town atmosphere

The small, safe charm of the town.

Small town environment

Small town feel

Small town character and waterfront beauty.

Maintaining the small time charm and ensuring the usable and accessible riverfront is protected

Character and small town feel

Small town nautical historic charm

Small town, friendly environment

The small town local feel

Small town feel. Quaint, easy to walk.people always happy. Voted happiest seaside town for good reason!

The small town on the waterfront feel. The sense of small community.

The variety of small businesses

The small town feel and local business

Unique historic feel with waterfront and small town charm

Waterfront

Great traditional values and respectful decent people.

The charm and integration with nature and the environment.

The small town feel, the friendliness of neighbors, the tourist industry that also leaves (no more hotels, short-term rentals), the water access, appreciation of local artists and businesses

Historical, small town.

The charm, location to water and multitude of things to do

It has always had small town .... Southern fishing town feeling

Charming small town with a beautiful waterfront

Small town and historical significance

The ability to park, walk, and shop at local businesses.

Small town

I miss the Southport of the late eighties/early nineties. The small town feel and uniqueness of shops - not box stores was a big draw to the small town that is now not so small.

Small town charm.

Local charm and history

Low crime rate

Historic Charm of downtown

Character

Salubrious breezes

The way it was!!!

Small coastal town feel.

Small town feel

Small town feeling of community

Community and history

It's quaint small town feel and beautiful scenery. Dog friendly.

History and old buildings

Small town charm

Small town life

The support for small business and the arts

Small town living but southport could take note from Downtown Statesville NC and it would be absolutely amazing. Start gearing events toward younger families and not 82 year olds

Preserving history and protecting it.

Love the small town aspects (quaint, southern) along with the beautiful live oaks and waterfront.

I value the family environment however i have a disabled child and would love to see more accessibility in shops, sidewalks, parks, and more.

Small hometown feel and many trees

Access to the waterfront.

Coastal living. Easy access to parks, water, history, small businesses

Slower pace of life

The people and downtown

The salubrious breezes, the history & the small town feeling

Small town - Southports history

Small safe town

The historic character.

Beautiful waterfront

Waterfront restaurants

Lots to do.

I love the coastal small town living. Even though it's small Southport offers people lots of choices in restaurants, shops and entertainment.

Quant, charming, Historic Sea Coast Town

Small town feel

Non touristy...(although that's being ruined day by day) small town feel ... quaint and safe ... the oak trees!!

It's history, beauty and quaintness.

Our great residents and small business owners.

Small town living

Friendly and slow pace

Small town feel

It's quaintness

Quaint historical character, Mayberry by the sea

Small town

Small town, friendly neighborhood vibe, safety and trees.

Walkability and ease (usually) of parking.

Small town chatm

I value what is left of the natural environment and history.

Small town character.

ability to walk from my home to the downtown shops and resturants

It's small town charm.

Friendly people, small town feel, slower pace.

Small town feel

Franklin Square Park and keeping vendors and markets out of it. The NC 4th of July Festival needs to be rethought and smaller. The town can't handle all of the people and it has become a state fair instead of a festival.

Small town charm, friendliness, natural beauty

history and nature

Small town charm on the water

It's small town fishing village atmosphere

The historic charm and sense of small town community

Small town feel

Community, entertainment

Its character and walk ability, would like to see LSV expansion

Small town feel

small walkable town

Small town feel

Small town atmosphere, shops and restaurants, beauty of the water

Small, quaint town with one-of-a-kind waterfront view

Small historic town

Small town community for raising our children

I value the charm, the people and the community of Southport. To me Southport's leadership has gotten power hungry and losing its small town for the people touch.

The character and charm of downtown.

The small town feel

people

Quaint neighborhoods, seaside village, waterfront and historic areas.

The small town, close knit community feel.

The waterfront. Followed closely by a casual small town lifestyle.

Born and raised here, high value in knowing everyone in the neighborhood. Limiting the pace at which growth and development is occurring without proper planning as the town has long been known to do.

It's low density, small town charm with access to the water.

Not losing the small town feel

The ability to walk to shops and restaurants. The view!

Safety

Its a small town

Small town charm

Small town vibe

LOW DENSITY housing

The culture

Hometown feel

Small town appeal. Downtown waterfront

Small town. Quiet.

Small family town with some tourism. Green spaces and farmers market, museums

The small town charm, the slower pace, small locally owned businesses and the feel of Downtown. All of these would be threatened by over development and overly populated additions to the area.

Its quaint character

Small town feel with TREES!

The small town vibe!!

Less growth

The small town feel and walkable community

Unique, historic, back porch feel. I love the trees and do not want any destroyed for more neighborhoods!

The maritime history (would love a memorial to that on the waterfront!) & quaintness (which is eroding due to too much construction & increasing population).

Small town atmosphere, Live Oak trees, open space and keeping city right away open for parking.

The small town charm and the people

Small town charm

Restaurants and waterfront

Everything about life is easier than where I came from.

Small, beautifully tree lined town; no tall buildings, historic vibe; safe.

Small town feel, natural marshes and waterfront

Small town feel

Small town atmosphere/living

The small town feel on the water.

Local shops and restaurants

The feel of quaintness of the town and access to the water for paddling to BHI

History and vibe

It's comfortability

Small town with strong character and sense of community.

Keeping it small and peaceful

Sense of community and vibrant downtown

Quaintness

Small town, friendly atmosphere with access to green space and water

Small town atmosphere, access to water, trees and natural beauty

Small town feel

Small town lifestyle

Small family oriented

Small town, conservative feel.

I used to value the neighborhood but recently a developer was allowed to build a building so close to my bedroom window that I have no privacy and I'm now living behind a wall. This was a result of getting a waiver permit even after I sent a letter of non support and my reasoning. Which I later was told my letter was not read by the board so not entered in the record. There is more to the story but the city failed me by letting a developer submit multiple plans and get exceptions without considering impact on my property. I want these practices and lack of consideration for existing properties to be changed.

I value the small town characteristics, which are rapidly disappearing with the out-of-control growth and influx of national retail businesses.

Small community friendly people and art and festival events.

Sense of community

Community

small town with attractive waterfront

Small, residential community, natural beauty and access to quality healthcare and services

Small town feel

The historic nature and how the residents have allowed Southport to be Southport

Small town life with incredible natural beauty

Small coastal town vibe

Small town atmosphere

Small town feel with local shops restaurants. Few chains

Location to coast.

Cape Fear River, proximity to Caswell Beach, NC

Keeping the height restrictions and therefore controlling possible change towards city feel.

The Entire Character/ History/ and the great people

Small town, friendly feel with local businesses

The small town coastal and historic feel

The small town community. It's so great to live here!! We do not need to try to cater to tourists and what they might want. We don't need more shopping centers and more stores and development. We have plenty. If people need something they can go to Leland or Wilmington. We live here for the small community. The full time residents r the only ones that should have a say in things!!

Small town, All-American feel. Not many remain. Don't try to 'make it better'. Let it be what it is.

The small town vibe on the water with shops and restaurants

Its charm

It's seaside small town appeal

Small, hometown feel and young families having the ability to live here

The hometown feel!! We chose Southport as our forever because it had the hometown feel, a great and safe community, and fun nearby activities.

Small town charm and history

maintaining the integrity of our small town

This is where I grew up. It is home.

The vibe when we got here. Small town by the sea.

Knowing everyone and being known by everyone.

Small town living with access to the water

The small town feel, variety of natural fauna and the maritime activities and anything attracting visitors to the river front.

Small town feel. Walkability.

Quaint, small town character, genteel Southern charm and friendly atmosphere.

The economy generated from visitors

Lovely neighborhoods shaded by oak trees. Walkability. Peace and quiet.

small town atmosphere and proximity to water

Community

Character of the downtown businesses and the waterfront

Its historic character and the ambiance created by conservative and thoughtful preservation.

The people! Don't choose policy over people. The residents make this town so special and beautiful!

It's small historic town

Historic architecture and small town feel

Small town living

Since of community - the involvement of the residents

MOVED HERE FROM AN AREA STUDYING THE WALKABLE URBAN MODEL FOR GROWTH. SOUTHPORT HAS THE WALKABLE URBAN MODEL WITHOUT LIGHT RAIL, ETC. EXCEPT FOR A GROCERY STORE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, MOST OF MY DAILY NEEDS ARE MET WITHOUT GETTING INTO A CAR. MAKING MORE AREAS ACCESSIBLE BY BICYCLE BY ESTABLISHING DEDICATED BIKE LANES WOULD BE A PLUS.

Location, art vibe, small town living

Safety, conservation, affordability

Small town, historic, friendly, beach and maritime vibe

Small historic town free of crowds. I am extremely concerned that overbulding in this area will destroy the city of Southport with overcrowded conditions and overcrowded bars and resaurants and no place to park

Small town feel

Small town feel. It's going away Politicians want $$$ we want old town charm

Small town atmosphere

Friendly people, volunteering, relaxing life

Small town charm and quaint feel.

It's character and closeness to the beautiful waterfront

it is where I live and work

Quaint small city with inviting characteristics

The eclectic nature and small town feel of Southport without the HOA intrusion on personal freedoms (although some Board and Planning Development individuals seem determined to ruin this feel in SP).

The small city feel. Protecting our waterfront

The unique character and feel of a small Oceanside town. The lack of corporate chain retail adds to the charm and patronizing locally owned is preferred. The "Don't change Southport. Let Southport change you" signs are the absolute best example of the feeling we have and why we were immediately drawn here. Identifying those qualities and preserving them is the #1 most important thing to do.

Small town living

Quiet neighborhoods and slower pace.

It's sense of history.

Its charm, nice neighborhoods, no chain stores in city.

Restaurants

Small town feel and free parking.

Access to boating and fishing

Small town feel, people are friendly, local vendors & business people.

Great music, art and small town vibe

Small town feel. Large town ammenities.

Small town and historic history

Small town feel with local boutiques and restaurants.

Character, including capped development

Preserving history and small town atmosphere

Downtown and the people

Uniques Small Home Town USA

Southern coastal small town vibe, stores and restaurants

Small town feel with local businesses

Small town feel

Keeping the small town feel and the historic houses. No fast food or chains in the downtown.

Food and kindness

walkable, quaint, safe

it's small town feel and charm. Southport is a very unique town because of its history and location. So far, Southport has done a good job of maintaining its charm, but there seem to be influencers that want to make money from developing Southport. No to that! SP doesn't need to be all things to all people. We don't want it to become another Oak Island or Leland. I believe in the saying "let Southport change you, don't change Southport." There are very few spots left on the East Coast one can call "quaint". Don't destroy the quaint feeling of Southport by over developing and changing it character. There is a lot of room outside of Southport developers can ruin and make ugly. Send them outside the Southport city limits with their big developments. I don't want to see that in Southport city limits!

Small town feel

Lots of local businesses gives it the unique charm.

The small town feel

Charming Family Friendly Coastal Town with a vibrant arts and restaurant scene.

Quiet. Fewer weekly rentals than other coastal communities. Small.

Small town coastal, historical, cultural feel. Local businesses.

Trees and neighborhoods

Friendly, small town, "All American" feeling

This is a loaded question. Southport has a beautiful waterfront and does many things well. Traffic in and out of downtown is a disaster. And while preserving the character, it certainly needs to attract new businesses and commercial enterprises and some of the eyesores that are vacant or need to be condemned on Howe St., the City needs to deal with it - buy them and sell them - just improve the overall look of the corridor coming into downtown. This is a common statement I hear as a resident, whether expressed to you in this survey or not.

Small town

Small town living & the ability to walk everywhere.

WAter. Size.

no answer

The waterfront and the quaintness

Walkability

Small town charm

Small, but vibrant town feel.

It's small town feel which is quickly eroding

Charming small town feel

Small town atmosphere

The small town neighborhood atmosphere near the water.

Access to the Waterfront and local businesses that make it seem quaint

small town

It is a condensed community with excellent small business and locally owned restaurants. I value my access to the water for paddle boarding and the ability to ride my bicycle throughout town.

Small town with great shopping and dinning and access to water

Community feel, historic architecture, water beauty.

Small town living not over regulated

Waterfront character

Walkable Downtown

The way it was not the "theme park" it has been allowed to turn into....this city is out of control!

character of the city and safety

Water views, wildlife, historic preservation, and safety.

The people and culture

Walk ability, but that is getting less safe.

I once valued the small town charm, however in the past three years the charm is quickly diminishing. It's being over-populated, I the town can't keep up with the over population and housing is quickly taking over.

Small town living

Small costal town with many local small business and restaurants for residents and tourists to enjoy

Beauty of River and properties

Small town character and limited development

Natural beauty and charm

Historic homes charm (got this way without any city directives), oak trees, river views. I also enjoy high quality restaurants that are an anomaly for such a small town.

Small historic town charm, great neighbors, good restaurants.

Unique town w history

Small town

Small town feel. I love how quaint the town is and I don't want it to become a Carolina beach

Home

Small town atmosphere

Small town atmosphere; unique shops & restaurants

Small town feel, appreciation of town center and water view, community events like concerts on the green, local cultural events.

Climate, small town atmosphere

Small town charm and friendly residents.

small town coastal charm

small town charm

Small town atmosphere with healthy small businesses core

Being able to walk to places of interest to me: library, shops, post office, dining, grocery or conveinience store

Small town feel

Historic neighborhoods and friendly neighborhoods.

Small town vibe, water views, history, charm, local restaurants and shops, hospital.

the historical houses and buildings

Historic preservation

Historic neighborhoods.

The small town environment

It's a relaxing town

The people

Sense of community and coastal living

The people

Identity, sense of community, and size

Small quaint town with local businesses

Small town living

Small town friendly

Friendships

Small town feel

The citizens. Mostly friendly and amazing.

Unique shopping, waterfront views

The people. The walkability downtown.

Historic, small town character

That is a small town and a lovely community by the water

Small community town, not a beach town.

Small town charm and values. Access to the water

Friendly people

Small town feel.

Small town charm

Friendly relaxed atmosphere

Small charming friendly town

small town feel

Downtown

Small town

Natural beauty

Safe, small town, local/small businesses

Small town, beautiful waterfront and historic district

I value that Southport is a small town. I moved here specifically because of that.

Low violent crime

Small town feel and friendly people. Natural beauty. Please preserve the trees, marshlands and animal habitats!

We loved the small town feel of Southport and affordable cost of living when we moved here 12 years ago. All of that has changed drastically.

Small town, friendly feel.

The small town characteristics. The historical, cultural and uniqueness of the town.

small town feel and access to water

River walk

Small town sitting.

The quaint non commercial small town feel

Free parking

Free parking and being able to sit in the blue chairs at Fort Garrison watching the river.

The small town feel, slower pace living

I used to value the small town feel. It's too crowded and the city govt only cares about gentrification. Generations for poor citizens are being taxed out.

Small town vibe

Location and small town vibe

Small town feel

Small home town environment

Close to beach and small town but needs quaint modernization

Small town and natural environment

Not commercialized but growth thru tourism

History and small coastal town vibe

It's small town and friendly atmosphere.

Small town feel & beauty of riverfront

Small town feeling.

Small town, good people, safe, historic and places of business.

Being in a coastal town is a little bit of heaven for me

The natural beauty and charm. Small town feel.

Charm, size, Small businesses. Restaurants, walkable, friendly, safe

The trees access to water and the Small town community and business owners.

The small town quaintness (which is now endangered due to overdevelopment)

Small town.

Small, unique, safe town

Small town friendliness

Historic charm and safe living

Small downtown charm

Small town vibe/weather

I love the rich history of Southport and access to the water. I love the small town feel that seems to be slipping away.

Walkability; close community; integrated charm

Small town charm and natural feel. Big beautiful trees

Small town close knit community. Really wish it would stay small and limit growth of large commercial space and more housing developments

Small town living

Small coastal feel

Walkable, access to amenities, I.e, restaurants, shops, cultural opportunities

Old historic town

Small town walkable feel safe. Something to do sometimes. Water front restaurant. Shopping. I can use my golf cart.

Peaceful waterfront

the historic vibe, the quaint city, the trees - the tall pines, planned development that keeps Southport as Southport

Small town charm

Quaint small town feel, historical homes, natural beauty and all local business in downtown

It's where I grew up, and it has many small businesses that I care about. It also has historic value that is important to the development of the United States as we know it and it would be a shame if we covered that up with ugly new houses and no new jobs.

Easy lifestyle with slower pace

It is where I grew up and where my family lives.

Small town feel

Small, friendly town with natural beauty and historic homes

Welcoming community

Quality of life

Small town atmosphere

Walkability, Historic Homes, Restaurants, Entertainment

the waterfront

pace

Ease of walking, to restaurants, retail, the water

Small town historical charm.

Friendly, small town atmosphere

Small town ambiance with historical character present in the general downtown commercial area. Still a generally friendly population.

Safe small town charm and friendly people

Being able to walk around a beautiful downtown.

small maritime town feel

It's character, shops, activities and location at the water

Small town living with adequate amenities and entertainment ootions

Small town feel

It's my home town. Having said that, I am distraught at what I'm seeing take place now - TOO much traffic, TOO many people, & the quaintness disappearing.

Small Historic place

Appreciation of the volunteer spirit that so many bring to Southport - pride so many of us have in our town

Small town living

Small town feel

Downtown area

Quaint and small nautical city with a lot of history and locally-owned stores, restaurants and drinking establishments. A fun place to visit and spend time, especially with out-of-town visitors (we live in St. James).

Being born and raised here

Generally a quiet, safe place to live and access to downtown and the River front. Love the water, city pier, watching the ships and water access.

Don't change Southport let Southport change you

Small town living

Small town feel

Small Town Character

It's small town charm that is the hidden gem

Small town hallmark feel. Safe to walk around without worry.

The feel and ease yo move around

It's small town character, which is rapidly disappearing.

Small Southern town charm

Small residential town, non-commercialized feel.

location

There is enough of a variety of things to do here. Anything from small restaurants and bars to the outdoors.

Small town feel

The character and charm that is slowly going away with over-growth.

Small town atmosphere

Charm and river view

Small town charm

Small town charm

Crimefree environment

Small, safe town

Unique shops, community feeling

Small town atmosphere

Small town charm. Love the yacht basin and downtown feel. Want to keep it small town - we don't want to be Myrtle Beach 2.0 or Wilmington 2.0.

Being a small town and not a tourist attraction

Small town southern charm

Small town and waterfront access

Golf carts

Small town atmosphere, walkability, access to river, no chain retail within city limits.

Small historical/ fishing town is the only answer.

What is the most important issue the City will face in the next 5, 10, or 20 years?

poorly done overgrowth

Keeping the tax rate down. Infrastructure

Too many people

Infrastructure keeping up with growth.

Infrastructure keeping up with growth.

To much growth.

to many people, mismanagement

Streets for the traffic. Services like Doctors police nurses firemen and all the equipment that goes with it. No one will be able to afford living here. I saw it happen in Long Beach Island NJ. And Sag Habor NY

Not overly catering to tourists.

Over crowding and failure of infrastructure

Traffic control and affordable housing for workers.

Growth

Over development. I get it. I wanted to move here for all Southport has to offer but without proper planning development will turn this lovely area into another overgrown, overpriced, congested town that used to be quaint and inviting.

Over development and becoming just another waterside town over run by tourists.

Growth and Infrastructure

manage growth

Road system not adequate for the number of vacationers that come to this area from May thru December. Parking is also an issue too.

Traffic and parking

Overpopulation, lack of ingress/egress(ability to evacuate in emergencies), infrastructure not keeping up with population

Population

How to manage overdevelopment of Southport while managing the influx of visitors from overdevelopment in all of Brunswick County.

Population growth

Infrastructure Improvements

Keeping development at bay and developers with thier blood thirsty longing

Growth and infrastructure

affordable housing

Too much expansion, too fast. Infrastructure cannot support at the rate we are going.

Excessive development. Rising sea level and climate change.

Protecting property owners

Overdevelopment of residential uses

Insurance

Direction of growth-maintaining integrity of the community or selling out to growth

Over-intrusive development/traffic …. Proliferation of harsh LED lighting ignored by city administration.

Juggling quaint town with growth

Infrastructure upgrades

Affordable housing

Infrastructure for the growth we really can't stop.

Over development with services being developed at the same pace or quicker. It is very hard for new arrivals to find doctors / dentists now

Growth, yes it's going to happen, but let's make sure the new development matches the old so it all blends and the city keeps its charm.

Zero infrastructure. Decision makers who are unqualified to make decisions

Growth.

Building/Population explosion that is out of control projected buildings downtown will ruin downtown charm which is so sad & residential areas.

Preserving the historical charm of this quaint little fishing village

Not being the small quiet Little town.

Tourism and growth bring tax dollars. If we don't have the tax dollars, it is much harder to meet the demands of a small town on the water front.

Rampant growth and accompanying traffic

Development of dense housing that doesn't have the same architecture or landscape of the existing town. It has already happened with the Haven development downtown and all the housing down 11th.

Overgrowth that could undermine the small town feel that so many residents and visitors value.

Population growth and access via 211

Drinking water -growth -over building -long term town plan is needed. Sunset Beach did a good job - commercial has a look, the developments- common areas landscaped beautifully

Overdevelopment, traffic, high utility bills

Tax base to support growth. There are not enough commercial businesses to lessen the residential burden and residential taxes will not be able to provide needed services

The town will definitely face issues with infrastructure unless those areas are included in the long term plans. Also, having to pay taxes in both Brunswick and in the town, limits the people who can afford to live here. No simple answer, but it is a concern.

Overbuilding

Raising costs

Maintaining/building infrastructure ahead of population growth. Fixing water quality.

Traffic is becoming a problem. There needs to be a parking lot somewhere off Howe Street for visitors to downtown . Please do not put in ugly parking meters anywhere!!!

Rapid growth and development

Development and affordability

Managing growth

Too many homes.

aging population - workforce

Traffic associated with continued growth.

Money, spending money you don't have

Growth

Controlled growth

Growth

Having an honest, transparent, board representing the citizens desires. Capitalizing on tourism through paid parking.

Development.

Limiting big box store take over or major expansion

To many road ways leading toward a already crowded Southport

No infrastructure to accommodate the growth.

too much growth. stop building sub divisions!!!!!

