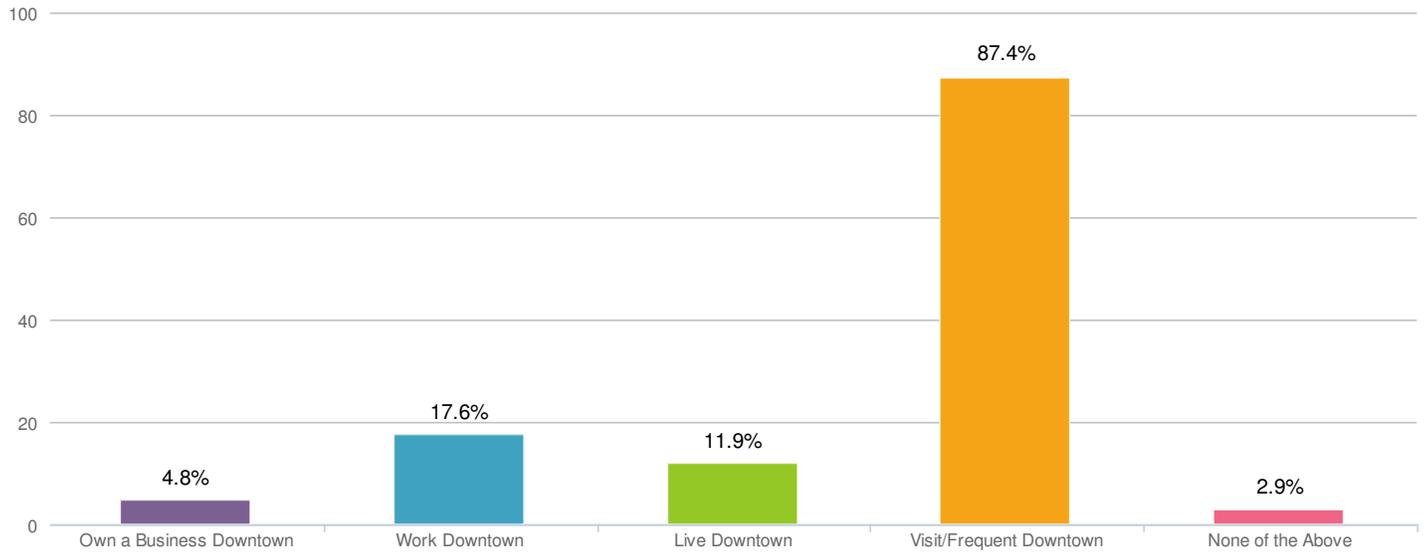


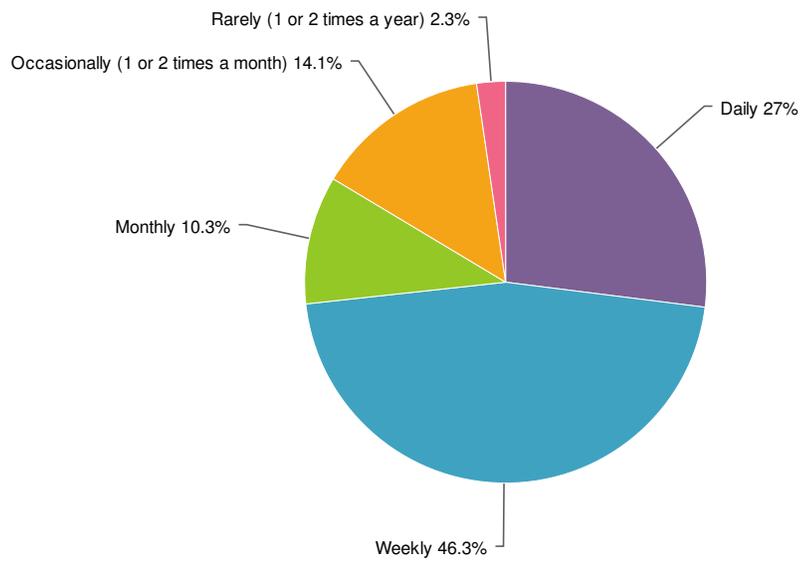
# New Summary Report - 26 February 2017

## 1. Do you:



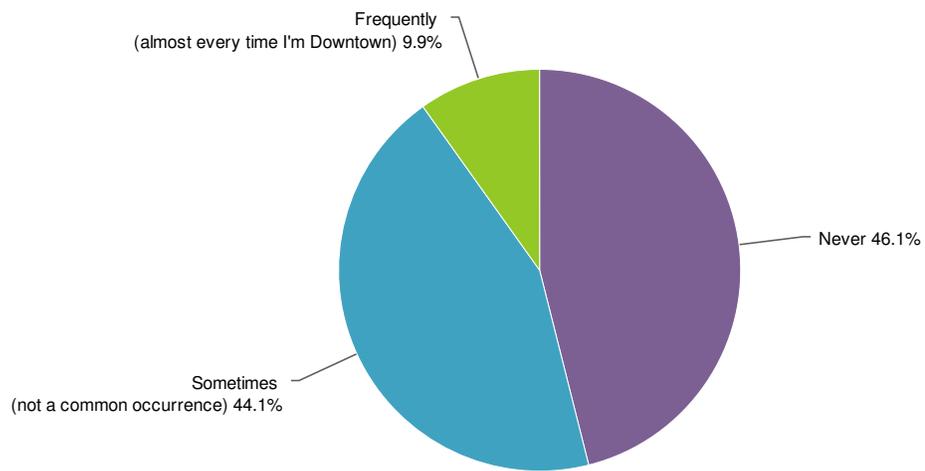
Value	Percent	Count
Own a Business Downtown	4.8%	109
Work Downtown	17.6%	402
Live Downtown	11.9%	272
Visit/Frequent Downtown	87.4%	1,995