Overcrowding

Traffic, new developments

Growth

Over population

overdevelopment in Brunswick county

Parking

too much building of poor quality high density housing

The lack of well-considered thought AND honestly good intentions AND an EARNEST love of HISTORIC Southport. (Walk the talk, people.) Also, catastrophic storm flooding, extreme storm damage, loss of natural landscape, ecosystem/wildlife due to destruction of wetlands and indiscriminate mass clearcutting of trees, careless ignorance, lack of foresight, brashness and sheer greed.

Overpopulation. Collapse of infrastructure. Even more inflated costs.

Traffic, parking

Growth outside the City, along the HWY 211 and 133 corridors.

THE SAME ISSUES IT FACES NOW. THE BOA CAN'T EVEN MAKE A DECISION FOR OR AGAINST THEY JUST PUT OFF EVERY DECISION NEEDED TO BE MADE!!!!!

Rapid growth

change through overpopulation and traffic

Politicans

Improve the structural continuity and esthetics river shoreline. Public parking structure might help.

Growth

Managing growth to preserve the character of the community

Over expansion/lack of medical professionals and similar

Population growth and modernization.

Rapid population growth

Over development, loss of environmental habitat, loss of trees

Control growth and rising costs

Leadership

Managing development in a way that expands the town without losing its charm. Dealing with traffic

Increasing frequency of tropical storms/hurricanes.

Population surge

Allowing for growth without restricting people who currently live in town too much.

Getting a decent city manager in here who works well with others.

Development outside of downtown, congestion coming into town, and parking

Unsustainable growth

Managing the over development. Balancing need for income with greed of developers. Tax tourism items/uses more could help with income.

TRAFFIC

Population growth and infrastructure

Overpopulation turning the area into Myrtle beach

Growth

Too much development, taking away the charm. Limited green space and too much traffic already.

Over growth of business with no one to work. Over elderly population

Growth and infrastructure. Historic downtown needs to remain quaint and quiet. No 3 story bars

Affordable housing & bringing in younger families

Making changes that would affect tourism.

Stressors from overdevelopment

matching the need for shopping and eating resources with appropriate locations

Sea level rise and over population

Over development and loss of character that drew people here in the first place

Balancing Growth and Change

Over population, rising housing costs and getting workers to work here due e higher housing costs,

Effects of climate change

OVERDEVELOPMENT

Overcrowding. Unaffordable

Traffic flow, maintaining the charm

To much growth with realizing that infrastructure, schools , medical , safety need to be considered

unchecked growth

Urban forestry preservation

Over crowding

Traffic due to over growth

It will lose the quaint village feel with all the building of new neighborhoods /townhomes

Over development

Traffic

Infrastructure decline

Traffic , not enough people who use town pay taxes

Over crowded

Generational transition as the population is widely regarded as very old. What happens to the businesses and properties as they pass away? Need to encourage younger blood to come into town by encouraging those opportunities.

Too many people who don't understand the value of keeping a small town small!!

Controlling growth for infrastructure and crime.

Too many yankees & illegals

Overgrowth

Sea levels rising

Controlling the growth and managing infrastructure

Size

Over development and expansion

Managing Growth

Rapid population growth

Growth

Preserving 250 years of history

Mix of affordability for residents and environmental and climate issues - hurricanes as only part of the issue.

Population

Development

Affordable housing, aging population, lack of workers for local businesses

Infastructure

How to keep development from changing the town ethos.

Infrastructure to maintain tourism industry

Pedestrian safety, due to lack of sidewalks. Crosswalks, a lack of traffic signals, & speeding issues.

Over population/ loss of everything that defines Southport as a quaint small town.

Growing too big too fast

Infrastructure

Infrastructure to support city growth

Expansion

Paid parking, against it

Storm impact.

Taxes, they are very high, yet the historic downturn is not showing of a vibrant well manicured city.

Good management at City Hall

Development!!!! Tacky fast food and horrible signage.. Southport is being ruined by developers and real estate agents that sit on the board and vote themselves rich.

Development, parking, traffic

Dealing with incoming visitors on Howe street and downtown, as developers build more and more homes along 211, 87 and other tracts. We are in a gridlock situation already on Howe not sure that the 211 widening will reduce our traffic jams on Howe.

Subpar building requirements.

Over development

Slowing development!

Over crowding and clear cutting

Growth! Crowding, traffic, need historical preservation, need stricter building codes for both comm and resd. In order to preserve character. Stricter on commercial signage, and choice of business allowed downtown. Need a vision statement to adhere to.

Over development

Overdevelopment and unbalanced budgets.

Accommodating growth (traffic, parking, etc)

Overcrowding and infrastructure

Continued influx of new residents to the area and lack of space and infrastructure to support them.

Affordable housing.

budget issues. getting the alderman to make decisions

Over development

Managing growth, maintaining small town charm

Controlling growth

Traffic and tourism. Southport doesn't need a tourism department or festivals every month to attract people. This town is out of control!

Parking, too many people, traffic

historical and nature preservation

Residential development and infrastructure challenges

Overdevelopment

Population growth and maintaining the charm when faced with the rise of new development that doesn't fit the existing architectural landscape.

Transportation infrastructure

Over development, missing infrastructure

Environmental, storm surge, etc

Population growth, potential crime

traffic

Uncontrolled growth and lack of intrastructure

Traffic and overpopulation

Funding to maintain and improve infrastructure.

Traffic/population

Development

High fines for the citizens and over development

Responsible growth

Overdevelopment

growth, taxes, loosing its charm

Traffic. NEED TO SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC! Enforce and give out tickets, control visitors. Love tourists but the tourists cannot control, damage, disregard, or make it unsafe for others. The two biggest issues to me is traffic control(slow down!) and compelling house remodels to either finish the job in a reasonable timeframe or tear down the structure (eye sores!). Pick up your lot property and maintain the Beauty of Southport and Oak Island.

Rising cost of services

Managing growth. Containing it if possible and making it palatable as a minimum.

Growth, and building/development, higher buildings shouldn't be permitted and and ordinance on neon signage needs to be implemented, so we dont look more like oak island and myrtle beach... tacky.

Unrestrained growth!

Over development

Growth

Growth

Climate change/natural changes like flooding damage

Overdevelopment

Affordable housing

Rampant overdevelopment. Developers desiring high density.

Growth

Managing city budget and controlling costs.

Population growth

Development and the push for more resources that will drive pressure to raise taxes and increase tax base through growth.

Over growth

Overpopulation and excessive growth.

Growth and traffic

Controlling the housing growth. We need more healthcare options.

Overgrowth.

Population explosion

Southport needs to stop overdevelopment and eliminating forestry Development only causes bigger headaches with infrastructure and traffic.

Land/tree/waterway preservation

Keeping up with infrastructure & avoiding over building/population.

Providing enough Parking needed for the volume of visitors and traffic issues with Hwy 211 becoming 4 lane and dumping traffic into Southport's two line roads.

Lacking infrastructure for growth and not making financial preparations for the repair and replacement of infrastructure as it ages. There also needs to be more emphasis placed on keeping this a family friendly location with amenities that serve children and families, not just the retirement age residents.

Population explosion and AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SERVICE WORKERS!

Overdevelopment all around

Affordable housing

Too many homes being built, too many people, too many vehicles, all with one way in and one way out of the area.

Population growth, maintaining its small town charm, utilities

Growth

Residential development

Congestion, loss of open acreage for wildlife and flooding.

Overcrowding of people and cars

Waterfront stabilization

Infrastructure

Overpopulation/development

Rapid development.

Over development

Managing traffic and development

Overdevelopment and overcrowding on roads. Especially 211

How to plan for and then manage growth, including creating the needed infrastructure

Traffic and congestion, public utilities, storm water and flood control.

over development

Overwhelming Tourist Population

High water

Rich newcomers ruining the small town vibe.

Having a city plan that encourages minority participation that protects property owners from builders that manipulate regulations that reduce other property owners value. Southport development has no plan.

Out of control growth.

Growth can damage small town feel

Mitigating development and clear cutting of trees in downtown and surrounding area to make way for neighborhoods.

Sustainability

control of housing spread

Focusing on serving the folks that actually pay taxes; streets, stormwater drainage, sidewalks, etc instead of tearing up neighborhoods that have been maintained and beautified by owners at their own expense. The unchecked development along 211 is creating dangerous evacuation issues as well.

Growth

Overcrowding, erosion, and lack of parking and resources to accommodate everyone

Overdevelopment and influx of residents at a rate it cannot handle

Infrastructure given projected growth

Over crowding, traffic, taxes.

Climate change

Affordable housing

Affordable housing

growth and parking

The money this town takes in due to tourism that is dispersed throughout the entire county divided by population that cannot be used to maintain our small tourism town. Why can't this be addressed to solve some of our ongoing huge issues?

Over development for housing

Too many people won't remain small town (don't be like other towns near by that used to have the same qualities but valued growth and money and have ruined the feel of the area

Over development. The house building needs to be stopped as much as possible!!!

Trying to bring in more people and become something it isn't.

Too much growth/traffic

Traffic

Transportation in and out of southport. Access

Lack of workforce

Retaining the hometown feel. But it is extremely important.

Traffic and Storms

new residents trying to change Southport.

Population boom and inadequate infrastructure

Effects of global warming. Population growth.

Funding, funding, funding.

Population growth

Overspending with tax hikes and overstaffing. Failing to be judicial with small town resources. Buckling to PUDs.

Stable infrastructure

Controlling & managing Growth & Development.

Need more recreation

Traffice due to over development. Too many t-shirt and souvenir shops downtown instead of actual businesses that serve the needs of the local townspeople.

too much development for infrastructure (primarily roads) to support; water quality

Controlled growth

Control of growth and infrastructure

Deterioration of historical buildings and the loss of traditional values in favor of money making schemes. I.e. paid parking.

Over development

Sea level rise

Not overbuilding

Infrastructure and overcrowding

Aging infrastructure

HOW WILL SOUTHPORT MANAGE ITS INFRASTRUCTURE. WITH THE LOSS OF ETJ AND THE INABILITY TO EXPAND (ANNEX) THE CITY IS FROZEN IN TIME. THE INDIGO DEVELOPMENT MAY BE GRANDFATHERED IN FOR SOUTHPORT TO CONTROL - HARD TO TELL FROM MEDIA REPORTS. IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS: FINISH CONVERSION TO UNDERGROUND UTILITIES CITY WIDE. BRING IN COMPETING ALTERNATIVES TO SPECTRUM (ATT, FOCUS) WITH HIGH SPEED BROADBAND. ENCOURAGE UPGRADE FOR BETTER CELL SERVICE FROM THE MAJOR PROVIDERS. RESOLVE THE ISSUES SURROUNDING THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USES, THEN ENFORCE THEM. THERE ARE 90' RIGHT OF WAYS THAT SERVE TWO MASTERS - THE OWNERS WHO IN SOME INSTANCES HAVE NO OTHER PARKING AVAILABLE, AND THE PUBLIC NEED (RIGHT) FOR USING THAT SPACE. TEN YEARS: GET FUNDING FROM THE STATE AND CREATE WIDER LANES AND BIKE LANES ON EAST LEONARD ST., MUCH THE SAME AS EAST MOORE ST. WIDEN FODALE AND STUART TO THE SAME WIDTH AS 11TH ST. SIDEWALKS THAT CAN ALSO FUNCTION AS BIKE PATHS ALL THE WAY TO OUT HOWE ST. TO AT LEAST WAL-MART.

Parking

Managing growth and development, traffic patterns and flow

Over growth, development, over crowding

Without a doubt, over crowded conditions

Overpopulation

Overpopulation

Population growth

Infrastructure upgrades, parking, historical preservation, control development sensibly and find ways to generate more income from tourism.

Development and the challenge to maintain the small town feel.

Infrastructure maintenance and improvements.

I guess we will see

Managing the traffic cinflow after the 211 project is complete

1. In 5-10 years, it will be an aging population (average age is above 65). The healthy older folks will need to be able to walk to small stores and cafes (with small packages). Better streetlights and sidewalks are necessary. 2. 10 - 20 years, Southport will be seeing new families as they inherit homes or the sons and daughters sell them for inheritance. SP will in 20 years be competing with Holden Beach and Calabash which are beaches for families. To be different, SP should remain small town, walking, picnicking, and creating an old time feel for a day. There will be the threat of overdevelopment from St. James and the subdivisions along 211 who clamor for more businesses in downtown SP. If SP overdevelops, then it will lose its character and uniqueness and because it has no tourist beach, it could become a dying town.

Where to begin? Infrastructure. Waterfront, lack of parking

Understanding what made Southport special and maintaining that at all costs. Southport is why people are here.

Too much Housing growth

Make necessary improvements for current and future Flooding as well as pedestrian safety along Yacht basin and Bay St.. Find a way to help drivers understand that yacht Basin and Brunswick st is one way! As it has become a terrible safety concern and creates frustration with those visiting southport. Return Short st back to its original direction. it has been a needless frustration for anybody traveling along yacht basin. It is a hazard for all of us! it is nothing more than a private street for only a few residents. We need trash cans and regular liter clean up. The liter around Fishy Fishy is ridiculous! The entrance into Southport is a joke! Our sweet little town deserves something much more charming and welcoming than what's there. Golf cart drivers need to be subject to all moving vehicles. They drive like the laws do not apply to them. Deal with this. Lastly, we need a small, charming food market within the city limits.

Losing it's charm and the vibrant, small town quality

Handling growth and infrastructure. I have lived in two other "charming communities". Both were ruined by unbridled growth/sprawl and unaffordable housing for working people.

Waiting for the long time residents who want zero improvements and that think they run Southport to die.

Overdeveloped

Boating access to local businesses

Getting to big & crowded

Ability for the services (water, sewer,roads, medical and schools) to support growth

Traffic. Littering (including messes left by road work)

Commercialization

Congestion. Lots of people moving to the county and the town is not set up for parking, and traffic coming in/out of town. I wish there was an alternative way to get in/out of town besides N Howe to 211

Excessive development

Parking, controlling expansion

Managed growth

Overdevelopment, commercial retail chains pricing small stores out of business

Flooding

1. Managing parking and access. 2. Preserving the historic architecture and overall small town "feel"

Over development, infrastructure and grocery stores unable to support the growth.

Too much development especially of "cookie cutter" houses.

Sea water rise, housing cost

expansion without services, e.g. medical

Managing and controlling development. Set high standards to save the history and charm. That means preserving the historic buildings, parks, businesses, trees, scenery, waterfront, and neighborhoods. Have strict building codes to preserve the look and feel of Southport. No high rises, no McMansions. Preserve Southport - don't change it.

Keeping up with infrastructure along with growth of population and development

Maintaining the growth within reason. Keeping trees, do not destroy the character of Southport.

Traffic/parking

Keeping Southport safe, addressing homeless issues.

Too much expansion.

Unmanaged urban sprawl not consistent with the charm of a small coastal town. Lack of preservation of natural habitat.

Adding more sidewalks increases in shops and restaurants

Affordable housing

TRAFFIC

Lack of enough medical care.

Lack of parking. The city should have out of town parking with a trolly service to designated stops downtown.

Uncontrolled growth, piece meal decision without using a vision mapped through the master plan for decision making and traffic(lack of parking but lack of public transportation.

no answer

Stop clear cutting and developing

Infrastructure and beach erosion

Growth that the current infrastructure will not support

Overdevelopment. Let's first better maintain and improve what we already have before considering new projects.

Over expansion and problems with infrastructure

Overdevelopment which will lead to loss of charm

People moving from other cities and towns and wanting to change Southport to the way it was were they came from

Cars from new neighborhoods within 25 miles from Southport

Infrastructure-no accountability from developers

cost of living - high taxes

Poor condition of City facilities

Traffic and parking. I like to ride my bike but no bike lanes make it unsafe

Overdevelopment out of character development of the downtown historic district, waterfront

Over development/congestion

Preservation of our character and appearance.

Traffic & Development, Infrastructure

Too damn many people!!!!

traffic

Infrastructure of safe water, replacement of pipes for sewage disposal and reasonable property taxes.

Flooding and utility usage/service

Turning into a over populated Jersey

Over-population and rising sea levels

Traffic

Preserving history and ambience of Southport

traffic in and out of Southport

Sea level rise and dense development

Infrastructure updates

Indigo 2 development and the fact that we have polls like this that give us two options where neither option is palatable. Just stick with the current zoning.

Controlling growth, development, tourism, traffic.

Traffic congestion

Underground power lines and water issues with drainage. Need to be addressed.

Growth. I'm sick to my stomach at the growth I have seen since moving here

Positive cash flow

Stopping all the development

Uncontrolled growth; requiring new neighborhoods to preserve the environment including adding trees or not cutting existing trees down. Making sure city services keep up with growth

over population and 'short term renters'

Infrastructure

Rising tides especially in the Yacht Basin. The Town needs to start thinking ahead and making plans for the high tides. It's only going to get worse.

effects of climate change and traffic in downtown

overgrowth of town without needed infrastructure to maintain

?

water level rise, infrastructure maintenance, keeping people living downtown

Unhinged development

Over development and taxes to high for maintaining small town over run with tourists.

Over-development, infrastructure that cannot keep up with demand, growth in Brunswick county that will burden the tax paying citizens of Southport, and overcrowd our amenities, roads, infrastructure.

keeping developers at bay. if they are to build, make them contribute to traffic problems and/ or infrastructure

Population ! Stop building & make into parks!

Controlling growth.

Economic impact on tourism

Traffic flow & parking

Over growth

Traffic and over development out 211 and 87

Infrastructure

New developments and traffic issues

Over population

Expansion

Traffic overpopulated crime

Finances but don't want needs totally paid for by only property tax increases

Growth of population

Loss of natural resources/habitats

Managing growth and infrastructure

The aging population without sufficient resources. Not enough EXCELLENT doctors.

traffic

Maintaining the character

Uncontrolled growth of developments without proper planning. Development plans approved 5 years ago moving forward without any oversight on changing priorities and landscape

Maintaining affordability as the population explodes

Retaining small town charm with pressure to add more housing stripping away trees etc

Too much expansion

Getting in and out of town efficiently and maintaining Southport's character

Population growth

Growth traffic

degrading infrastructure,

Growth management

Containing growth

Dealing with over development

Overcrowding, over population, lack of infrastructure (small roadways into/out of town)

Growth without character

How to manage development

Greed and selfishness

Exponential and/or careless growth that will destroy the reasons why people want to come here. And continuing that growth without addressing the needs infrastructure. It's challenging though because residents feel burdened already by increased taxes, insurance rates, etc. Finally, please don't charge for parking in downtown Southport. The Oak Island fee is already limiting my beach time. Who can afford $20 a day just to park at the beach?

Unrestricted growth and costs associated with climate change (home insurance premiums)

Over development, over crowded roads

The city of Southport will face many challenges in regards to being able to preserve our city from becoming to commercialized and loosing it's uniqueness and charm .

growth while keeping small town charm of Southport

Old buildings not being kept will be empty eyesores and damage from storms.

Traffic control

Growth. Traffic. Congestion. Ugly billboards to many bars and fast food.

Overgrowth

Cost

Would like to have sidewalks on Howe and Leonard so we would be able to safely walk into town.

Hurricane destruction due to the deforestation of the natural habitat that would normally help protect. Over population, without proper medical or emergency provisions.

Over development

Jobs

Learn how to live in budget. To much money wasted on consultants

Infrastructure

Not enough quality services

Population growth unaffordability

Residents not wanting change and/or trying to fight tourism instead of embracing and controlling it for proper growth.

Too many homes and people

Uncontrolled growth

Over development

Growth

Uncontrolled Overdevelopment! Drinking water problems are serious

Providing transportation, recreation and safe ways to get around town for the rapid influx of people

Overgrowth and overdevelopment

Population growth, infrastructure will not support growth, professional services, i.e. limited, doctors, etc.,

Uncontrolled or unplanned growth

Becoming overpopulated and over commercialized.

Ppl changing the basic fixture of Southport n making it bigger. Keep it the same. Update infrastructure the most important issue with this town! Stop trying to make it bigger and changing it!

The over/mis-managed development of Southport

Traffic — it's here now

Affordable housing

Overdevelopment

Over crowding

The amount of people moving here with not enough medical and dental facilities. The infrastructure is not set up for the growth now and it's only going to get worse with traffic and accidents

Aging population and infrastructure not keeping pace with building demands.

To many new residents. Overcrowding and greater need for resources

Overcrowding

Over growth with lack of medical services

Infrastructure

5 years- affordable housing and need for higher density ; 15-20 years... climate change and preservation of environmental resources

Too many people from up North trying to change things

To many New homes being built. Not enough medical physicians or hospitals. Crowed streets, no parking. Schools over crowded. Lower quality of life, higher crime. Trash everywhere. Leading to people leaving.

Over development

No trees, uncontrolled housing development, uncontrolled growth, increased crime with increased population

Influx of traffic and tourism

1) Tax revenue and infrastructure 2) allowing development that fits in to architectural look of Southport

Overcrowding, pricing locals out of the area, losing the "small town feel"

Too much growth too quickly

Developers

Growth

Controlling growth

Overdevelopment

Development

Overgrowth of entire 211 corridor

Like most coastal towns, Climate Change flooding and growth

loss of younger population - dying city w no diversity

retiree money leaving

Infrastructure improvements,

Outdated infrastructure and damage from overpopulation and tourism.

Uncontrolled growth

Development, in City, in adjacent areas, and the Rt 211, corridor. Also must control development along Rt 87 and 133, especially if Rt 211 is developed or restricted (unintended consequences)

Handling growth while maintaining small town charm

having enough young people to work the service industries

Climate change

Population growth and keeping the infrastructure up to date.

Affordable housing; historic preservation

Losing the small town feel by the development and growth along HWY 211 and surrounding areas.

Too many to list! I think it's crucial the City find ways to grow financially without raising taxes on a mostly retired, fixed income population. Paid parking would help.

Golf carts

Maintaining a small town pride and spirit

Overgrowth, crowding less small town feel

Maintaining small town feel

To many golf carts

Overdevelopment and sprawl.

Over population

Sea level rise, increased police needs due to population increase, paving streets with potholes and problems, maintenance of city property, and continued pollution of creeks and waters

Growth

Over expansion

Over development with major traffic issues

Expansion and Infrastructure

Over growth without unified and smart planning

Changing the feel and density of Southport.

Bike and walk ways in town and connecting towns.

Uncontrolled, rapid growth leading to a loss of identity. Large commercial retail establishments are turning Southport into Myrtle Beach.

Growth and the positive and negative impacts that comes with it

Modernization (architecturally) and higher operating costs

developing new roads to accommodate the increased volume of traffic.

Availability of affordable housing and availability of water

Affordability

Controlling growth, infrastructure that already an issue

Overgrowth and lack of infrastructure

Improved development, attracting businesses to stay open longer & parking

Infrastructure with all the growth.

Overcrowding/over populated takes away small charm
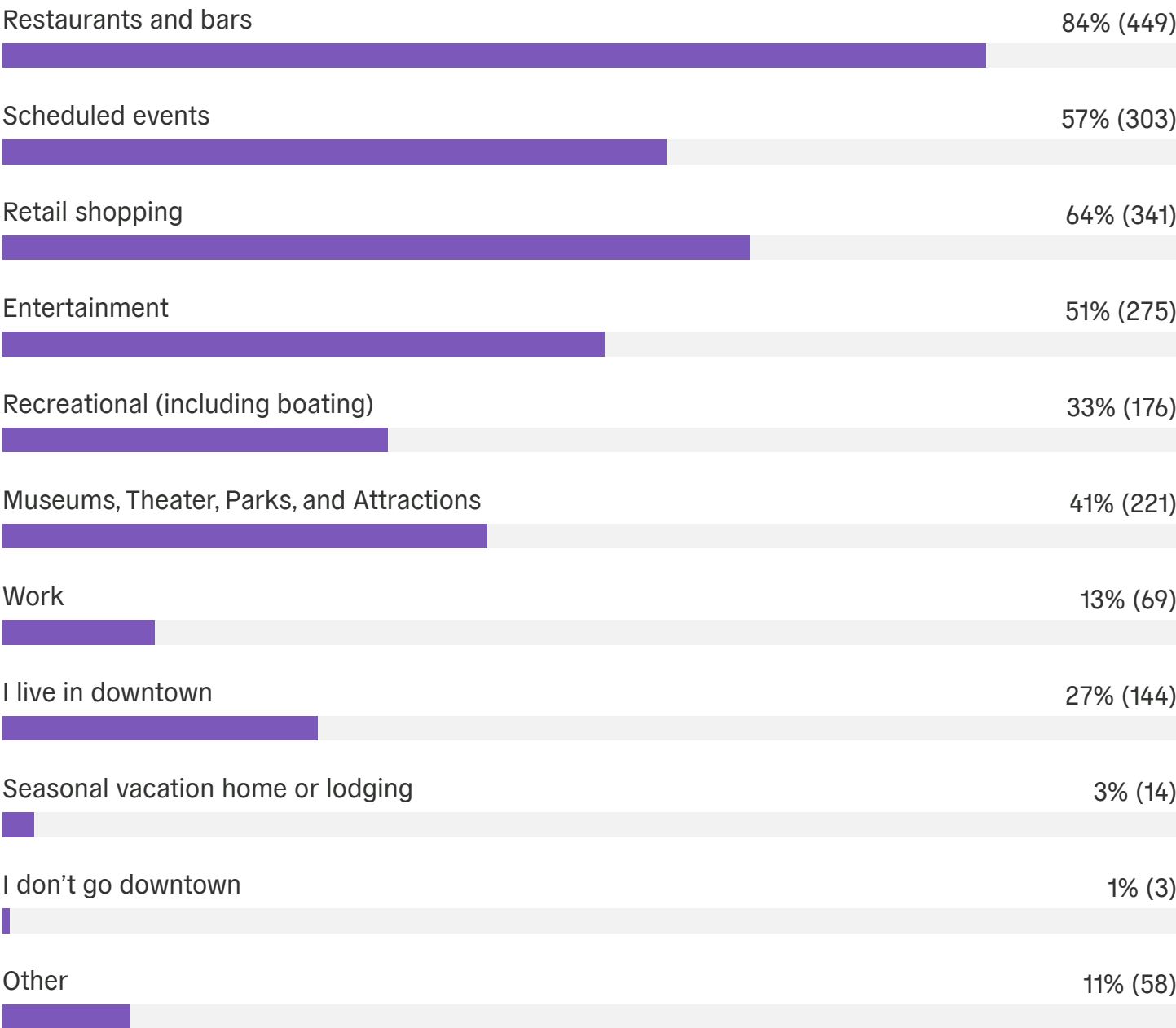
vandalism, crime

211

Parking, street maintenance, utilities

The constant expansion and building. With no thought about the impact on the town, people or nature, or storm impacts.

Development, overgrowth, infrastructure

Overbuilding

Income

Growing that is not managed

Keeping it quaint

Development, not enough money to maintain or improve infrastructure.

Over development and rising tax costs

What reason(s) are you coming downtown? (Select all that apply.)

Restaurants and bars   84% (449)

Scheduled events   57% (303)

Retail shopping   64% (341)

Entertainment   51% (275)

Recreational (including boating)   33% (176)

Museums, Theater, Parks, and Attractions   41% (221)

Work   13% (69)

I live in downtown   27% (144)

Seasonal vacation home or lodging   3% (14)

I don't go downtown   1% (3)

Other   11% (58)

If you selected "other" for Question 20, please explain below:

Volunteer & to enjoy the waterfront

Library

I enjoy walking along the waterfront. Occasionally go to restaurants. All shopping is catered to tourists so I don't shop in Southport except at Potters for seafood

Library, post office, coffee shop

I enjoy walking for exercise and the waterfront along with the streets surrounding downtown make for some nice walks.

I volunteer on many committees and spend lot of time downtown

Walking & enjoying the waterfront

We walk daily downtown. We have no sidewalks in BSL

Walking/exercise

In addition, it is just a charming downtown with beautiful views of the water. It's great to walk around, people watch and take in all of gods beauty.

Walking just for the pleasure of being on foot--and to reminisce about how it used to feel to walk downtown. On a weekday anyway. I stay away on weekends so I can pretend I still live in a small town.

Walking along the water

Walk down to library and post office, walk by the water

Waterfront

Walking 4-5 days each week, volunteering

Marina

Seaside

Just to relax along the waterfront and attend an activities . This area is under used

Library

Just to enjoy the scenery

Library, walking for exercise

Church

Attend church

Church and our children attend A Nesting Place preschool downtown

I like to take visitors to Southport.

Walking dog daily and bike riding

I live within a few blocks of downtown. I go downtown mostly just walking & taking my dog to the waterfront & FSP.

Childcare / Elementary school

Walking around southport

Daily walks along the river

Monthly board meetings at Indian Trail Meeting Hall.

Taking walks a.ong the water and through town

Work

Volunteer

I walk or bicycle downtown with family and friends that visit. We eat out and enjoy the pier and view.

Walking exercise, Dog walking, enjoying the town esp when there are no tourists

It is one of the few ways to entertain visitors

Cultural events

Restaurants, but not bars.

We attend church downtown

Post office and bank

I try. Not go downtown during the day because I is dangerous from all of the drivers who can't drive or have no idea where they are or where they are going.. or the idiot tourists who walk in the middle of the street instead of on the provided sidewalks.

Family and friends

Walks. Explore

Watch the ships go through

I go to the LIBRARY often. I read on the Ft Johnston lawn. I walk downtown as my street - and neighboring streets - do not have sidewalks so it's too dangerous to walk there (there was a hit and run fatality on my street a year ago).

Enjoy view

Child school/preschool

The river walk

Relaxing at the riverfront watching ships passing along.

Food and Church

I walk downtown approx 3 days a week. Spend time n money on coffee or lunch/ shops.

The Library!!

Walking the neighborhoods; enjoy being by an active waterfront with people walking safely.

Medical Services

Walks

Library!

Daily errands. Banking, church, grocery, waterfront

Aside from work and /or living downtown, how often have you visited downtown over the past 12 months?
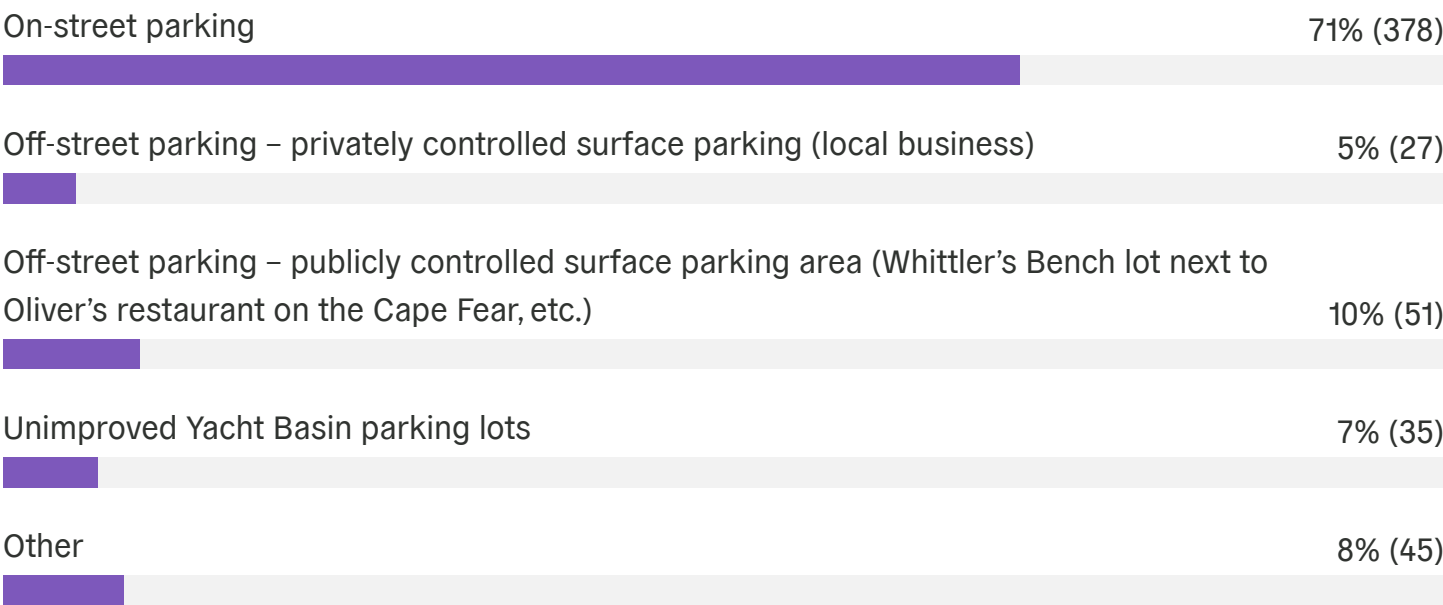
Daily   39% (208)

Weekly   45% (240)

Monthly   11% (61)

A few times   5% (27)

Never   0% (0)
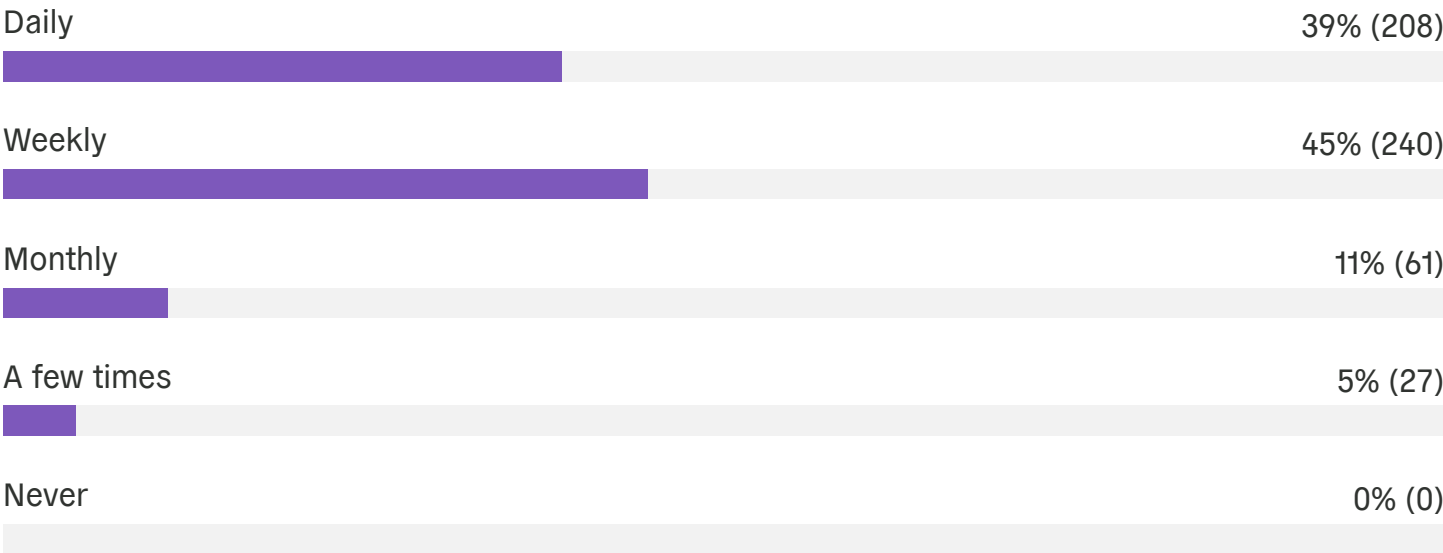
What is your primary mode of transportation when traveling to or around downtown?

Personal vehicle   50% (270)

Golf cart   20% (107)

Bicycling   4% (23)

Walking   24% (126)

Rideshare or taxi   0% (0)

Scooter or other electric mobility device   1% (3)

Personal mobility aids (wheelchairs, powerchairs, walkers, canes, braces, etc.)   0% (2)

Other   1% (5)
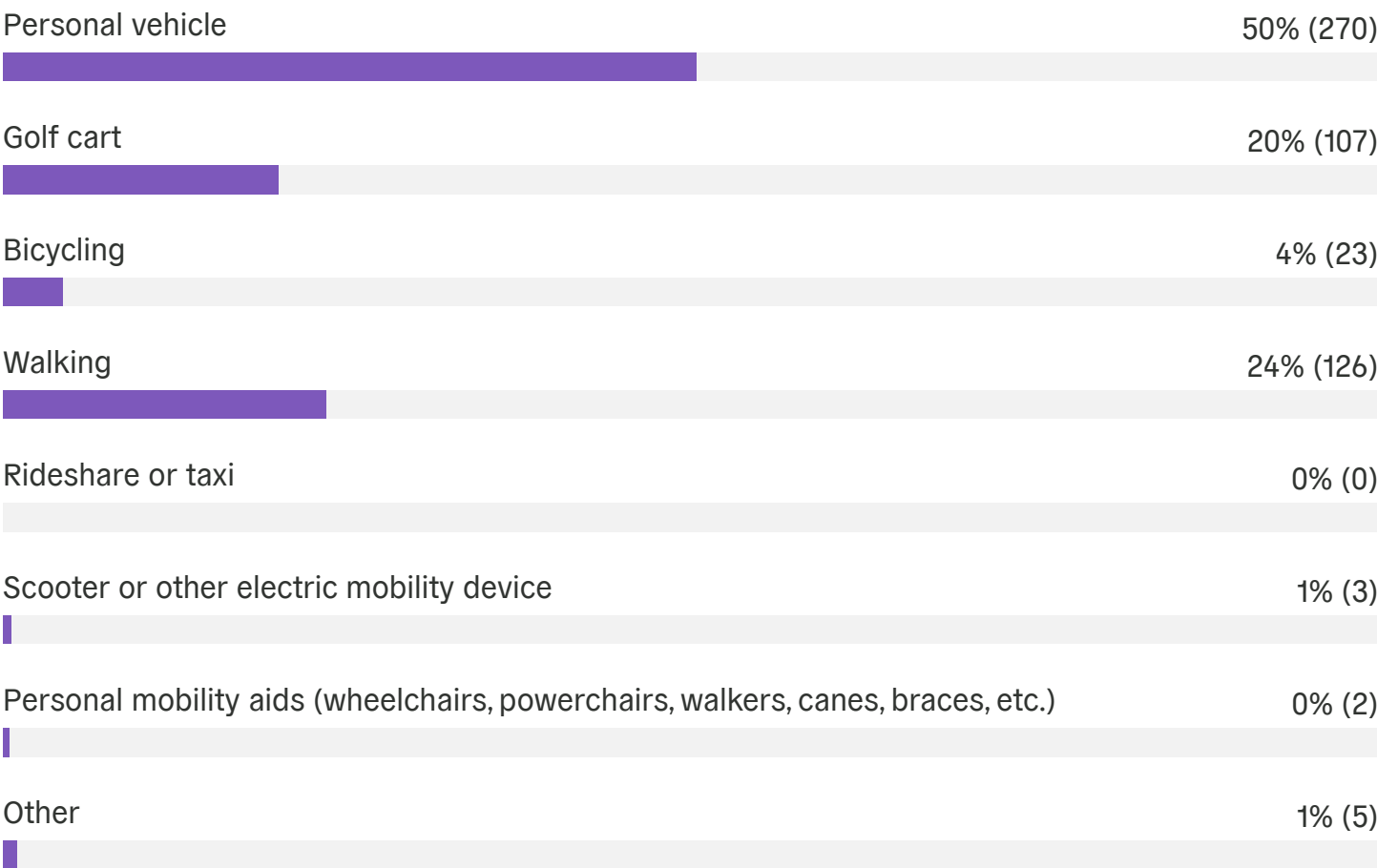
If you selected "other" for Question 23, please explain below:

personal car

We drive to town then walk 2-4 miles 4-5 times each eeek. I also volunteer once a week and we come several times for meals or entertainment.

Walking or golf cart

Car to get to downtown

Golf cart, personal vehicle and bicycle

Where do you typically park when you come to Downtown Southport? (Select one.)

On-street parking — 71% (378)

Off-street parking – privately controlled surface parking (local business) — 5% (27)

Off-street parking – publicly controlled surface parking area (Whittler's Bench lot next to Oliver's restaurant on the Cape Fear, etc.) — 10% (51)

Unimproved Yacht Basin parking lots — 7% (35)

Other — 8% (45)

If you selected "other" for Question 25, please explain below:

I walk or ride my bike. Leave my car home.

In front of restroom, nash

in front of my house

I park at my house and walk

My house on W Nash street

Whatever is available

Live in downtown so n/a

Home

Usually on a bike.

Home

We live in Downtown Southport and walk

Side streets

We normally park behind the rec center or on the street by Trinity church or on St George

I walk

Bike racks

On my driveway.

My driveway

My house or a family member's house.

My family owns Lois Jane's. I park there. If not there, I park on Moore Street parking. You may have to circle around twice but there is always parking.

Live downtown and park in my driveway. Walk or bicycle to all places around downtown.

My house

I park in my own driveway.

Golf cart parking spaces which are great

My driveway

I live on W. West St. So, I park in my driveway.

usually walking so no need to park

My house

Live 2 blocks away. Walking

Right of way

Home as I live on W. Moore st

At a family member's house or wherever I can find a place to park.0

I don't park

I do not park. I walk.

I walk.

at my house

I walk!

I live downtown

driveway. live within walking distance to all downtown

Anywhere I can find

Our house is downtown

Park at our home

Wherever I can find a place lg. enough for my golf cart

Lock the bikes up

My own driveway.

Park in right-of-ways

If you could only choose one option for parking needs, which one would you choose? (Select one.)

Affordable and easy to find, but less convenient — 49% (264)

Convenient and easy to find, but less affordable — 27% (146)
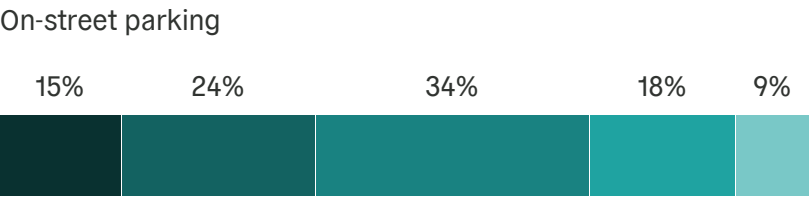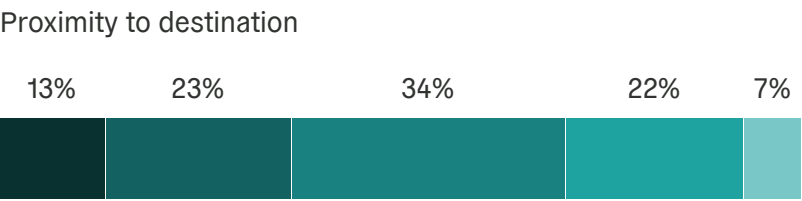
Affordable and convenient, but difficult to find — 24% (126)
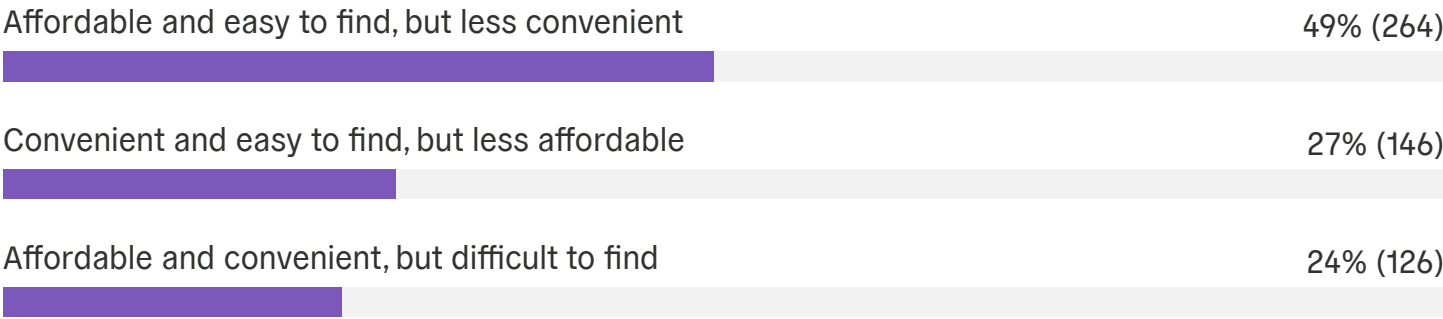
I can find parking where I prefer to park:

All the time — 22% (117)

Usually — 56% (298)

Sometimes — 21% (113)

Never — 1% (8)
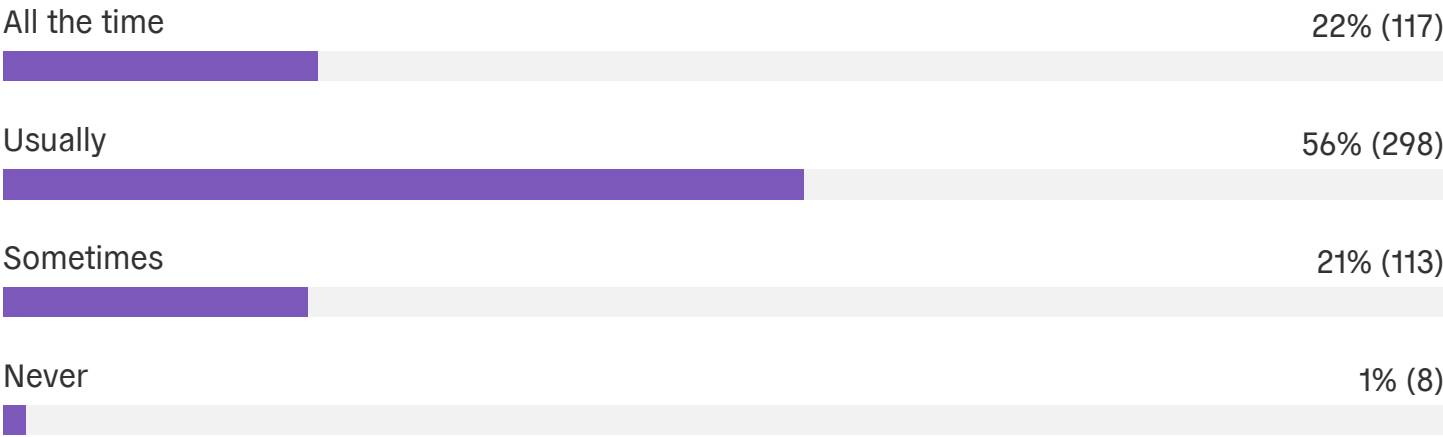
Please rank the following based on what is most important to you when parking in the downtown area.