None of the Above	2.9%	65
Total		2,284

## 2. How often do you frequent Downtown?



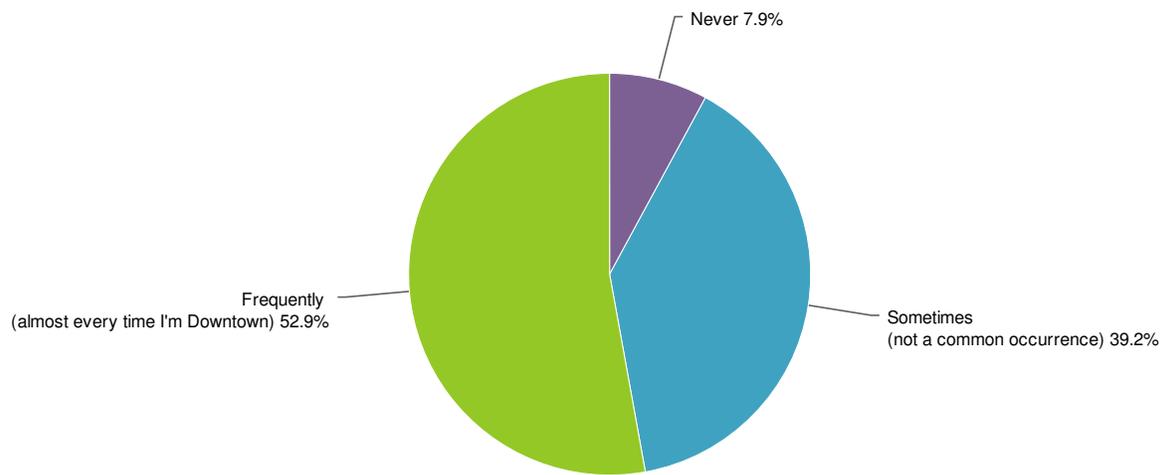
Value	Percent	Count
Daily	27.0%	617
Weekly	46.3%	1,058
Monthly	10.3%	236
Occasionally (1 or 2 times a month)	14.1%	322
Rarely (1 or 2 times a year)	2.3%	53
Total		2,286