Question	5 - Most Important	4 - Very Important	3 - Important	2 - Somewhat Important	1 - Least Important
ADA accessibility from parking to my destination	7%	11%	19%	25%	38%
Proximity to destination	13%	23%	34%	22%	7%
Certainty parking will be available	21%	25%	29%	18%	7%
On-street parking	15%	24%	34%	18%	9%
Off-street parking	5%	14%	30%	29%	21%
Security / safety of myself and/or my vehicle	27%	28%	24%	10%	11%
Paved (improved) versus unpaved (unimproved) parking areas	7%	10%	16%	29%	38%

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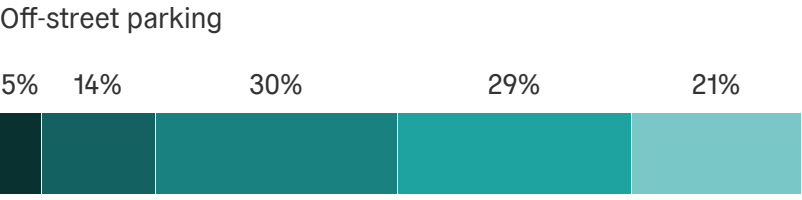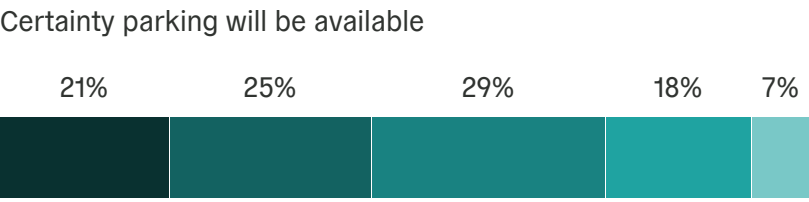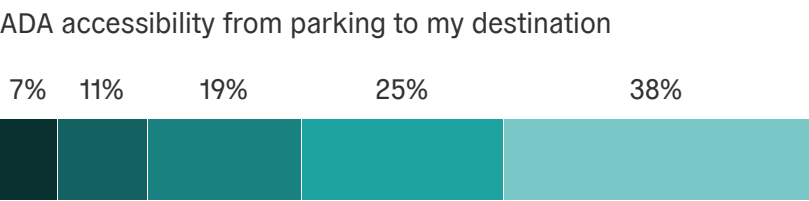
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Certainty parking will be available

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On-street parking

15% 24% 34% 18% 9%

Off-street parking

5% 14% 30% 29% 21%

Security / safety of myself and/or my vehicle

27%   28%   24%   10%   11%

Paved (improved) versus unpaved (unimproved) parking areas
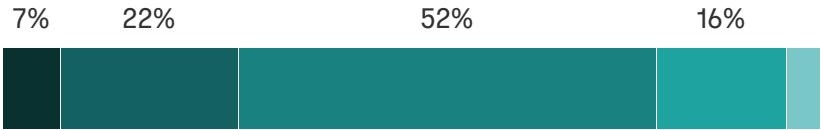
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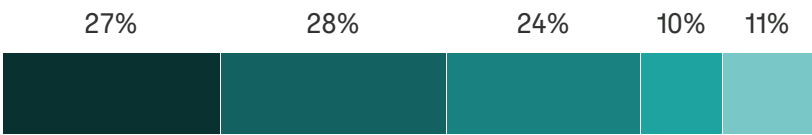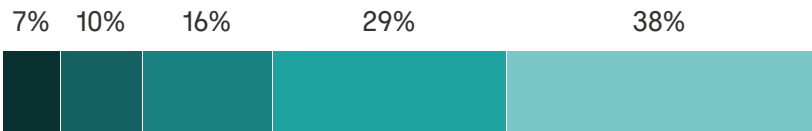
Please rank the quality of parking and pedestrian wayfinding signs in the downtown area.

Question	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
Parking	7%	22%	52%	16%	4%
Pedestrian Wayfinding	8%	22%	56%	10%	4%

Expand all / **Collapse all**

| Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Poor |

Parking

7%   22%   52%   16%

Pedestrian Wayfinding

8%   22%   56%   10%

For non-work activities, how far are you willing to walk from your vehicle to your destination? Time estimates are based on average walking speed and ability. (Select one.)

Less than 1 block — 5% (27)

1-2 blocks (2-3 minutes) — 25% (136)

3-4 blocks (4-5 minutes) — 33% (178)

5-6 blocks (6-8 minutes) — 15% (80)

7-8 blocks (10 minutes) — 11% (58)

More than 10 minutes — 7% (38)

I typically do not drive a personal vehicle — 4% (19)
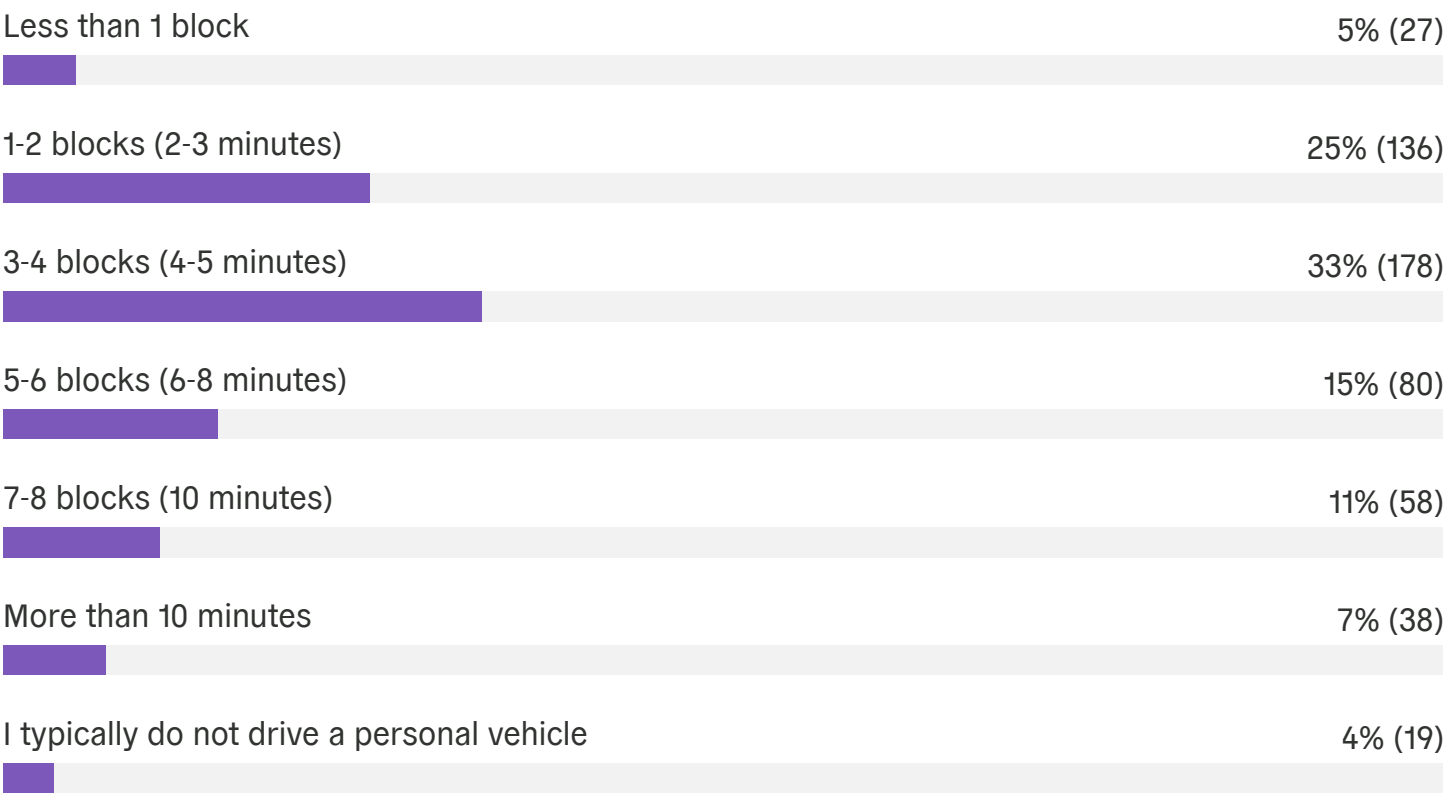
When considering the need for parking on-street, how much time would be an acceptable duration to typically meet your needs downtown? (Select one.)

One hour — 10% (53)

Two hours — 48% (257)

Three hours — 35% (190)

Other — 7% (36)
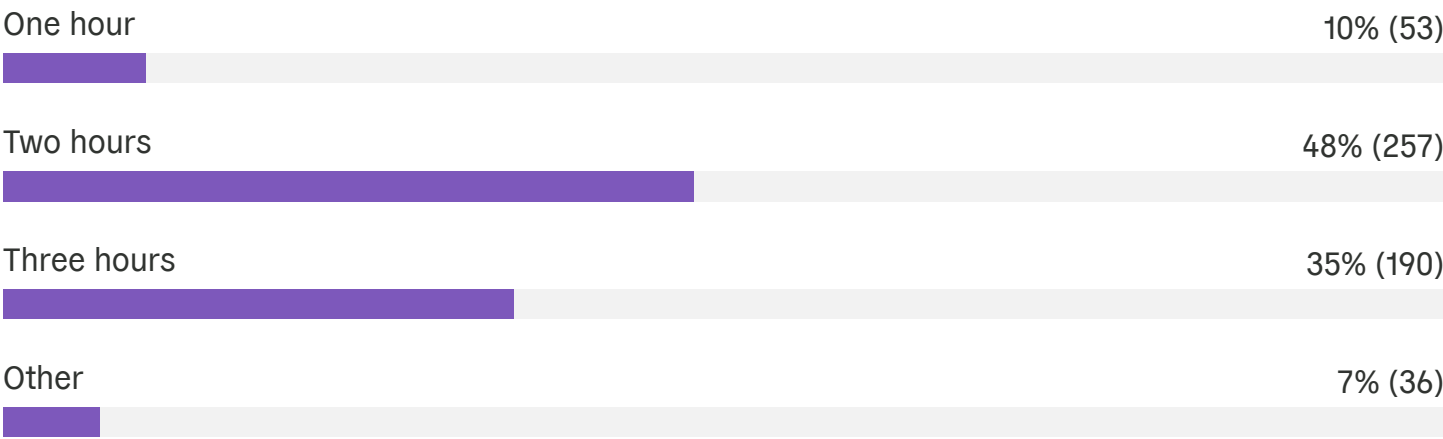
If you selected "other" for Question 32, please explain below:

3-5 hours

there shouldnt be a time limit

I don't want any parking in downtown

As I live within a 10 minute walk from downtown, if I am driving (car or golf cart) it's usually just for a quick errand-no need for a longer parking space.

All depends picking something up - a minute eating dinner a couple hours- working 6-8 hours

IF YOU FACTOR IN THE WALK, THE WAIT TIME FOR RESTURANT & ETC THE DURATION SHOULD BE NO LESS THAN 4 HOURS

5 or more hours

Daily

There should be no time limits on parking

I work in downtown (but live outside of city limits) and therefore I need to have access to all day parking.

I do very little shopping/ business downtown, & usually I'm walking- no need to park

It depends why I am in town. It could be 30 minutes or 3 hours.

More than 3 hours

Sometimes we come for the day -don't make it pay to park it will ruin Southport's charm

all day

usually walking so NA

What the **** would I do looking for a parking spot for more than a few minutes

We like to shop and eat a meal (the meal usually includes a wait) - so 4 hours

No restrictions on time. Downtown is walkable from Oliver's to 9th Street and the yacht basin all the way down to Kingsley Park

No limits please

8 hour shifts

Make a parking lot

I don't want parking meters infrastructure anywhere

I have to work at my shop all day and unload merchandise from my vehicle

5 hours option and an all day pass

10hr work shift

Unlimited amount of time for parking. NO PAYING TO PARK IN OUR CITY!!

Both my wife and I are in our 80's. She is handicapped and cannot walk more than 100 feet without consequences. I can do about 5oo feet but slowly.

Just depends on what I'm downtown for - shopping, eating, browsing, walking my dog, etc.

All day.

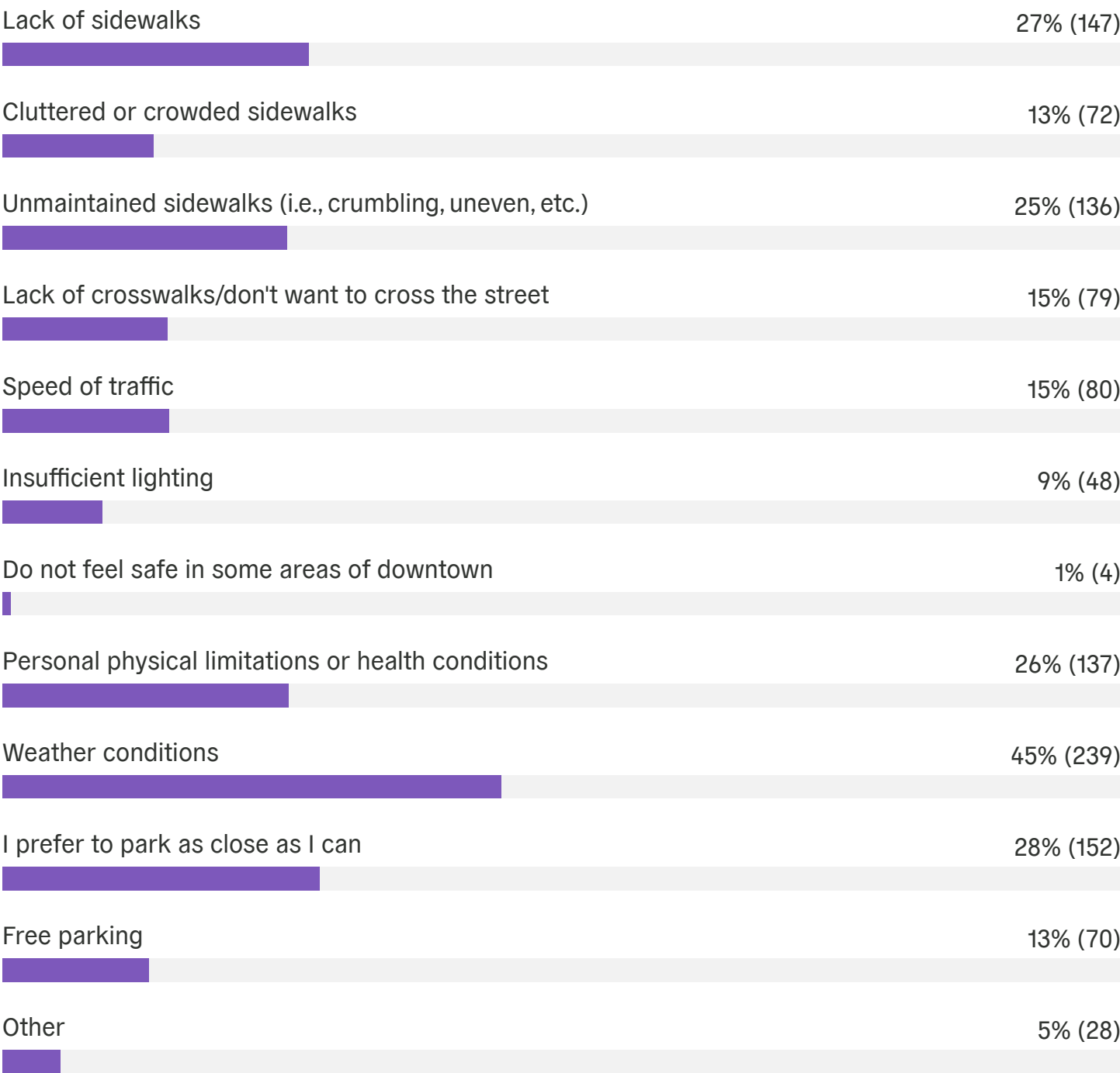shopping 1 hour, meetings up to 3+ hours

All day free parking

It varies between 1 hour and four-five hours, depending on why I am downtown.

No limit, no meters

4 hours. There is always at least 1.5 hour wait for the few restaurants. If parking isn't close by you need to factor that into the time as well as waiting and eating.

What barriers or reasons discourage you from walking farther? (Select all that apply)

Lack of sidewalks
27% (147)

Cluttered or crowded sidewalks
13% (72)

Unmaintained sidewalks (i.e., crumbling, uneven, etc.)
25% (136)

Lack of crosswalks/don't want to cross the street
15% (79)

Speed of traffic
15% (80)

Insufficient lighting
9% (48)

Do not feel safe in some areas of downtown
1% (4)

Personal physical limitations or health conditions
26% (137)

Weather conditions
45% (239)

I prefer to park as close as I can
28% (152)

Free parking
13% (70)

Other
5% (28)

If you selected "other" for Question 34, please explain below:

nothing prevents me from walking

I don't know what you want

As a local downtown resident I generally walk or ride my bike. When I do drive downtown it is only when I am picking stuff up or the weather is bad and therefore I don't want to be far from the location.

Time constraints, such as starting time for an event or time available to run an errand to a shop.

The waterfront area by the restaurants (Fishy Fishy, Provision Co and etc) is really bad with very sloppy parking areas and the one way way marking is poor with out of towners going the wrong way often. This area REALLY NEEDS WORK ASAP.

Time availability

None, I would walk farther if I have to park farther away from destination. The question does not have a N/A answer.

It's hot sometimes

I do not have a problem with walking downtown or parking. holidays are the exception but that is typical anywhere that you go. I hope paid parking is not implemented. We moved to this area because it is easy to walk downtown.

Sometimes I don't feel like walking

It's nice to park relatively close

Traveling with small children

Parking should not be a priority, period.

Weather & time & who I am with

Not that much to do Downtown

I would not feel like my car was safe - that far from me and I could not carry shopping bags very far - especially if I bought something heavy or cumbersome

I live 1.5 miles from the waterfront. Due to travel time I don' walk but I do use my bicycle instead of my car when the weather is fair.

Time. Mostly taking kids to the library and lessons on a schedule. Walking farther cuts into being on time.

I have no problem walking anywhere in Southport.

Nothing

Walking with small children

Event type/ wardrobe

I have no problem walking further as long as I get to park for free

When you have a quick errand to do you don't want to spend a lot of time looking for a parking spot and then walking a long distance to your destination. If you are going to Moore Street you don't want to park at Leonard !

I visit early mornings in season or any time off-season with no parking issues (except for special events which negates everything).

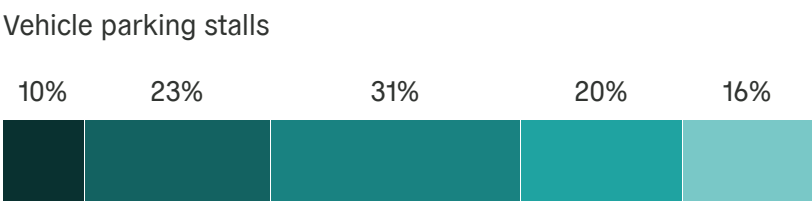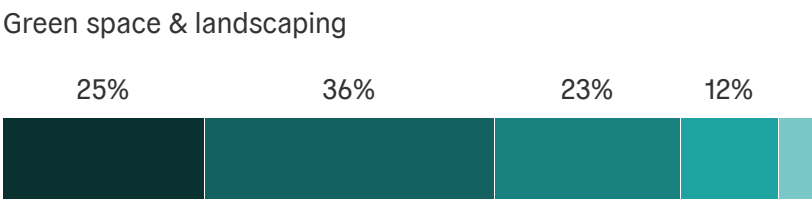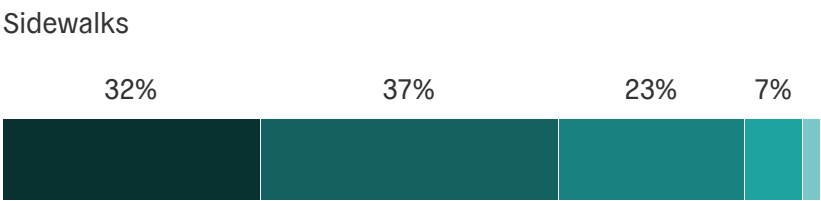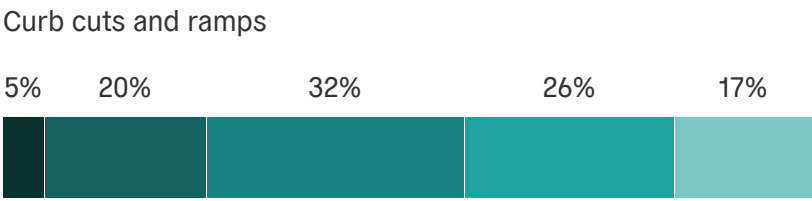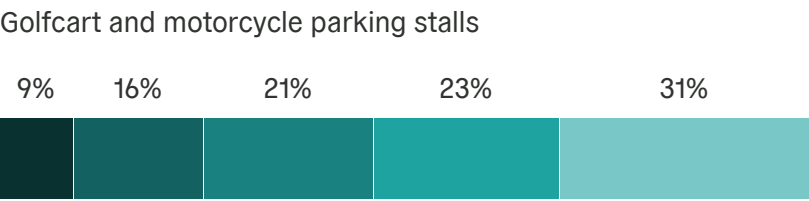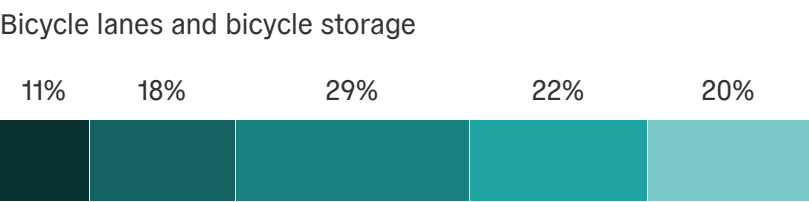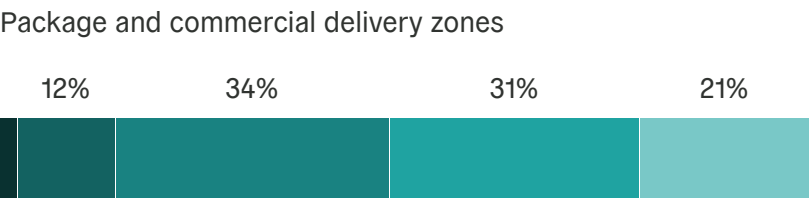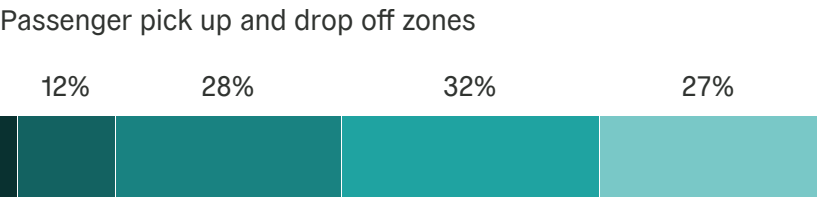I have no problem with downtown parking

heat

I typically walk downtown, or park in a lot provided for where I'm going or don't mind walking from where I find a space.

Public right of way space is limited in Downtown Southport. Please rank the following right of way uses based on what you believe is the most important infrastructure to provide in this limited space.

Question	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Least Important
Curb cuts and ramps	5%	20%	32%	26%	17%
Sidewalks	32%	37%	23%	7%	2%
Green space & landscaping	25%	36%	23%	12%	4%
Vehicle parking stalls	10%	23%	31%	20%	16%
Passenger pick up and drop off zones	2%	12%	28%	32%	27%
Package and commercial delivery zones	2%	12%	34%	31%	21%
Bicycle lanes and bicycle storage	11%	18%	29%	22%	20%
Golfcart and motorcycle parking stalls	9%	16%	21%	23%	31%
Other	6%	4%	15%	11%	65%

Expand all / **Collapse all**

| Most Important | Very Important | Important | Somewhat Important | Least Important |

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Vehicle parking stalls

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Passenger pick up and drop off zones

| 12% | 28% | 32% | 27% |

Package and commercial delivery zones

| 12% | 34% | 31% | 21% |

Bicycle lanes and bicycle storage

| 11% | 18% | 29% | 22% | 20% |

Golfcart and motorcycle parking stalls

| 9% | 16% | 21% | 23% | 31% |

Other

| 6% | 15% | 11% | 65% |

If you selected "other" for Question 36, please explain below:

Other would be bicycle and scooter parking and possibly rentable scooter and bicycle stations at parking areas that are further from downtown

No explanation

No repercussion to people who don't obey parking rules

Survey forced me to make a sekection

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Not applicable

its not that big of deal

Side streets

Because it forced me to

Trolley, ride share

Had to give an answer.

Public Seating areas

I did not select other

Parking at parks

NA

No reason

More right of ways available for public to use. Land is the city and should be available for parking

Off site parking w/ transportation

Couldn't remove

Didn't mean to select other

I have no idea what "other" is.

Wider Sidewalks

i don't know

Keep free parking!

n/a

Not applicable

Unable to deselect Q36 other response.

I don't know

Bike racks

?

None

n/a

x

NA

N/a

Consider on way streets and closed off walking streets

.

Safe cross walks at every corner on Howe St and be enforced

N/a

there is no answer

Question does not make sense

?

Some parking areas need to be stripped out

It needs to be pedestrian friendly and tastefully done

Did not select other

It is important that the right of way use rules are uniformly applied.

N/A

Cannot uncheck box

It's a small walkable town you either find parking or not Would not want valuable green space paved or pay to park. People that need to be have been dropped and assisted into businesses.

NA

Survey made me select

Seems most areas were covered

Sidewalks not necessary everywhere

Na

The questionnaire made me pick something. I don't have an "other"

Leonard St desperately needs sidewalks. There's no shoulder and it's quite narrow for biking or walking. Howe Street needs sidewalks up to the Walmart Shopping Center. And would wonderful to continue the sidewalks up to Food lion and the new Hobby Lobby and big Lots shopping center.

None

Survey forced me to select a response to each option, including Other.

Do not change existing green space in neighborhoods

N/A

i don't have an other

NA

Selected by accident

Trollies

Preservation and adding additional parks

accidentally selected

C

Selected by mistake

N/A

More light controlled crosswalks and sidewalks

Lower speed limit or pedestrianise zones

Least important

Sidewalks here are nonexistent in many places, and dangerous in others.

Bicycle racks

Couldn't leave it blank

N/A

N/a

More handicap parking

Just trying to submit survey

Error in the survey and had to put something.

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None

Golf cart and bike space

None

It made me choose it to submit the survey

None

Gravel parking in the easements on the side streets that the city should put in & maintain

Survey required me to fill in this question

Sometimes I don't feel like walking

Survey made me answer

Make downtown more attractive for tourism to bring more tourists to raise tax dollars for beatification of downtown. Brick or cobble stone sidewalks, nicer trash dispensers, nicer street signs and informational signs, nice street lights, nicer seating and bences(composite), nicer landscaping- make downtown compete with other tourist attraction locations

Ti

NA

N/A

nature preservation and parking for local residents

N/a

Won't let me finish without picking an answer. I have nothing to add here .

?

Paid parking

Delivery space is most critical at the Yacht Basin

None

Time

N/A

Residents of downtown deserve priority parking for on street parking near their house particularly if they have no way to park on their lot. Non residents should have to pay to park.

n/a

Establish and enforce a city-wide speed limit no greater than 25mph. Too many cars and trucks race down Howe, Moore, and Leonard streets endangering the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians. If we make the streets safer, perhaps fewer people will find the need to drive their cars to downtown.

No other

Do we want to make this a Myrtle Beach? Public parking should not be a city government priority in light of all of our other issues

Na

Other

Public trolley system from 133 area parking to and from downtown

N/a

An answer was required but "other" had no definition, so i felt it wasn't important. Hard to place a priority on an undefined category.

Get rid of all the parking and turn Howe/211 into a pedestrian area. Trucks can use Rob Gandy/Leonard.

The sidewalks are in horrible shape. Someone from the City should assess and oversee fixing for safety issues. Big problem. Regular assessments of all sidewalks should be made. The administration is aware due to injuries. No need to have more people hurt.

Had to, was required

Bike lanes

Don't know what you are looking fr

I have no response. Was unable to delete.

No pedestrian marked area in Yacht Basin area so even though the street is one way people tend to walk on both sides of the street, making congestion worse. Just paint one side of the other for pedestrians only!

The Right of Way is too large. Off street parking makes the town "cool".

Idk why it asked this

Clearly marked parking and no parking areas

Nothing

We should be a self sustaining town. We have sun, wind and water sources available

No opinion

Null

Pedestrianize the yacht Basin.

Bike parking racks

Having a public transportation means that is cute and easy - like a trolly or golf carts to take people back and forth from the marinas (ferries) or farther away parking. A public dock would really help with parking because folks that could drive their boats would - it's much faster to travel downtown by boat in many cases than by car

N/A

Would not let me unselect it

wont finish survey without picking it

Way finding signage

If you want locals to ride bikes and golf carts so out of town visitors can use parking provide lanes and a place to park

Since the residents maintain their rights_of-way because the city crew certainly doesn't, leave them alone. I'd the residents did t maintain their rights-if-way the town would look awful!

N/A

Just need to fix our nice cross walks to educate people

Sidewalks

No other suggestion.

It made me answer that

I don't have any suggestion for other but survey makes me fill this in

Handicapped parking spaces where people can seethe water

Bike parking and use right of way for bike paths.

What does other mean?

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N/A

More cross walks

Easy parking for us old people

na

The sidewalks can be maintained as is.

Safety

Bike lock up areas

Free parking

Didn't mean to select other. Could not remove choice.

N/A

None

I don't totally understand your intent here

Figure out how to develop parking on the way into town and support with sidewalks or private businesses ferrying passengers that don't wish to walk.

other

Since I can't think of a specific answer, it can't be that important to me.

I don't know

people need to be informed where optional parking is available if no marked on street parking is available

No Comment

Bike racks

Southport should prioritize bicycle safety and use.

I didn't choose "other" but survey considers it incomplete if not marked

We should have an automated robotic public parking deck designed to fit in with the historic architecture and an electric trolley from the ferry and yacht basin

shuttle bus

Handicap parking and sidewalks

?

How would you recommend improving peak season parking conditions in Downtown Southport?

shuttles/trolleys from further parking areas to restaurants

Pave and engineer best parking at the fields by Fishy Fishy, Provisions and restaurants by the water

Residents & worker parking as a priority, Remote parking with shuttle service for visitors

Maybe a shuttle service

Maybe a shuttle service

Well paid parking is not the solution. That's not going to add anymore parking space's just because you put a meter in front of what we have now. The town is just going to have to bite the bullet and buy a lot some place and make parking out of that. I mean the town seems to have the money to keep moving the police station from building to building

deal with as usual

Just not enough space

Reduce the number of cars coming into Southport

Trolleys

Having designated parking areas and or lots 1 block behind Howe St. Also near Bay St. Especially when weddings or events are taking place at the Community center.

Parking areas close but outside of downtown with free transit into the downtown areas via trolley or small busses.

There used to be a free trolley that went up and down Howe street. Not only did it help with parking in the center of town it encouraged people to park once and still get to all of the businesses further from the Howe/Moore street intersection.

I don't see where we have a shortage of parking. If tourists want to come to town they should be prepared to park where space is available and walk to their final destination in town. We speak about holding development down, yet we seem to be concerned about adding parking. ?????

Block off streets for pedestrian traffic only then have field parking maybe with shuttle like Dosher does.

PARKING RAMP

Parking garages could definitely help but then it quite possibly could distract from the quaintness of village life. Also too many golf carts. Maybe have a separate parking area set aside for golf carts.

Better use of right of ways. Maybe shuttle service

Southport NEEDS offsite parking with tram/trolly service to two locations-downtown & yacht basin. Also paid parking for nonresidents downtown

I don't see a problem at the moment, I guess to control growth

Need more parking. Make a few golf cart and motorcycle sized parking stalls to maximize use of parking spaces. Such a waste to see a regular sized space taken up by a single golf cart. Paid parking for summer months as long as installation & implementation isn't a hefty budget item.

Reasonable hours per space (1 hour, 2 hours, etc.) and enforced through ticketing.

Close certain roads downtown and allow for parking on those roads i.e. the road is blocked to thru traffic but many vehicles can park

no idea

Nothing- locals know how to deal with it

that's above my paygrade

I am not sure. I just know Dourdan see you soon. It is crazy and we definitely need more parking.

Variety of locations with clear signage.

Buy some space near fishy fish for parking

Paid parking

Shuttles

I don't think it should change

n/a

Use the tennis courts by the Community Center for parking (why do we have a community center with no parking anyway)? Or make parking available next to the community college. Is Taylor Park unavailable for parking. It would be a great spot.

Paid parking

Paid parking for non-residents and non-City staff

Use street Right-of-Way everywhere. Next step is a parking garage. Visit St. Augustine, they got it right.

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It's seems fine to me

Paid parking

unknown!

Utilize open spaces like at corner of Moore & Caswell for parking.

Off site and a trolly

Business should be made to have certain parking area for their staff, instead of parking in front of other business .

encourage parking a block or two off howe. It could also be good to eventually build a "free" parking deck that is very attractive and tastefully done. Good examples of this are Blowing Rock, NC and Franklin, TN.

Having a shuttle service to bring people from surrounding area to downtown Southport

Visitors can have a special parking lot with a shuttle service to downtown.

I'm not sure.

Signs

It is what it is

Open the parking lot down by Yacht Basin free to visitors

Provide parking outside of downtown for those willing to walk or charge for shuttle service

Limit parking time

Parking on outskirts with public transport shuttles to downtown

Na

Allowing reserved spaces for residents especially in front of their residence. Only needed for large events like July 4

We need a parking lot or two...perhaps charge a fee per hour .

Shuttle system

I do not have any suggestions.

I wouldn't change anything

Tear down old city hall and build a 3story parking garage. Literally solves all problems. Charge 10 a vehicle.

shuttle

The use of continuous of a trolly(s) to ferry people (tourists) from parking lots to downtown drop off points.

Parking on city owned easement

During peak season, I expect it to be busy and need to look for a spot.

Maybe impose time limits via low cost parking fees

Prioritize residents...free parking for residents. All others should pay to park. St James, BSL, Oak Island, County residents are not residents...true Southport residents. Question 27 does not

differentiate between true citizens of Southport and all the visitors we get. I don't think there was a good answer for residents.

Paid parking for visitors. Minimal fee for residents.

No ideas!

We typical ride our bicycles and have a hard time finding good spots to lock our bikes. Would love to see additional racks around the city! More places to park/lock bicycles may free up vehicle parking too.

Illimate golf carts

Trolley service from parking lots outside of downtown Southport.

stop building sub divisions!!!! There are too many people here for this small community!!!!

More crosswalks on Moore st (closer to cemetery)

N/a

More golf cart parking/ shuttles to yacht basin

Make it clearer where parking is allowed

I think the parking lots and shuttle buses used during 4th of July work pretty well.

The town should buy available property and convert it into parking lots.

Charge a toll for no Southport residents as they enter the city

Do we have any empty land left on our little edge of the world? Evacuate all the locals and let the tourists "have at it" and park in our driveways? Turn the big park into a 6-story paid parking garage and pave over the cemeteries? Imagine the city coffers overflowing with $$. Ever listen to the song "Big Yellow Taxi"? If so, listen again and refresh the memory. It's happenin' as I write. Quaint Southport is evaporating and will be gone before you know it. Then where shall we go?

Two hour parking maximum for non-residential vehicles

Parking lot

No suggestions

I DONT THINK THERE IS AN ISSUE WITH PARKING. I ALWAYS FIND A PARKING SPOT & IF NOT I FIND ONE & THEN WALK. I THINK WHAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED IS SIDEWALKS SO PEDESTRIANS AREN'T WALKING IN THE STREETS. GOLF CART & BICYCLE PATHS.

Not sure but I would really object if paid parking was implemented as it has been done at OKI.

Parking lots with tram service and paid parking for nonresidents

Paid parking

Paved parking lot and/or structure near yacht basin shoreline restaurants.

Not sure as there isn't a lot of parking space

Designated parking garage to get cars away from parking on residential streets and parking wherever they can find

Free trolley?

Leave it alone.

Public surface lots

Shuttle in from outside downtown

Not sure

Resident permits

More parking maybe further away so locals could park there instead of fighting for those close spots.

Timed parking spots for restaurants

Idk

Clear signs and maybe time limits?

Better signage, correct right-of-way issues that SOME homeowners have been allowed to ignore repeatedly, have a police force that actually enforces rules/laws.

encourage entertainment development a little north of waterfront so everyone isn't trying to park by provisions

Shuttle

Seee 39

Enforcement of local laws

NA

Provide regular public shuttle service around town with parking out of town limits (deep point marina, parking behind Walgreens etc)

extended parking hours

Limit golf cart on busy streets, great for neighborhoods but not for downtown. Parking lots or labeled spots on some of the secondary streets, behind the church or near Dosher?

3 hour parking

Consider remote parking lot with trolley service

Light up crosswalks

Trolly would pick up and drop off for small fee.

Two level Parking deck across from fire department and the main entrance to Dosher. Formal parking at Longshoreman building (city purchase it, raze it and create more spaces?) Trolley running from the Big Lot's Shopping Plaza every 30 minutes through a route in town with strategic stops. City purchase land on Rob Gandy Blvd. and run trolley from that location as well.

metered parking in premium locations ONLY during peak season

Trolley to other parking lots maybe. The trolley to oak island is a great thing to save on parking fees in oak island

Discourage businesses and their employees from parking downtown, taking up visitor parking

Parking Deck or Paid Parking for Nonresidents

Have specific, marked areas for golf carts. They take up a lot of space.

I haven't really found it to be a problem, but I'm willing to walk a bit.

Install sidewalks further up Howe and parallel streets so it's easier for residents who are 1+ miles away from the water to walk instead of drive

Send the tourists home

Not an issue

Parking further away with a trolly to downtown.

remote parking lot with shuttle service

Another unimproved lot

Leasing green spaces near the community college area. During the 4th of July possibly adding more buses from Southport Elementary. The main problem with the 4th is lack of direction patterns. Howe, Leonard, Lord, Moore, etc should be set up as one way like many colleges and event centers do.

Transport from outside of city

I have no suggestions at this time

Parking time limits or paid parking with tax paying citizens receiving free parking permits.

Shuttles

Parking garage near Moore, W. Bay , and S. Caswell

Limit time allowed to park

Put in more parking

Converting empty rundown lots into off street parking

Don't know

Paid or free Parking passes for annual residents during peak season. If paid the money can go towards improvements.

Stop blocking streets for special events

More side street parking

Any additional parking should be created away from the heart of downtown with good signage and sidewalks leading people back downtown.

More places to park

Create a parking lot.

Local passes

Add more golf cart parking

Funnel traffic parking away from downtown to encourage walking and also maybe golf cart carriages

I'll refer back to check out what DSDC did in downtown Statesville NC to handle parking issues.

Have ALL businesses contribute for improved parking . No need for all taxpayers to pay for it when it benefits businesses the most !!!

Shuttles from a nearby lot for major events. Limits on parking time (3 hour max?). Use easement on some side streets to create additional street parking.

Extend more side by side parking

Don't spend a penny on it

Time limits and enforcement by the police

Wayfinding signage to lots further from downtown with bike paths

Offer shuttles to parking that is not in downtown. Downtown does not need more parking lots.

Parking garage needed. 2 hour parking limit on main streets.

Add Gravel parking in easements on side streets.

Have designated locals parking spots- locals can have stickers on their car that show they are residents of Southport. Have some sort of off site parking with a shuttle- have a shuttle that runs continuously up and down how St / yacht basin and people can hop on and off

Do Not make people pay!!

Paid parking for tourists, free parking for tax payers.

Build a huge. Parking deck in yacht basin lots - incorporate housing on top and businesses at street level

Municipal lots

NA

Have paid parking for non residential.

Nice paved parking by Taylor's Field, Fishy Fishy(dirt lot) and by the community center

More free parking

It doesn't need improvement. Peak Season is temporary.

See answer to question 39

There should be a two hour time limit that in effect until 7 pm daily.

Trolly to a visible space on Howe Street near Go Gas

Not sure

Wish I had an answer!!

Residents and tourists

Parking lot outside of town and offer trolly

Parking in city right of way off Howe and Moore street

Create paid parking lots at the outskirts of downtown Southport with clear directions where to find it and how to walk downtown. In addition create drop off zones to accommodate less mobile people.

Shuttle bus to/from parking lots

Low level parking garage.

I would recommend areas of paid parking for tourists during peak season. It would also be wonderful if gold cart /motorcycle parking can be limited to smaller, more compact golf cart only spaces. Additionally, it would be wonderful to have access to some sort of drop off zone for passengers. This is especially helpful for us public cultural institutions that are in the downtown area.

Paid parking would manage peak times.

encourage certain business to allow evening and off hour parking . ie banks, churches with signs

I don't see a parking issue downtown.

I guess I thought there is enough, maybe I'm wrong

Having a lot for parking - By community college in town and the old union building. Then provide shittles

Offer shuttle services.

Improve parking area in the yacht basin area by making designated parking spaces. Maybe paved?

have a lot outside of downtown and a shuttle to downtown

More available parking on side streets

Shuttle during busiest business hours

No suggestions.

Add more golf cart parking

Offer shuttle bus from outside of town lot

Commercial deliveries in the back off Main Street, do not put in parking meters but put time limitations, if spending day have those spots little further away in a parking lot. For tourism, owners, workers, etc.

Time parking

we need paid parking!

Improve signage so visitors know where parking is allowed/available

Don't know. Maybe a parking garage.

Off site parking with trolly system

Designate specific area on Howe St golf cart only for special events. This will allow much more parking.

More public parking

I am not sure.

N/a

Not sure

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No opinion

Peak season, like Oak Island, may require paid parking. Citizens with property in the SPT / Oak Island and people that work down town be allowed to purchase town parking pass.

No suggestion.

Better directions for options of parking or marked parking, there is plenty of parking but tourists dont know their way around to bathrooms, restaurants etc so they believe parking is hard to find based on limited knowledge.

Peak season parking in Southport is a nightmare, but I don't know how it can be improved.

We do not need more parking, when all the parking spots are full the town is full.

Including more street parking.

Not sure

Trolley ride from designated parking lots around /outside of town

Don't know

Encourage walking and use of bicycles

Don't allow residents who live downtown to block the right of ways in front of their homes preventing parking.

2 story garage in the field by the yacht basin

Patience

Right of way parking in front of private homes should be made available in downtown district

I don't know.

Keep it as it is. Maybe better parking signs

Prioritize parking for Southport residents with a sticker. Southport tax payers should get some consideration. Impose parking fees for nonresidents.

Parking meters in season only

Open up some of the ROW areas that residents have closed off with rocks, curbs, and shrubbery.