### 3. Aggressive or intimidating behavior:



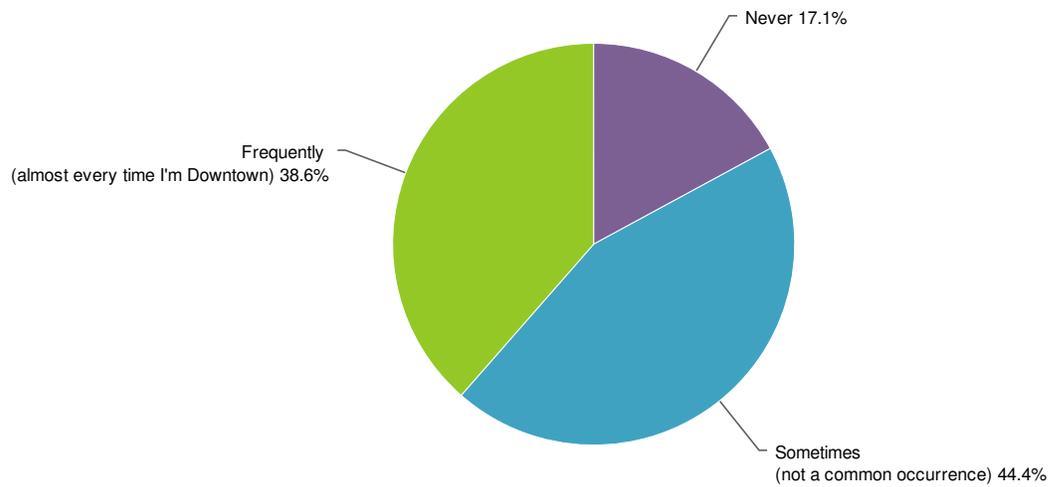
Value	Percent	Count
Never	46.1%	1,051
Sometimes (not a common occurrence)	44.1%	1,005
Frequently (almost every time I'm Downtown)	9.9%	225
Total		2,281

4. Groups or individuals sitting or lying on sidewalks:



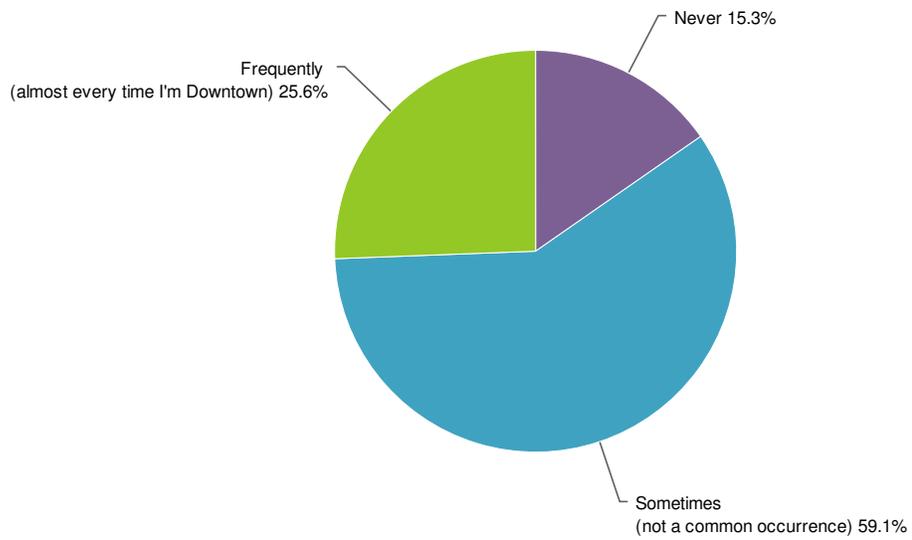
Value	Percent	Count
Never	7.9%	180
Sometimes (not a common occurrence)	39.2%	894
Frequently (almost every time I'm Downtown)	52.9%	1,204
Total		2,278