Paid parking

Limit parking times

Update the small lot and cut back the foliage and possibly pave the lot no one uses on Atlantic St, improves signs to direct to that parking lot and sides streets like Nash by the post office and yacht basin. Repaint the lines to smaller width spots, some of the spots are huge on Howe St especially in front of the Amuzu and Port City coffee. You could pick up a spots from Nash to Bay St by repainting. Reclaim right of way that has been landscaped illegally and doesn't allow for parking. If the city owns any of the Yacht Basin parking area, it needs improved with signs and directions to it. A packed gravel base would be okay. I would rather see a golf cart shuttle system before any paid parking or parking police.

I don't know. I love it the way it is, but it does get crazy in the summer now.

Off site paid parking with shuttle service to downtown & YB

Have off site pay to pay parking available and provide shuttles to Downtown.

More signage to direct visitors to less obvious parking areas (ie. Near Taylor Field, along the sides of the Smithville Cemetery, etc. - specs that are within 2-3 blocks of downtown, but not frequently utilized by visitors)

Do parking survey to determine efficiency of current available space to make improvements

Charge to park

Open the lot in the yacht basin to all parkers removing any restrictions. Prevent residents from blocking right of way spaces with cones or other temporary barriers. Install parking signs on right of way spaces.

Personally, I never had a huge issue with parking in town. I do have problems with traffic flow in and out of town though. I am definitely not an advocate of paid parking. I do not think it will add any value to Southport, and will actually detract from its charm.

Build a parking area outside of town and offer a trolly service.

Times spaces

Time limits

Maybe have offsite parking with free transportation to central area

Not sure what to say

Clear our right of way areas and let them be designated parking

Fix the right of way problem

Nothing

Consider a small parking deck. Easy way to raise city revenues and provide consolidated parking in a centralized location.

No comment

Shuttles should be used from outside the downtown area, ie parking at Indigo vacant lots or ferr vacant lots. Non residents should have to pay. They create messes and leave trash that the city has to clean up.

Develop more parking in the Marina area.

Create parking areas away from central downtown and operate reliable trolley or other transport service

Paid parking for non southport residents

parking outside of town with a shuttle bus

More walking to a business parking areas. No need to be so close to business.

Marked parking in the gravel area near the fishy fishy area. People park all over and often take up an area where 2 cars could park instead of one! Parking lots outside of town with Trolly system from lot to town

Police presence

Not sure

Provide parking lots on the outer edges of town and provide shuttle services to/from the lots to downtown. If paid parking is implemented, then fulltime residents should be exempted from paying.

No thoughts on this

Increased parking

A lot or garage

put time limits on parking spaces, don't need to charge, just let people know they can get a ticket if not moved

Charge for parking like other communities. Source of revenue. Please stop concentrating on parking for non-residents and start serving the residents

paid parking

Overflow areas with maybe some larger golf carts to shuttle people around

Two story deck location for those visiting to park.

More fees, perhaps shuttles of some sort

Free parking

Expand

Signage indicating time limits

Increase parking at SPT BCC campus, provide paved parking at yacht basin "field" which could be paid parking

parking lots with trolley support

Paid parking for visitors/ not residents

Gravel or something at the Yacht Basin so it's not a muddy mess between rain or high tides.

It's fine as is

I don't think there is much to improve. There is limited space so the parking is sufficient for what we have space for. I have never had a problem parking in town.

Additional lots further out, for those looking to walk.

I don't know

I personally wouldn't increase parking. I feel we are maxed out on the number of cars trying to get in and out of this tiny town. Especially residents trying to get back and forth to work, emergency vehicles trying to get through etc

Community trolley. Timed route intervals to pick up and drop at designated parking areas

There is no recommendation. During tourist seasons locals know not to fight with downtown. We enjoy it off season. It's the ebb and flow of a tourist community. I prefer a community of tourism vs catering to retirees

Direct tourists to specific parking areas. I am adamantly opposed to charging for parking as that takes the 'hometown' feel away but I am a proponent of directing tourism to designated parking areas.

Shuttle to a parking lot outside of downtown

shuttle from somewhere else

Parking as it is, is fine.

Off site parking.

Shuttle busses.

Parking is not a problem for us

Eminent domain taking of Fishy Fishy Provision parking and build a expandable (height wise) deck

Leave as is. Same issue in every small town. Folks just have to park down streets and walk further. Assure handicap parking is available.

Purchase the empty lot at Moore/Caswell/Bay, pave it and create a paid parking lot.

Add a city owned parking area (free) near City hall and provide a trolley (paid service) to the downtown area on a continuous loop.

Parking lot farther away. Shuttle Trolley.

shuttles

The trolley is a great idea

Parking lot out of downtown with shuttle service

I have no specific recommendations.

Public transportation. Get a trolley with a parking lot further out of town. I live on the busiest corner of Southport without a designated parking spot for my house. Parking is never an issue except for 4th of July. We always can find parking only a block away.

Parking deck, then a shuttle to the downtown area

Paid parking

Public parking lot with shuttle services

Parking further away and either shuttle of walk. Don't screw up the charm of Southport for a few days a year

CREATE PARKING AREAS SUCH AS BCC OFF LORD ST, THE UNION PROPERTY AND OTHER OPEN SPACE, WITH TRAM SHUTTLES. CONSIDER PARTNERING WITH THE OWNERS OF THE O;D FOOD LION AND LOWES PROPERTIES FOR PARKING, AGAIN WITH TRAMS/SHUTTLES TO DOWNTOWN.

Parking garage and shuttles

Parking isn't the issue, traffic and speeding are. No right of way for crossing Howe, no crosswalks. Also, traffic is funneled too much on Howe, need alternate routes

Timed charged parking. Resident discounted yearly passes

I believe that we will eventually have to have a large parking lot away from city center with means to transport people from this lot to city center. Shuttle vehicles, bike lanes, bike rentals

Valet or more off street parking

Stop building

Remote parking with continuous shuttle

Building a 3 story parking garage

I don't know.

More use of trolleys. This is a fabulous option.

See above, get pedestrian traffic under control in Yacht Basin

First, some of the choices in this survey only allow low priority or neutral. There are some questions that should have negative answers. Without negative answers, politicians, Development Planners, and City Officials may interpret the answer as go forth s-l-o-w-ly, rather than a hands off answer. Please keep that in mind. I would say leave parking as it is. The most recent Aldermen vote was to take away hardscapes because of parking, now they want a vision to get more parking which suggests that visitors are more important than local residents. I would recommend parking over by the cemetery and encourage walking past stores and cafes for small businesses. This is a small town. Keep it a small town. Outsiders shouldn't have it easy to just show up and use all of our services.

No idea. no room for a garage or anyplace for parking.

I would support a parking pass system that could fund the identification and development of parking areas

Resident only parking spaces

Trolleys at various pick up and drop off sights.

Regularly scheduled mini buses running on batteries.

Time limits

Build on the guy with the new trolley idea.

A parking location ie, hospital area , away from town with free shuttle service to downtown.

More access

Have a large parking area outside of downtown with a shuttle service

Charge for parking and use funds to create procure additional parking space

Charge

It's already good

The free lots by Fishy Fishy and Provisions are spacious, but so much area is wasted due to massive puddles and holes people can't park in.

Designated resident parking

Yacht basin parking

Don't know

Police directing traffic

Signs pointing to parking lot areas

Time limits

I don't go downtown during peak season. Too crowded for me.

Limit free parking to 2 hours

It is what it is

not sure

I understand that a trolley service is beginning. That's a great idea! People can park in remote lots and trolley into town. That should be encouraged for summer visitors and tourists.

Resident passes?

2 hour limit in paid parking areas.

New parking lot

Maybe shuttles during events

Two hour limit.

Increase boat docking access. Resident parking pricilwges

Build parking garage

A parking deck or two on the fringe of downtown

Use the government's authority and buy properties that are located in areas where Parking is needed.

Keep the tourists out

Out of town parking lots & scheduled trolly bus transporting into town at designated stops.

Outside city limit parking and downtown shuttles, trollers etc with set schedules and drop offs

no answer

Have a few more signs to show people where else they can park

Public docks - or alternate transportation methods

No recommendations at this time

Provide remote parking lots with trolley system to shuttle people in and out of downtown.

Unknown as tourists take up most of the space along those who work at the restaurants

Not sure

Ensure there is appropriate signage for right of way parking and directions to local shops, parks, and waterfront

Don't change anything. Limited parking discourages more traffic

Maybe designated parking areas somewhere else

not much to do - how many more people can yo squeeze in before its miserable

Paid parking with well marked spots. Signage to encourage use of designated side street parking areas.

Have a large area to park with a golf cart taking to to stops. Yacht basin should be blocked off for all cars walking and sitting outside only

Open city parking lots further from city center allowing people and tourists to walk or offer shuttle. The shear number of cars allowed to park in the historic district and lots in yacht basin take from the character and charm of Americas prettiest seaside village. More parking in the historic district is not the answer.

Leave it as is we're fine, best thing about Southport no paid parking!

Off street parking

Have a big parking lot a few blocks from downtown with signage starting at the ferry terminal to direct as much tourist traffic to one big lot. Leave more on-street/downtown parking for locals going about their business.

There is no longer a "peak season"...it is peak season all year long.. Put up a gate and charge for every car that is not a tax payer or work downtown to pay a fee for coming into town. Since this town is now an amusement park, do what all amusement parks do.

limit parking times

Less golf carts with 1 person taking up parking spaces. Return parking spaces that are blocked in front of former City Hall.

County residents vs visitor spaces

There is not a problem people need to walk a little

I live in downtown Southport and I honestly never have issues finding the parking I need. What I would recommend is law enforcement pay more attention to detail about cars parking the wrong direction on Bay Street, I've never been in a town where cars park the wrong direction without penalty. As well as cars parking within the roadway throughout the town. It seems cars and golf carts just do as they please even if it means parking within the roadway. In addition, I feel law enforcement should pay more attention to protecting the pedestrians walking within the crosswalks. Our crosswalks are not being monitored enough to stop the constant running of them by cars and golf carts.

Replace community center tennis courts with parking. Enforce city right of way/easements by residential homes to use for parking.

Make all parking in yacht basin open to everyone and not give lots to individual restaurants

No improvement necessary

Shuttle from off site

Tram of trolley from further lots

Make the visitors pay to park, but don't charge the tax paying residents any additional fees. Listen to the residents and stop prioritizing the tourist economy over the locals way of life.

Utilize parking lots outside of downtown and run shuttles into town.

Main parking area w a shuttle to the down town and return to parking. Elimanate the traffic issue and help maintain the population.

Create a shuttle/bus service

Get there earlier to get a spot

Parking deck

I think they are doing a good job already with parking downtown because I don't want any more parking lots

Create a parking lot away from main downtown streets and provide small trams to pick people up and drop off on main streets for a small price. Hop on Hop off!

Shuttle service?

Identify & signage for right of way parking

Shuttle service running to a parking area away from the middle of town with plenty of shuttles busses. Improve the parking at the Yacht Basin - open those roped off areas for access at all times.

slow development

Limit parking times in high usage areas.

Be sure all right of way parking was available and marked as such

Allow, encourage people to park in right of way in close-in residential areas.

Run trolleys

Off site parking and transportation in. Currently done for 4th of July.

PAID PARKING for visitors. Parking passes for tax paying / voting residents. Also, a new trolley is picking up passengers in Southport and transporting them to Oak Island. This has the potential to usurp parking spaces for hours on end. The city should work with the trolley operator to designate trolley parking to specific locations only (e.g., the parking lot behind famous Sub, which seems plentiful).

maybe get a shuttle

N/a

I don't think any improvement is needed, especially at citizens cost.

Have more availability

Downtown trolley service from parking areas to anywhere in town

Use city right of ways

Shuttles from ferry landings, additional trolly for park and ride from long Beach road, time limits

Enforce right of way

Charging tourists

Don't have an answer

Off street parking

Don't know

We need paid parking

Timed parking

Idk, trolley from Walmart to downtown

Pay parking lot

On the weekends provide parking at the elementary school (or BCC?) and run a shuttle every half hour. Stops could be at 9th and Howe; Leonard/Brown Street and Howe; Nash Street and Howe; and the Yacht Basin.

satellite lots with shuttle service from the lot to downtown

I think the current situation is fine

Implement time restricting in most populated areas especially around restaurants

Finding more spaces is the only solution. Limitations on visitors isn't desirable and going to pay parking is nothing but a money grab ...... that won't make more spots. If anything, more spaces will be available because fewer people are coming downtown, which is exactly the opposite of what everyone wants

Timed reasonable paid parking

Remote parking with a shuttle or utilize Marina parking with a shuttle.

Take more advantage of the space in the yacht basin and use similar strategies like a trolly that's used during July 4 to encourage parking further out.

Reserve resident parking spaces

Not sure

I dont see where there is space for improvement downtown

Take back downtown right of ways for public parking

Shuttles maybe

Alternative transportation.. free trolley on Howe St

Police traffic control around summer holidays, signage for parking areas

Paid parking

The new privately owned trolley and businesses like these are great. Perhaps shuttles downtown from surface parking lots (such as Robert Ruark & 211) would alleviate parking issues.

Mow down ugly abandoned and make parking lots

Please don't charge for parking!

Seems to be working well as it is.

Limit parking time

I recommend to limit further development.

parking outside of downtown with trolley service

It should not be any different. Parking conditions and access should be available year round.

More trolly access from remote parking areas

No. I do not support parking decks, or ugly parking lots.

Free parking lots

Parking lot with a shuttle to downtown. Maybe Famous Subs or Walmart area.

Don't let the restaurants control all the area near their location.

Allow residents to have free parking and charge everyone else.

Use the yacht basin field. No parking garage!!!

Don't know

The city can purchase land and build a parking garage. Tyeb have a shuttle service go thru town

No suggestions

Pave the parking lots by the restaurants as they look terrible. And have other parking facilities

Shuttle could be an option from certain areas which would limit need for parking and sidewalk and bike lanes

Utilize parking lots. Paid parking and no long term parking

Need more parking areas

Not sure as we have limited space to work with.

More public parking lots. A trolley or cute bus that went around often to parking areas

Parking meters

Charge for parking. I'll ride my bike

Don't allow people to rope off the grass or rock area in front of their yard.

Designated space that people can be shuttled from

Manage and better regulate golf carts.

More public transportation options

There's just too many people. Not much you can do now.

I wouldn't. God gave us so much room. You have the Yacht Basin as open for parking. Or you could offer at the old longshoreman property. Ppl can walk or encourage trolley service from those areas to downtown for those who can't or don't want to walk.

Provide free parking near the dog park, few people actually use the dog park , so it won't create a problem for access to the park.

Good luck with that !!

I have no idea, but am totally against paid parking for downtown

Paid parking for non-residents

Make free parking lots in common areas

Having assigned parking for restaurants and retail stores

More signs indicating TRAFFIC and WAIT TIMES before getting to congested downtown area Indicate PARKING AVAILABILITY in lots. Have PARKING AMBASSADORS to wrangle traffic jams and improve flow while reducing tensions for people unfamiliar with traffic, parking on streets, and parallel parking. Southport in the summer is so hot... no wonder no one want to walk far or be outside. More shade and water stations and cooling areas will convince people to park further away from their end destination—if off-location is what people think will solve the problem.

Don't know

Close a dollar general or car wash, turn it into a parking garage w shuttle to downtown

Leave well enough alone

Time limits

Shuttle services from outside city limits

The restaurants have so many employees. They should park off street so that the other business owners can at least have one space.

More Parking on streets. Park at the community college or elementary school maybe have shuttle. I see a huge empty parking lot when I ride my bike all the way down pass the marina nothing is there when ever I ride my bike.

Patience

I find peak season festive, not huge problem - it's a small town with tourists - we get it - they get it

Provide edge of town parking and a shuttle downtown.

Encourage business owners/employees to leave spaces closest to their business open for visitors and to park a little farther away.

I've only ever noticed issues during the 4th of July and I do not know how to mitigate that

Shuttle from larger parking areas, less golf carts

Please don't charge anyone to park in Southport. The town is all but lost and that would be the end of the town.

Signage directing traffic to lots that are not as close but easy to access

Shuttle from remote lot away from downtown

Keep parking free

Parking structure

Pay parking

Maybe a shuttle service from remote parking lot.

park and ride

buy more land

It is what it is. I wouldn't change a thing.

Stop advertising for so many people to move here or vacation here.

More golf cart parking locations.

Ban non-resident autos from downtown. Establish very low/free parking beyond town, that is, beyond Walmart and/or beyond Duke property. Run very low cost/free scheduled buses/trolleys/etc on published routes to pick up/drop riders from parking to various and numerous stops within City proper. Contract to a qualified urban transportation planner to set up this system. Example I can relate to exists at Harper's Ferry.

Shuttle service from out of town

Outside of town free parking with a shuttle service

more parking options

Seasonal time limits on spaces with monitoring

Find space for public parking lot or lots bordering downtown area. Either property already owned by Southport or by purchasing/leasing vacant lot.

hard to answer

SPT needs an off site paid parking facility w/ shuttle service to areas downtown

Eliminate golf carts

Make tennis courts in front of Community Center a parking pad.

Charge for parking, maybe trolleys for large events

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No golf carts.

Live nearby so can choose when to visit Southport, so parking rarely a problem (don't visit at peak times).

Not sure

Have a parking lot outside of downtown Southport and offer a shuttle service for a minimal fee. Maybe use the Elementary School parking lot or develop one at Steven's Park. Or notify/direct visitors they can park in public right of way along streets.

No response

I do not want paid parking

More off street parking

All Day Parkers have designated areas

Nothing. It's not that bad.

Maybe have a parking large parking area and use a shuttle or trolley with stops to several area locations downtown. Make it available to jump on and off as needed.

As is

Allow more parking on side streets

Provide more clearly designated parking areas

There is no one perfect solution. Best practices for directions, signage, time limitations, event management. Ultimately and unfortunately, premium close in parking comes at a cost to the town and ultimately the user.

More handicap parking spaces. better use of business parking areas when businesses are closed .

There is a serious lack of ride sharing. I often speak with tourists who cannot find a safe ride home after an evening of drinking. I wish more could be done to ensure the people who are attempting to return home safely have a method of doing so that doesn't endanger other people.

Don't feel there is an issue

See Question 39

charging

An automated robotic parking deck

Have designated parking areas with shuttles to take people back and forth.

Pave the lot by frying pan and make paid parking during season for tourist, BC residents free or reduced parking fee

it's fine.

Poor

Charge for out of town guests

More shuttle services. So you can park and ride.

Good question

Residents get priority

Paid parking. Marking the city's right of way so that visitors may park in front of homes downtown.

Limit parking time

Fine the way they are

Communicate that right of ways are for everyone to park, not owned or controlled by the residence next to that right of way.

If there's no where to park go back home, southports full.

What action should the City of Southport take to manage parking demand related to future growth and development challenges?

Just make sure all developments have plans and encourage more use of golfcarts and walkways for locals and maybe shuttle type service during season for visitor parking

Find off street parking where can develop parking lots or parking garages. Keep downtown untouched

stop the growth - parking & traffic are bad enough now

Survey is a good start.

Survey is a good start.

If you stop developing maybe we wouldn't have take action. But as always townships build before they plan them they want citizens to bow down and change their way of life because the town wanted more tax revenue. Basically the town put the cart before horse again and now they want a bailout

none, we are a small town and we need to stay that way

Million dollar question

Boomers love their cars but every generation after cares less. Stop catering to the past and look to the future. Downtown should be pedestrian only, more European feel.

Suck up losing money

Perhaps buying up some lots and making small parking areas in and around downtown.

Parking areas for tourists and non-residents particularly during peak season with free transit into downtown areas as stated in question 38. Perhaps even a parking deck in an area similar to the strip shopping center where the old Lowes Supermarket was located.

Resume free trolley service…at least from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Resist any temptation to install parking meters or other paid parking ideas.

Give resident free parking passes and let tourists pay to park. Solves the budget problem.

Create a system that makes pedestruan friendly spaces

multi level parking structure with handicap parking and safe well lit side walks to get to shops and restaurants.

Definitely need to have a plan that will provide more parking while still fitting in with a village setting.

Shuttle during peak seasons

See answer to question 38

Control growth

Obtain land, create parking lots, use shuttle system. Limit downtown parking to 2-3 hours.

Get experts in and come up with a plan, then follow that plan. Unless it turns out to be a really unworkable plan.

Possibly build a large surface lot or parking deck and provide a free shuttle ride to downtown area

stop taking away spaces

Parking garage somewhere on N Howe with a shuttle

talk to multiple planning experts

At the rate we are going this issue will never be resolved. Future growth and development hast to slow down. There is no infrastructure to Support the growth at the right it's a curry

Improve sidewalks and clear parking signage.

Consider the property owners next to downtown- they need parking near their homes. In major holidays they have no parking either

Don't add more parking due to limited activities or restaurants to go to . More people with nowhere to go

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Focus on what's important to local families vs tourism

n/a

NO PAID PARKING, PLEASE. That will kill the small town vibe everyone loves here. We need to find a space for parking because right not I only have seen us eliminate parking (note: Southport procured a grant for pedestrian walkway on Moore Street across Dry Street. It took out several parking spaces in front of the Episcopal church and the former city hall (which will become a viable location again). We need to be careful what we do because some things have consequences we did not consider..

Paid parking

Paid parking

Consider a parking garage within walking distance to down town.

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Limited time parking on Moore and Howe Streets

Paid parking

Are there empty lots around town that can be used for lots ?

Don't ruin the residential streets in Historic area - find open areas outside of historic area for parking. Put up BIG directional signs for parking.

Parking demand and traffic will be less if you don't have so many people in a small area. Concentrated housing

Certain areas paid parking

Seriously consider a nice parking deck. Keep it free if possible so people will use it. If you charge for parking, people may avoid it. If the parking deck is free, people will drive straight to it.

Implement a shuttle service. Establish parking lots at which visitors from outside downtown Southport can park and then ride a shuttle.

Town resident only parking spots would be helpful.

I'm not sure.

Require they have obligations to beatify the area they develop, ie design, trees and sidewalks.

Again not to take precious green space to pave- in 20 years we have found parking and Not to charge. This is a small town No big paid lots in empty spaces. Maybe that hop on hop off trolley will help folks.

Create more free parking areas, close to downtown

Please no parking garages in the downtown area. A hop on and off trolley to off site parking/garage could be a solution

In addition to limiting parking times, Provide town residents parking passes to alleviate them being shut out from parking in their own town.

Same as above

Na

Priority for residents over visitors

Provide access to a parking lot …could be a paid parking lot for the day or several hours.

Establish a shuttle system

I do not have any suggestions.

None

Tear down old city hall and build a 3story parking garage. Literally solves all problems. Charge 10 a vehicle.

ask if there is truly a parking problem

Same as my answer to question 38. Maybe paid parking, but as a last resort.

Enforce the easements and codes, for all

Leave Southport the way it is.

Only allow future development to happen if appropriate parking exists

Paid parking for all visitors. Free parking for true residents only. I think the thousands of people who live around us think downtown Southport is their downtown....they are visitors just luck the vacationing beach goers.

Initiate paid parking . Promote cheaper remote parking. Initiate shuttle service.

More planned approach to development

Same as answer to question 38

Don't allow golf carts

Trolley service from parking lots outside of downtown Southport.

stop building more homes!!!!!

Maintain parking but please not paid parking

STOP NEW DEVELOPMENT

Shuttles to beach/ to yacht basin

Maybe create a few parking lots that blend with the existing space. Not so visible as to be unattractive but signage to make them easy to locate off some side road.

multi- story parking and shuttle buses somewhere up Howe St. or the Yacht Basin???

Create more parking

see #38

Ask Beaufort. I'm sure they must've already had thoughts--though apparently none of them worked.

Two hour, paid parking meters within downtown. Howe St. can be three hours. Davis St. 20 minutes. FREE parking for tax-paying residents living within the City limits. Parking permit stickers for said residents. A small, one-time fee (less that $100) per vehicle sticker. Designated parking areas for business/restaurant employees, and designated parking for golf carts. And for the love of god please pay more attention to the residents' needs as opposed to the outsiders/tourists!

Parking lot

No suggestions

ALLOW LESS GROWTH

That's easy ... do a better job of limiting growth.

Prioritize parking lots and paid parking for nonresidents

Paid parking, residents get decal

Paved parking lots

Not sure but parking is a problem and some lots are only for certain restaurants. If city owned the lots they would be open to more people

Invest in parking structure

Free

Do not build a parking garage. Leave it alone. First come first serve. People figure it out.

Add more lots and street parking

Shuttle service

Not sure

Get good advice

Same as above

Feels like during the summer, the main streets are at capacity. Adding more parking will just lead to more traffic. Growth needs to be focused on area where it be least harmful to the existing residents, away from downtown.

Free shuttle to downtown

Make parking areas clear.

Think ahead about paid parking. Put in parking lot with shuttle to handle parking limitations.

see above

Shuttle

Trolley access parking areas. For instance an area like in front of Wingate hotel.

Write more tickets

NA

Implement public shuttle services

require new buildings to have parking lots

Exactly what you are doing. Surveys and finding professional help. We can't be the first small town to need to figure this out. Less development. Less people in too small of an area.

3 hour parking

Should consider more remote parking with trolly service

More parking

Utilize parking in places in places when they are closed or not being used. Church, bank , schools,

PLEASE DONT make locals pay. We utilize and support all local businesses all year around. Hit the tourists and day trippers. If I have a Southport address, I shouldn't have to pay. See answer to question 38.

be mindful of development's plan regarding parking allocations within design

Limit access to side streets during high event turnout. Those side roads become very over cluttered. Better to have a shuttle or trolley to an outside larger parking lot.

Make drivers aware parking on side streets is permitted and stop residents from blocking, discouraging cars to park in front of their residences.

Parking Deck or Paid Parking for Nonresidents

Perhaps charge small parking fee for tourists. Have a NO fee sticker for residents to distinguish residents from non residents but do not charge locals for parking in their own town,

I don't know.

Parking is fine for the size of the town now. Don't overdevelop and you won't have an issue.

Stop development. Save southport.

Have never had an issue

Maybe a parking garage ??

see answer above

Walkability around town

Charging for parking will not make more spaces. A deck might be a good addition. Many cities have paid covered decks and people are willing to pay for those just to be in the shade. Unfortunately you will alienate those that live close to Southport and shop, dime, etc if paid parking is mandated. But if you're mostly interested in tourist I guess that is the way to go.

No answer

Limit the growth

Seek out additional parking areas

Timed parking

Look at the examples of other similar coastal towns.

Limit how long ypu can park

Don't take away any existing parking!

Better non -auto options to get downtown comfortably

Don't know

If possible, plan further out instead of the immediate need when the traffic study results come in. Build a parking deck outside of town and visitors can walk to town (must have a sidewalk to town from parking) or provide a City of Southport mini bus to downtown for a fee.

None

More side street parking

Prioritize parking in most crowded areas for alternate transportation choices (bike, golf cart, motorcycle) and handicapped access, pushing personal vehicles to outer parking locations

More designated parking areas

Parking lot.

None. Parking is sufficient for limited resources

Public transportation

Invest in land for parking make driving scarce for downtown only using public transportation modes like golf carts or rickshaws

Kick out some of the old businesses that don't make more than 6 sales a year and add parking.

Have ALL businesses contribute to parking improvement. They benefit the most.

Additional lots needed downtown. Not sure otherwise.

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None

I big, paid parking lot somewhere downtown would be great. No idea where it could be put but something needs to be done.

Parking lots away from downtown with bike paths

Improve public transportation options from beaches to cut down on individual parking needs and street traffic.

Parking garage

Add Gravel parking in easements on side streets that are put in & maintained by the city

Limit the growth- it's gotten out of hand- city officials who continue to allow more and more housing are destroying our beautiful town

Slow down the growth!

Paid parking

Encourage on street parking every street sout of Leonard

Remote parking with ahuttle

Do not charge for parking

The city owns property that they are not using. If possible develop parking lots and charge to park

Find locations within 5 blocks of downtown to have an organized paved and pretty parking lot

No clue

Future growth needs to be curtailed. Development needs to level off. Why ruin a place for money? City of Spt needs conservationists and natives on the board. Not people who make decisions to enrich themselves Save the town!!!

Use shuttle/trolly type transport from outlying parking locations to transport visitors into downtown areas. Add additional parking spaces for golf carts. This encourages the use of environmental friendly transport as well as gives Southport residents/taxpayers improved opportunities at finding available parking spaces.

Ideas, paid parking, off sight parking with a shuttle, time limits, enforcement of parking restrictions by the Police.

Small town charm is good, why entice more cars, keep it as is

Not sure

Possible shuttle service, reliable!!

Not sure

Improve sidewalks and cleanup avail parking. Monitor speed on Fodale n HOWE. Put mobile sign outside when town is full, backed up, to detour entering town during peak tourist season

Stop allowing homeowners to prevent parking through landscape choices

Create and prioritize sidewalks, bicycle / golf cart lanes to facilitate easy and safe commuting for locals. Enforce parking of vehicle off street.

Parking meters that are easy to use (smartphone payments). Encourage workers to park farther and shuttle them to/from.

Parking garage

If the population continues to grow at the current rate, at some point a city parking garage may need to be built.

Institute paid parking with City residents having a pass to park, not charging them.

street or two east and west of Howe

None

Slow the growth so we can keep up

Use yacht basin or by the Wingate hotel

Don't build a parking deck!!!! It would only encourage more tourists!!!

Discourage future growth in downtown area

sell day and season passes to locals at discounted rates, increase visitor rates to pay for improvements

Take back easements/right of ways for parking

See above. Also limit overdevelopment

No input.

Transportation infrastructure for cars and golf carts

See above

Parking lots for business owners, workers, longer term visits for tourists. Short term free parking with time limitations. I would hate to see parking meters every where. It's important to support tourism and capture those dollars to support preserving such a beautiful place. Tourism tax on purchases for Southport?

Resident stickers

paid parking

Look at needs of development and try to require appropriate parking spaces

Same as above

Off site parking with trolly system

Not sure/encourage golf cart driving/adding golf cart parking

Timed parking

I am not sure.

N/a

Residents would have parking permit stickers for their cars

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Parking garage

Possibly starting a trolly or bus service with remote parking lot.

Not able to comment.

Give better directions and marked parking areas, smithville cemetery, down moore st, on nash st, etc

Restrain growth! I know y'all love the increased tax base, but no one wins if going into Southport is a miserable experience.

None, if the parking is full the town does not need any more people in town.

Add meters

Not sure

Expand public transportation around town

Don't know

Clear encroachment on city right of ways

Property owners downtown who currently block right of ways should not be permitted to do so. This will open up parking spaces owned by the city of Southport.

Add spaces, possibly make bay street one way

Require parking be planned for new geowth

Shuttle service during peak times

Charge for non-resident parking.

We already have construction being done. Maybe traffic light to manage flow

The addition of tasteful and esthetically appealing parking structures. Offsite parking areas with a shuttle into Downtown.

Limit growth within downtown area

Reclaim the off street parking in the ROW from residents who have taken it over for their personal use.

Paid parking

Don't know

Slow growth and development it is the cause of the problems parking, traffic, sewer and water , electricity .

See above

Paid downtown parking (residents excluded) & off site /shuttle

Have off site pay to pay parking available and provide shuttles to Downtown and to shopping Centers.

Creating more bicycle routes and clearer walking paths to the popular downtown locations.

See question 38

Will take more info

Improve the right of way to make parking more obvious and restrict any and all resident improvements that would prevent parking.

There is a lot of side street parking, but it can be confusing as to where you can park. Perhaps that can be managed better.

See above.

Timed spaces

Time limits

Parking time limits

Not sure what to say

Better traffic flow...make lord and Caswell one way streets

Low cost paid parking

We wouldn't need more parking if we stop developing

Stop the HB that will effectively remove Southport's ability to manage the ETJ district.

Improving out streets with curbs and parking spaces

Initiate a study and prioritize the needs of the downtown residents. If you make it difficult to live downtown, no one will want to live here full time..

Develop more parking in the Marina area.

See above answer, in other words develop transportation service to transport people from parking area

Work harder to prevent future growth and development. Sidewalks down East Moore to ferrys and up Howe street to Walmart. Paid parking for non southport residents who don't pay city taxes.

maintain free parking

Do not install paid parking.

Parking garage,, trolley buses from parking lots into town, also designated areas for golf carts so as not to take up car parking spaces. Hopefully NOT considering paid parking, I would not pay to park

and visit establishments in my own town especially at the already high prices of gas, eating out etc. as a BSL resident, we are still a Southport address and it is considered our downtown as well.

Please do NOT add parking meters

Not sure

New develpments/buildings should be required to provide a parking plan/solution as a condition of approval. It shouldn't be the city's / taxpayers' responsibility to fund problems created by private, for-profit developers.

No thoughts

Increase free parking

Buy a lot and build da garage

same as #38

Always make the people who live here the priority. Instead of tearing up landscaping and other beautifications that people have been allowed to do at their own expense for 50 plus years, hire an expert to advise on existing public parking and possible public transportation solutions

paid parking

Possible golf cart shuttles to move people around

Begin with looking to other fast growing towns and communities for ideas on how they have improved their traffic influx.

Spaces and fees

Development of comprehensive plan

KO

Provide adequate parking space as part of growth

Increase parking availability and make it paid parking; citizens of SPT could be offered RFID "parking passes" (like UNCW, etc..) that are paid annually or semi-annually...

securing unimproved parcels for suture parking

Paid parking

For specific events, use the elementary school parking lot with shuttles. There's also potential parking at the Longshoremen's building which mostly sits empty.

No parking meters keep parking free

There is not really any extra space for more parking so the extra growth and development that I hope gets stopped as much as possible will just have to deal with it. I would agree with paid parking for people that do not live in city limits. Anyone who lives in the city and pays the in city taxes should get a pass but anyone outside the limits could pay, locals maybe with a discount. Tourists should defiantly have to pay. Otherwise there is not much to do about parking, it is what it is. Leave it be.

Don't need future growth. I can find that in any other city, don't need it here.

I don't know

The city of Southport should put that responsibility on the developers not tax payers

Consider a trolley system. W off site large parking area and pick up and drop off around town and back to designated parking area

Slow down growth and over development(subdivisions) KEEP PARKING FREE

Not much, the current parking arrangement is part of the "hometown" feel we love in Southport. I would only suggest directing special event parking locations. I am adamantly opposed to charging for parking.

Shuttle to a parking lot outside of downtown

open up more areas to park

I'm really not sure. There is just too many people period

Make downtown a pedestrian zone.

Enlist private enterprise for solutions

Charge a toll to tourists

Parallel parking down Bay street between Pilot office and marsh.

Prepare side streets for more off-street parking. DO NOT put meters up. GET FOOD TAX APPROVED.

Purchase the empty lot as above.

Add a city owned parking area

Establish parking areas outside of town and provide a shuttle trolley with designated stops and pick up areas. Parking ticket grants you free access to trolley

more lots, less individual spaces - add greenery to lots

Off site lots

Take steps to aquire location for public parking lot

I have no thought-out suggestion.

Do NOT take away green spaces for parking. Require new business developments to meet a higher parking space requirement.

Parking deck

Resident permit program

Should've thought about that long before now. The growth is happening and Southport can't grow any bigger. Definitely not a parking garage

Consider parking further from downtown

SEE #38 RESPONSE. PARTNER WITH PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS IN TOWN OR OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS FOR SPACE.

Parking garage and shuttles

Eliminate on street parking and have more off street/side street parking. People know where to park, but the overwhelming congestion creates the distraction for drivers

See 38

create a remote parking lot as described above

add more parking spots

Stop building

Maintain all on street parking

Build a 3 story parking garage where the tennis courts are in front of the Communities building

I don't know.

Continue to research options, discuss them and seek feedback from residents.

Perhaps consider remote parking area with a shuttle service to downtown

If you have to, build a parking garage somewhere outside of City Hall or near Dosher Hospital Helicopter port, charge for parking and provide signs for direction. Another location would be the Bald Head Ferry parking lot. Consider a Trolley or encourage Uber near the parking garage.

Idk as there isn't any solace to put a parking garage.

I would support a parking pass system that could help develop new parking areas and perhaps a multiple level garage etc. Without easy access to quality parking the small local business community would suffer. The easier it is for people to patronize them the more likely they are to do so.

Parking tickets

Parking structure with trolly pick up and drop off much like Dosher hospital does.

Provide city wide alternate transportation and block car usage within town limits

Time limits

Stop making it a bigger deal than it is. There's plenty of parking.

Keep free parking as it part of the charm of Southport, offer shuttle's services so the, don't have to drive downtown.

Develop parking garage

Have a free shuttle service from Parking that is 1 mile plus from downtown

Be careful on how fast you grow. Infrastructure needs to support growth.

Charge

Keep growth to a minimum

Build a parking garage or two. If they need to be over a 5-10 minute walk from downtown then have shuttles.

Limit future growth

Don't know

Limit parking time

Public paved lot

Designate parking areas and sign them

Identify parking lots which offer shuttle service

Maybe parking lots a few blocks from downtown.

Try to find area for larger parking lots

Don't allow it, peak demand

I have no idea

I like the idea of parking lots outside of the city with a trolley that people could get on and off as needed.

Create a city parking lit

Underground parking options

Build paved parking lots

Consider trolleys or shuttles

Reduce future growth.

Seasonal paid parking go for non residents

Parking garage

Hire expert consultants after gathering data from stakeholder surveys

See 38 above

Stop promoting Southport. Tourists are infesting this area. The locals can't even get out to eat or find a place to park anymore.

Make the yacht basin pedestrian only with commercial delivery times for the businesses.

Make phase in approaches consistent with the master plan and start addressing the issue thru prioritization and implementation.

no answer

Absolutely do not charge for parking.

Alternate transportation methods (boating, trolly, public bikes or scooters)

Limit growth as much as possible. Publish establish parking areas and on-street parking maps showing parking on all surrounding streets of downtown. Like I mentioned before, downtown is very walkable.

Slow growth as much as possible. See priorities to improvement existing infrastructure first.

Again unknown

Not sure

You good judgment when planning, do not put in parking meters, work with residence to achieve a successful parking availability

Buy the property across from Fishy FIshy and Frying Pan and make it city paid parking

Have no idea at this point

don't go overboard - there is a maximum density that Southport can handle and its not a large city.

Work with private land owners to provide more downtown parking. Enter into a paid parking program with enforcement provided by contractors.

Encourage biking to locals with more bike lanes. Offer main parking area with golf cart taking to main locations. Something like Wilmington waterfront has just walking no cars

Of site parking lots - 2 hour parking downtown to elementary people parking all day and not allowing bald head workers and other tourists to park all day and sometimes for multiple days at a time downtown without any ticketing

I would leave downtown alone best thing about Southport is no paid parking.

Limit growth

Please don't do paid parking. Or at least offer free parking stickers for Brunswick Co residents. I don't live in Southport but nearby and have to be there 1-3 days a week and it will be unaffordable to pay for parking just to go to the library etc...

Quit marketing Southport!!!

provide additional parking spaces in existing right of ways

Buy land for paid parking lot and shuttle visitors from said lot to town.

Prioritize county residents, do not over commercialize our beautiful town

Help people to walk more instead of only going to eat

I currently do not have a problem finding parking. However I do not mind walking a block to go to the places I want to visit. I think many people feel they need to park directly in front of the facility. Take a nice stroll, enjoy the town! *Also this survey seems to be missing numbers of questions such as the questions go from number 1 to number 3, with number 2 missing. Continued throughout this survey

See above answer b

I like it the way it is.... I really don't have much difficulty except 4th of July week and then we just walk more

Cannot and should not expand downtown parking

Stem development first, increase sidewalks and bike paths to areas outside downtown, provide out of town parking if possible with shuttle service or walkways

Use available land further out with tram/trolley

Parking meters on all city streets (not with coins - use mobile apps). Local residents exempt.

Paid parking on downtown streets using mobile app, with resident exclusions. Utilize shuttles from out of town lots.

Offer transit service. Trolly type to and from areas within the district Shopping and surrounding area

They need a shuttle or bus or even trolley that can run people back and forth from parking to downtown

Add more spots

Parking deck

I would rather not see any more development

Parking lots away from downtown; trams for a small amount of money—hop on/hop off

Don't sacrifice the small town feel for tourists. It is the reason they come in the first place. They enjoy the architecture, walking around our town center and a few places to grab refreshments. Myrtle Beach can attract those wanting something different.

Parking lot

A parking lot away from the downtown area with plenty of shuttles running. Paid parking if necessary. Residents should be able to have low cost or free passes for parking. Open up some of the parking in the ROW areas where residents have blocked parking with decorative items and shrubs.

it's too late

Provide parking nearby when planning new businesses.

See above

indicate that parking is available in right of way and encourage people to walk on improved sidewalks.

Parking at Walmart and a shuttle

Encouragement of other modes of transportation, biking and walking.

PAID PARKING. I believe OKI brought in approximately $1M in their first year. Our infrastructure, fire department, and police department would benefit from revenue collected by parking meters; and perhaps, squelch the need to raise taxes for SPT residents.

shuttles or buses

N/a

Not needed, everyone can't be in SP.

More availability as well as encouraging biking

Trolley service and off site parking

Public transport

Park and ride, from parking lots out of the business district

Parking garage

Have parking spaces outside downtown and offer shuttle service at reasonable price to tourists.

Limited the growthlimtot growth and see

Not sure

Don't know

We need paid parking

Good luck

Idk

Parking garage

Insist developers pay into a shuttle bus service.

satellite lots with shuttle service from the lot to downtown

Just to plan for the increased traffic

Define public parking areas

See question 38

Parking garage

Same as peak season answer.

Shuttle based parking

Carefully study outlying areas for expanded parking spaces

Not sure

it would depent on what the City of Southport has in mind for future growth and/or development

Take back downtown right of ways for public parking

We manage well now

Not sure

In busy season, find large parking outside of town and provide shuttle services into downtown

Paid parking

Paid parking is NOT the solution. Seek out current parking lots / areas that are not well indicated and create more signage to those.

Free parking, less new homes

Please don't charge for parking!

More public transport (trolley) from remote parking area

Trolley system

Limit future growth and development.

build parking outside of downtown with trolley service

Improve what is already available and add more to vacant spaces.

Do not take away established areas of downtown to create more parking. Create remote parking areas and provide shuttle service from the remote areas. The city can't be expected to provide parking on Main Street for every visitor. Limited space limited parking.

Curtail the future growth ... keep Southport like it is!!!

Business will suffer with paid parking

Remote park and ride

Don't know

Paid parking.

No parking garage!!

Don't know

See above answer

No suggestions

Provide nice lots

Add small parking lots around town to keep the small town feeling

Pave lots, charge and garages within 4 blocks of downtown

Limited time parking

Not sure. We have limited space in the city.

I appreciate downtown and keeping it nice, but the rest of Southport looks really trashy (ie at Long Beach & Southport- Supply). It needs updated and beautified. The gateway to downtown is ugly

Take back city right of aways from private residents who plant flowers etc and make it available for parking. Install parking meters and time restrictions in downtown area and use trolleys.

Charge visitors and residences for parking. Lower annual fee for residence.

I think y'all have already goofed up. The key to growth is planning for it, not tryna catch up!

Set limitations for development

Impose time limits in high volume area, limit golf carts.

More public transportation options

Stop the developing. An area can only handle so much before it gets overpopulated and miserable.

City of Southport needs to realize most residents don't want changes.

Manage the development to begin with.

No idea but definitely NOT paid parking

No idea

Find more parking, golf carts parking, just a few spaces, currently they take up a full size parking spot.

Stop building housing

I don't like the idea of paid parking but with the extreme amount of visitors and residents It might have to be considered

I've lived in dense urban/tourist environments with heavy traffic usage. Off-site parking works if people have things to view/engage with along the way. Trolleys (free!) work moving people through dense neighborhoods. Traffic managers — actively directing traffic — works. Cape Cod towns swell by the tens of thousands every year and it's done by having multi-modal options, traffic management (humans and clear signs/messaging), and an active and positive PR campaign to reinforce the slow down and enjoy Southport messaging.

Don't know

Quit building housing developments to ease the demand on downtown

Quit developing or we will all be under water and won't need parking!

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Better designated parking areas.

Limit restaurant employees parking in the few on street parking spots in front of the shops that have only one employee.

Allow parking on all the streets or have people shuttle in from other parking lots. Open up the roped off area in the yacht basin.

Control overdevelopment

Control future growth, calm down

Provide edge of town parking and a shuttle downtown.

Perhaps develop parking farther out on cheaper land and develop relationships with the new Oak Island/Southport Trolley to make it a regular stop for a small fee. In other words, parking free and visitors could choose to walk or ride trolley. No ongoing cost to the city but potential income for private trolley businesses. City could even sell annual passes or other for the trolley in lieu of paid parking.