5. Groups or individuals lying on benches:



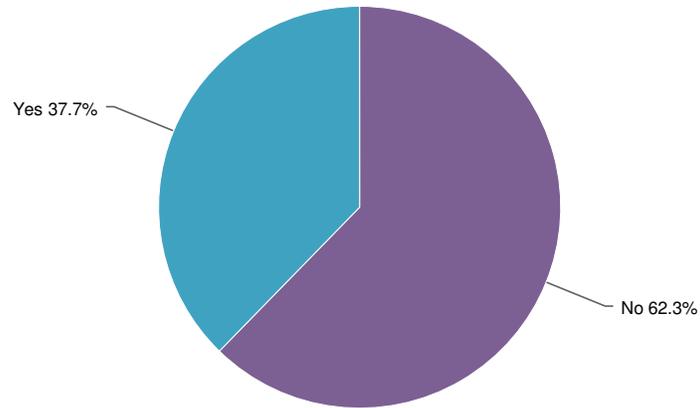
Value	Percent	Count
Never	17.1%	389
Sometimes (not a common occurrence)	44.4%	1,010
Frequently (almost every time I'm Downtown)	38.6%	878
Total		2,277

6. Intoxicated or impaired behavior:



Value	Percent	Count
Never	15.3%	349
Sometimes (not a common occurrence)	59.1%	1,346
Frequently (almost every time I'm Downtown)	25.6%	583
Total		2,278

7. Are there other behaviors that have diminished your Downtown experience?



Value	Percent	Count
No	62.3%	1,412
Yes	37.7%	855
Frequently	0.0%	0
Total		2,267

8. Please describe these behaviors:

Count	Response
1	Smoking
1	The excessive smell of people smoking pot in common areas as you're walking downtown
1	"Coal Rollers" cruising up and down college showboating
1	"Homeless" people playing a boombox on street, while we were sitting in restaurant patio
1	*
1	* Loud white college students * Angry drivers
1	- Fort Collins has racist bars (Rec Room) which is FAR more concerning than homelessness
1	.
1	1) Smoking
1	1. Constantly being hounded to sign petitions. 2. Panhandlers. Lots of them.
1	1. National organizations soliciting money/memberships. 2. Tabacco smoking.
1	?
1	Able bodied people begging for money

**Count Response**

1	Accumulation of worldly goods on sidewalks
1	After the park closed, homeless people spread outward.
1	Aggressive behavior. Rare, but it happens.
1	Aggressive demand for money from vagrants
1	Aggressive drivers trying to find a parking spot can be crazy.
1	Aggressive driving and/or drivers who do not pay attention
1	Aggressive driving, loud vehicles
1	Aggressive drunk college kids fighting
1	Aggressive panhandlers
1	Aggressive panhandling
1	Aggressive panhandling.
1	Aggressive panhandling. Even approached while still in my car while parked in a parking space.
1	Aggressive political petitioners.
1	Aggressively seeking money, blocking sidewalks, public urination
1	All of the above. Intimidating panhandling.
1	Always being asked for money. Taking up areas on bench all day. Odors and litter.
1	Anger, yelling, intolerant and nearly violent behaviors
1	Angry people saying things to me. Often see and hear people loudly arguing with each other.
1	Arguments Crude language Marijuana smells
1	Asking for leftovers, cash, unsanitary public bathrooms.
1	Asking for money
1	Asking me to buy someone's lunch. Asking me for cash. Asking me for a cigarette.
1	At oak street plaza there have been groups of young people smoking pot openly.
1	Bad driving. Red lights are treated as yellow in this town!
1	Bar patrons at night are the worst
2	Begging
1	Begging
1	Begging for money, smoking, groups blocking sidewalk (hard to walk by)
1	Begging for money, yelling, swearing, survey taking, large congregations of people...
1	Begging for takeout food. Sidewalk crowding and impediment. Public cannabis use.
1	Begging, public smoking. Offensive comments.