Stop developing or offer ridesharing like public transport (buses/trollies)

Develop shuttle for busy times like 4th of July & summer tourists

Please don't charge anyone to park in Southport. The town is all but lost and that would be the end of the town.

Create more parking in ROW

Limit sizeand density of residential development in city limits and adjacent areas through a collaborative and comprehensive master plan with OKI and BSL, and limit large hotels and commercial retail spaces

Provide a free shuttle that runs frequently for tourists. Provide locals with parking passes and do not charge them.

Parking structure

Pay parking

Carefully consider parking in future development models.

NOT A GARAGE

buy more land

Limit the growth in our area

None! It's a small town. First come gets a parking spot, otherwise come back on a different day.

Consider a trolley service, of sorts, from the larger outside communities to downtown.

See Question 38

Shuttle service

No cars allowed on the streets near the water, so offer shuttle from CVS area where the The Wingate Hotel is currently

increase prices

Include necessary parking design in future development plans

Develop public parking lots

hard to answer

See answer #38

Again eliminating golf carts

Curb growth.

Stop the over development of Southport

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No golf carts

Would not strongly oppose paid on-street and public parking as long as targeted toward weekends and the summer season, when parking demand is highest.

Not sure

Make more handicap access parking spaces, and make parking spaces noticeable on public right of way for parking. People, me included, generally look for marked spaces to park and generally don't park as much on unmarked public right of ways where people can park. (except on holidays and for events when there are more people in town)

No response

I do not want paid parking

Develop more off street parking

Comprehensive Plan Purchase available property

As Southport grows more FREE parking should be added

Please no paid parking. It will ruin the Southport feel and laid back feel. I've heard so much negative feedback since OKI installed paid parking.

Require parking as part of development

Reduce the need for private automobiles by increasing bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and public transport (trolly cars).

Newly built buildings should have required minimum parking space for expected volume the type of business creates.

Allocate bike lanes to encourage safe bike riding. With improved reliability and availability of pedal assist e-bikes people get where they want to go easily and less time. Bikes take up a lot less parking space and our climate supports being outdoors.

parking garages in close proximity to frequently used areas.

Howe street will continue to become more and more congested. Management of traffic and parking in this area will likely have the most significant impact.

Require parking with development

First, Control new construction. Second, Use the elementary school parking lot during summer like you do now over the 4th of July or another lot out of the way and provide a form of transportation to Moore St like the new trolly someone came up with. Cuts down on cars in the downtown area and people can walk to visit all of the small businesses. A parking building would make our sweet, quaint town ugly. Paid parking signs are also unsightly. Both of these options would ruin the character of Southport.

Limit growth

Same as 38 and 37

Provide more public transportation to reduce the number of cars in the downtown area.

See above answer

Include bike/scooters/shuttles from one zone to another.

Help the resident's we need temp traffic lights on 211 till the construction is done.

Charge for out of town guests

For every new building the owner has to build a parking lot/space for their customers.

Slow down development and growth

Visitors park outside of town

Paid parking.

Discourage business owners from parking on the street

None

I believe we have sufficient parking and at busy times it can be a challenge to find parking - but one might have to walk further. We have limited space downtown, that is a fact. I do not want to see pay for parking. During peak times we should look into shuttles and such for the downtown area.

Tighten development restrictions. No more subdivisions.

Please provide your street address. (Home, business, or workplace)

140 Green Bay Rd NW, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

105 N Lord Street

Shipmast Way

Shipmast Way

Howe street

415 mitchell st southport

5077 Ballast Rd

E Leonard St

411 N. Howe St.

971 Softwind Way

4160 Silverleaf

404 N. Burrington Avenue

1002 Bussells Turn

Mashie Way

5998 Gray Squirrel Path

S. Wax Myrtle Ct Southport

Heron Rd

Boiling Spring Lakes

206 W West St

214 N Lord street

5015 Canvasback ct

248 E 11th St

St James

209 River Drive

614 N Fodale Ave

112 Park Avenue

5105 Bent Oak Lane, Harbor Oaks

Trailwood Dr SE

637 Wild Rose Way Southport

105 park ave

work - 111 E. Moore Street

206 W Nash

207 west Nash street southport

N lord Street

611 N Lord

West Brown Street

3675 Battery Lane

E Moore Street

508 W Owens

E Moore st

303 west brown street

312 N Lord

300 Marina View Dr

410 Trevally ct

Oak Island

1010 n Howe st

612 W Brown St., Unit D

3376 Sandy Bay

Indigo Village Court

216 N Atlantic Avenue

515 E Moore St

Indigo Village Coirt

200 N Nash

St James

Fodale Ave

Harbor Oaks

310 college street

Pebble Shore Ln

927 E. Leonard St.

Southport, NC

Harbor Oaks resident

211 Herring Drive

4314 Loblolly Circle

City of Southport

NASH STREET

Rivermist

114 S. Davis St.

White Ibis Court

410 Lord Charles Drive

1109 Spincast Rd Southport Nc 28461

412 N Howe

6241 Navigator Way

Cougar Rd

Fodale Avenue

Halyard Rd

244 E 11th St

512 West Brunswick Street

608 w brown st

809 Memory Lane

505 W Owens

301 Stuart Ave

Park avenue

105 North Fodale Ave.

8365 Reidmond Dr SE

3628 Players Club Drive

412 North Lord (home)

3697 Sable Palm Lane

217 Stuart ave

N Rhett

826 N Lord Street and 3664 Willow Lake Drive. Southport

1107 N Lord St

1020 Downrigger

Pebble Shore Lane

5013 North Hampton Dr SE

6470 Rolling Run Road Southport

5127 Prices Creek Drive

224 Joshuas Way

305 Stuart Ave, Unit B

309 n. Atlantic Ave

Medina Ct.

1107 N Lord Street

611 Howe St.

6174 River Sound Circle

1115 E Boiling Spring RD

1214 Caswell St

Cherry Laurel SE

Wescott Estates

719 E Moore St

1027 woodsia way

3103 Spring Oak Lane

4353 Frying Pan Road SE

4667 Clearview Drive

6232 Navigator Way

6217 Pebble Shore Ln.

414 Raven Glen Drive

611 N Fodale Ave

112 Park Avenue

6304=Cattail Court

5021 Lagan Ct Southport

401 E Leonard st

105 N Lord Street

Irwin drive

502 w owens St

6174 Cottage Creek Road

316 West Saint George street. Southport

390 Fifty Lakes Drive

3881 Members Club

N Fodale

Clarendon

319 W Brunswick St, Southport

St James

Work: North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport, 204 E. Moore St., Southport

205 E Leonard

Indigo Plantation

Home, West Street

5015 Canvasback Ct SPT

None of your business!!'

1018 Softwind Way

Church - 200 N Howe St

803 E Leonard

1018 Softwind Way

Trevally CT

106 Stuart Ave

315 n rhett st

Cades Cove

Dutchman Creek Road, Southport

5006 Canvasback Ct. Southport, NC 28461

105 S Fodale Ave 1010 Bonner Bussells Turn

120 N Atlantic Ave, Southport, NC

513 Majestys court

813 Cades Trail

4925 Summerswell Lane, Southport

404 Lord Thomas

121 E Moore St Southport, NC 28461

105 Flowering Bridge - Caswell Beach, NC

112 Yacht Basin dr

208 Narcissus Mews Caswell Beach, NC

421 Cades Trail

8347 Reidmont Drive

6220 Navigator Way

Cades Trl

6272 Cattail Court

Clarendon Ave

661 Spartina ct Southport

6040 Dutchman Creek Rd., Southport

Gray Squirrel Path

53 Augusta Dr OKI

Norseman Loop

806 Indigo Village Ct

808 Snap Dragon Ct, Caswell Beach

Atlantic Ave

Business owner and homeowner in Southport city limits

St. James

702 Longleaf Dr

Southern Pine Drive Southport

830 N Lord St.

Palmetto Drive

505 Majestys Ct

2571 Shellbark Ct.

Wyndmere Drive

503 Cades trail

402 palmetto drive Caswell Beach

Captain Adkins

105 N Caswell

709 Longleaf

Cades Cove

W Owen's street

2950 Legends Drive, Southport, NC 28461

W St George Street

South Shore Dr BSL

213 e 11th st Southport

514 Clarendon ave

830 N Lord St, Southport

311 River Dr

316 N. Dry Street

This makes the survey not anonymous???

307 West Saint George Street

6089 Turtlewood Dr Southport NC 28461

St. James

White ibis court

skeffington ct

N Howe St

1018 N Caswell

844 Cades Trail

Stuart Ave

The Landing development

4465 # 1 Golf Cottage dr.

808 E Moore St

Spincast Road

203 Narcissus Mews, Oak Island

121 Moore Street

21 Cedar rd

209 Willis.

522 E Moore St

Fairley St

Longleaf Dr

119 N. Lord Street, Southport

5017 Nester Dr

1029 N Howe St Southport NC 28461

114 W. West St

504 N Burrington

610Mackenzie Circle

2018 Robert Ruark Drive

119 Park Ave

1523 Shepard Rd, SE

304 W West St

314 WILLIS DR

Fodale Ave

Clarendon ave and owens

318 West Brunswick Street

2729 Oak Forest Dr, Southport (St James)

1865 Salisbury rd Southport 28461

4244 Ashfield Pl

Rivermist

Austin, TX

St james

507 North Howe

Fairway Village Drive St James

Burrington Ave

6231 Pebble Shore Lane

4106 Gannet Ct Southport

5110 Fernwood dr

320 Brunswick st

3003 Aston Lane

320 W. Brunswick St.

2338 St James Drive

Bancroft place

2704 St James Drive

3015 Beachcomber Dr Southport, NC 28461

3021 Aston Lane

St James

4398 Harbortown circle

2812 Trailwood Dr Soutbport NC

3350 Club Villas Drive

St. James

4418 Dragonfly CT SE, Southport, NC

4161 Silverleaf Dr SE

2504 St. James Drive

4439 Midshipman Court SE, Southport, NC 28461

310 North Fodale Avenue

3581 Hemlock Ridge Dr., Southport

St James

Clarendon Ave

Indigo plantTion

2537 st James dr

2580 Mariners way Southport nc 28461

502 Quarter Master Dr.

Blair Place

2954 Moorings Way

2754 Oak Forest Drive

4009 Robert Ruark DR. Southport NC 28461

258 Bonnet Way

1029 n howe

432 Cades Trail

411 Trout Lily Lane

610 W Brown St.

River Sound Circle

1758 Ovates Ln SE Bolivia, NC

409 E Bay Street

Southport, NC

314 Willis Drive

Willis Drive

353 Trevally Court, Southport

114 W Moore St

114 W Moore St

3753 Oakwood dr se southport

E Owens St Southport NC

212 park Ave Ext

Stuart Ave

Worthington Place/St. James

1023 Captain Adkins Dr, Southport, NC

Gray Squirrel Path

Joshuas Way

5218 Windward Way

416 Fire Fly Lane

311 E Nash St

211 North Lord Street

214 N Lord street

310 college st

211 North Lord Street

Not today

Trout Lily lane

107 n Atlantic Ave southport nc

309 n. ATLANTIC AVE

209 River Dr

Downtown

N Hampton Dr

612 west brown st.

6065 Sullivan ridge road

106 Stuart Ave

306 E 8th Street

107 Highland Park

NE 54th St, Oak Island

109 Highland Park

Harbor oaks

407 Fire Fly Ln

408 E West St

Sullivan ridge rd

White spruce glen, Southport (st James)

North Atlantic Avenue

Abbey Heilmann 502 Majestys Ct Southport, NC

714 dale ave

820 Indigo Village Court

600 block of Clarendon Ave.

410 Raven Glen Dr - Southport, NC 28461

412 N Lord Street

1050 Burled Oak Ridge Loop SE Bolivia NC

1026 Softwind Way

502 west owens st

4401 Southern Pine Drive and Southport Smokehouse

485 South Shore Dr. Southport, NC 28461

314 Park Ave. Ext.

I will not. I live in Rivermist.

Cambridge Cove Circle

1216 N. Caswell Ave

None of your business

3996 Blair place

220 Stuart Ave

West Brunswick st

194 Gentle Breeze court

144 Sigman Rd, Southport, NC 28461

702 Longleaf dr

Herring

Navigator Way Southport

3878 Harmony Circle SE. Southport 28461

1221 Gum Rd

5101 Fernwood dr

104 Bonnet's Creek Lane SPT NC 28461

Inland Cove Drive

4976 Alamance Drive

Washington, DC and Boston, MA

3353 st James dr

Off 9th street

605 W Owens St

Waterfront Gifts 117 South Howe St Southport, NC 28461

Hollow tree

No, that is not the purpose of this survey - otherwise, I will just pop in and talk to you all

116 N. Howe St, 110 E. Nash St, 202 W. Nash St

130 yacht basin drive

Topside Drive SE

5247 Minnesota Dr SE Southport

117 highland park

5240 Shipmast Way

701 N. Howe St. suite 2

211 E West Street

103 N Howe

114 N. Caswell Ave

107 Herring Drive

117 Highland Park Ave

Harbor Oaks

Joshua's way

West Trace

2935 Moorings Way SE

Pebble Shore Lane

5140 Fernwood Dr.

614 N Fodale Ave

748 Pepperhill Road Southport

290 Bonnet Way SE Southport

No

3663 Battery Lane, Southport (St. James), NC

3005 Bonner Bussells

807 Cape Harbor Drive

600 n howe

Pebble Shore Lane

6206 Pebble Shore Lane

3183 Seagrass Ct

3913 Sagewood path

5019 Nester Dr., Southport NC 28461

6242 Navigator Way

830 N Lord St, Southport

5900 Dutchman Creek Rd

0 Rob Gandy (new owner)

4427 Midshipman Court, Southport, NC

The Preserve in Southport

205 E 8th St.

Stuart ave

3350 club villa drive SE

3169 Moss Hammock Wynd

Burled oak ridge loop, Bolivia

Saint James NC

6088 Turtlewood

1609 N Howe St

E 11th St

Moore St

Cades Trail

501 Lord Thomas Ave
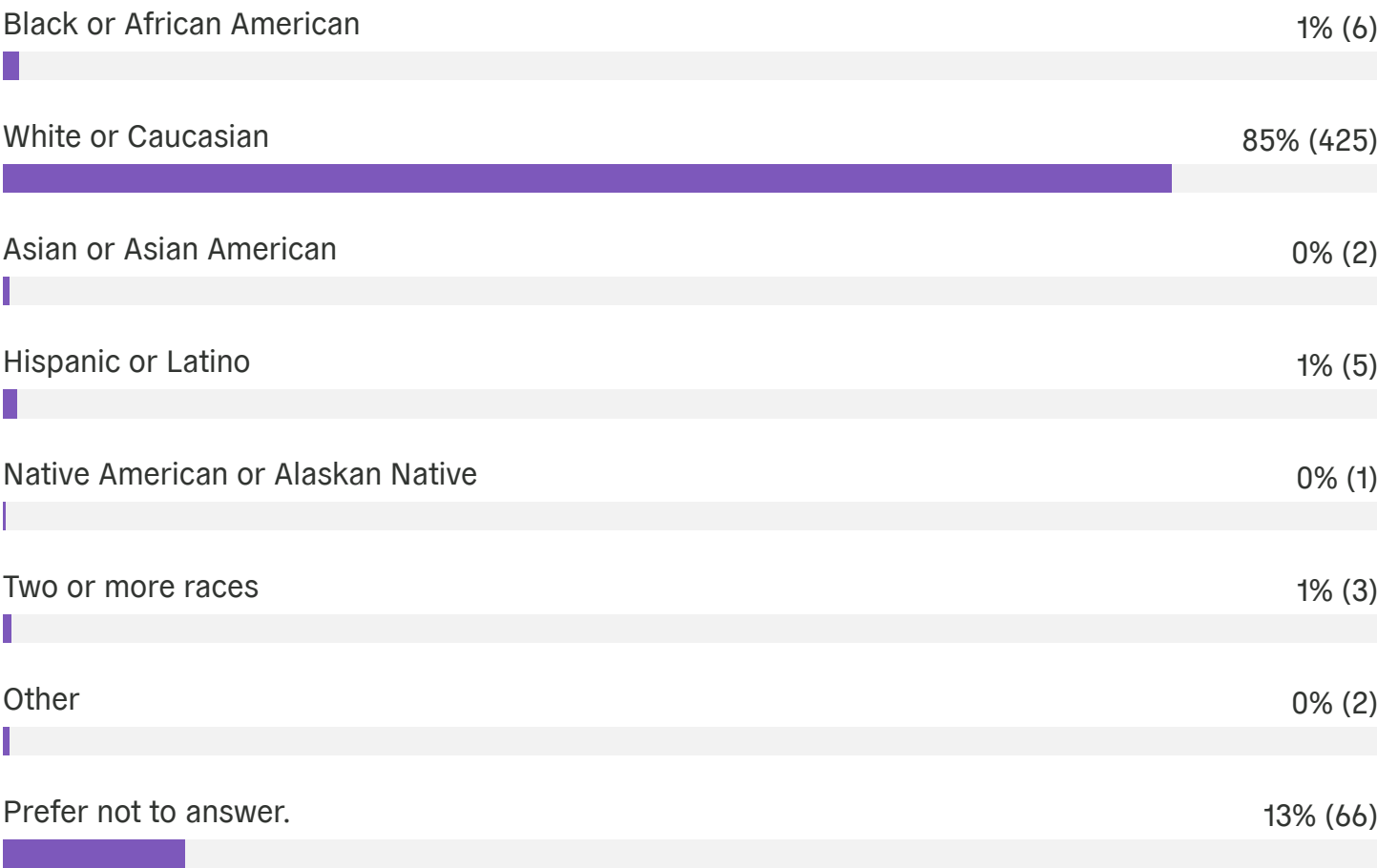
How old are you?

Under 18	0% (0)

18-24	0% (2)

25-34	4% (19)

35-44	10% (51)

45-54	14% (71)

55-64	33% (170)

65+	39% (196)
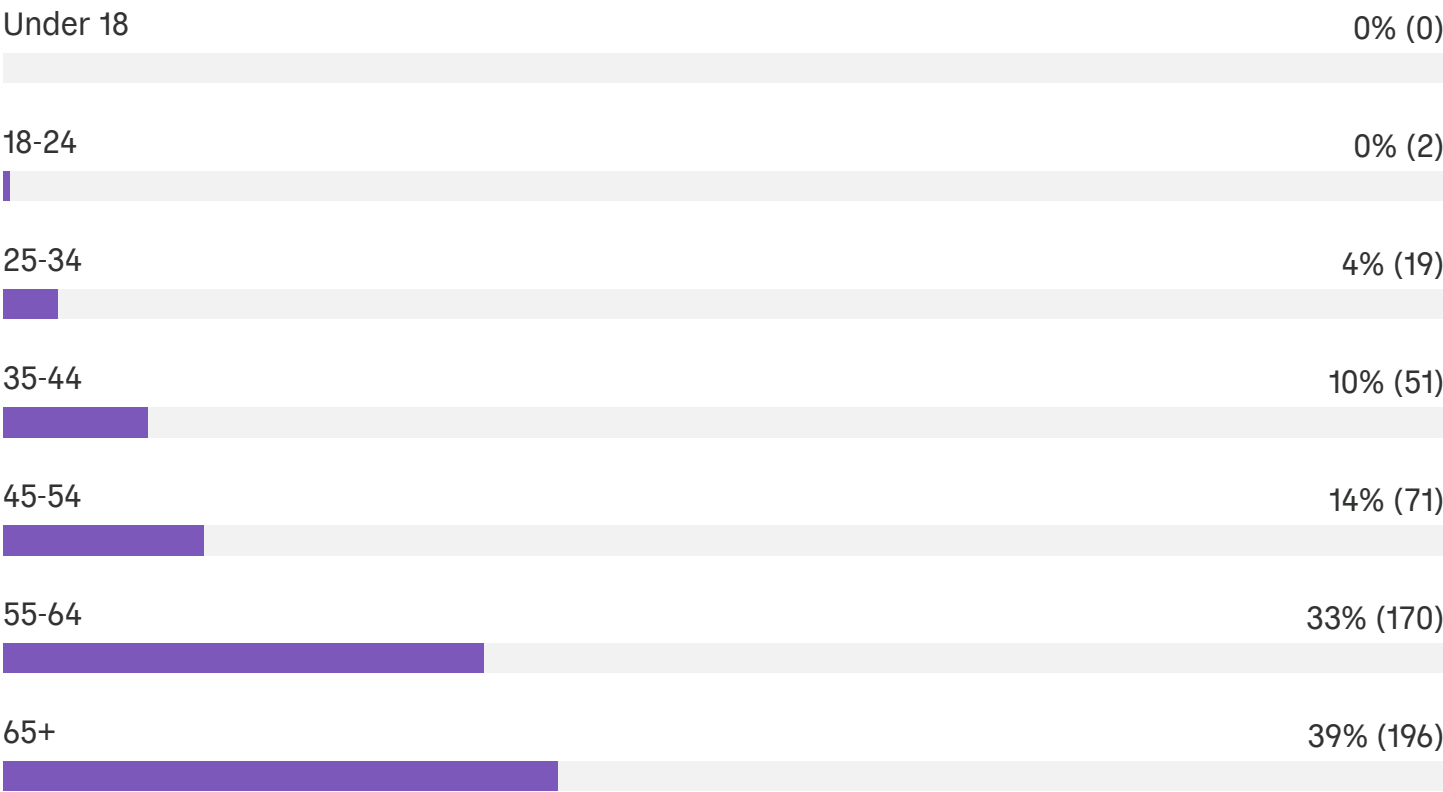
What is your race and/or ethnicity? (Select all that apply.)

Black or African American   1% (6)

White or Caucasian   85% (425)

Asian or Asian American   0% (2)

Hispanic or Latino   1% (5)

Native American or Alaskan Native   0% (1)

Two or more races   1% (3)

Other   0% (2)

Prefer not to answer.   13% (66)

If you selected "other" for Question 42, please explain below:

Not important.

None ya business

What is your household income?

Under $24,500 — 1% (4)

Between $24,500 and $38,999 — 2% (9)

Between $39,000 and $58,999 — 6% (31)

Between $59,000 and $99,999 — 16% (79)

Between $100,000 and $150,000 — 18% (89)

Over $150,000 — 25% (123)

Prefer not to answer. — 33% (162)