**Count Response**

1	Begging, smoking, drug use, stinky people
1	Being approached by homeless individuals for money.
1	Being asked by strangers for money or food.
1	Being asked for money or cigarettes multiple times a day.
1	Being asked for money. Feeling like I'm being followed to the parking lot.
1	Being heckled
1	Being panhandled for food when sitting at a patio or coming out of a restaurant with a to go box
1	Being whistled/cat called at by transients
1	Bicycle riders not having lights at night and riding erratically in and out of traffic.
1	Bicyclists on sidewalks riding bikes and people smoking.
1	Bike riding on sidewalks in no riding zone
1	Bikers who don't follow traffic laws are disruptive to my daily walks downtown.
1	Bikes and skateboards being ridden on sidewalks
1	Bikes and skateboards, despite the signage about dismount zone.
1	Blocking sidewalk, inappropriate comments, pan handling
1	Blocking sidewalks.
1	Blocking traffic, trash and personal items left unattended, smoking, drug use and fights
1	Bum fights Loud explicit arguments Vomit on sidewalks/gutters Drug paraphernalia
1	Bums on the sidewalk. People begging for money.
1	Camping on the river bed by the bike trails Urination and feces left in public areas
1	Canvasers. Although it's something we should tolerate, it's a detraction.
1	Cat-calling, at least weekly. Unrelated to socioeconomic status.
1	Cat-calling. Vomit, dangerous trash like broken glass, in alleyways.
1	Catcalling
1	Catcalls, shouting at me, chasing me down trying to hand me a flyer
1	College aged adults yelling and being disruptive.
1	College students at night.
1	Consistently be asked for money.
1	Constant petitioners on the corner of Mountain and College.
1	Construction work being noisy.
1	Continued smoking with no enforcement of the smoke free zone.

**Count Response**

1	Crowds of people in common areas sitting with signs and camping gear.
1	Crowds outside bars on weekends. Those are the worst experiences.
1	Cursing, soliciting money for marijuana (transient teenager).
1	Destruction of public art pieces and property.
1	Disgusting, aggressive, perpetually intoxicated transients
1	Drug paraphernalia lying around. harassed for not giving someone money
1	Drug use by homeless
1	Drug use in bathrooms.
1	Drug use out in the open
1	Drug use, working aged people begging for money.
1	Drunk college kids and wealthy adults. The transient communities aren't really the problem.
1	Drunk college students behaving in a disruptive manner.
1	Drunk frat boys
1	Drunk man, unsure if homeless, getting in my face and following me
1	Drunk people around town-mainly college kids at bars who are loud and get in fights
1	Drunk twenty year olds.
1	Drunken bar patrons
1	Drunken college students.
1	Drunken college-aged men.
1	Endless Loitering near the ally cat. People singing and yelling at max stations.
1	Erratic rambling, yelling at people, dogs barking at people. Stench.
1	Erratic, threatening behavior. Drug use. Passed out on bike trail. Living under bridges.
1	Evidence of camping or stashed belongings
1	Excessive use of force by police
1	Feces and vomit on streets and in parking areas
2	Fighting
1	Fights and going to bathroom out in open
1	General chaos, people yelling, asking for money.
1	Gentrification of the downtown.
1	Green peace
1	Greenpeace collecting signatures at the corner of college and mountain

**Count Response**

1	Greenpeace numbats hanging around on the corners. The odd religious nutjob in Old Town Square.
1	Groups gathering in alleys.
1	Groups of People blocking sidewalks
1	Groups of people with all of their belongings spread out so you have to walk around them.
1	Groups with sighs panhandling or individuals sitting on a blanket panhandling.
1	Harassing people leaving a restaurant.
1	Harassment
1	Harassment and aggression from college-aged groups of men.
1	Harassment from drunk college kids
1	Hard to park.
1	Having seen drugs and syringes downtown.
1	Having to avoid certain parts of town at certain times of day to avoid groups of transients.
1	Homeless and people asking for money. Overflow from the homeless shelter
1	Homeless asking for drugs and money
1	Homeless beggars pandering, not contributing to society, like the other 98% of us.
1	Homeless people
1	Homeless people hassling people for money/food.
1	Homeless people who have been quite volatile
1	Homeless people yelling and being aggressive towards one another
1	Homeless population overall. I stay away and only work down there. No more shopping or dining.
1	Homelessness
1	Homelessness begging for money, smoking, doing and selling drugs.
1	Homophobia. It's not always the transient population though.
1	Horribly loud cars, trucks, and motorcycles make it impossible to carry on a conversation
1	I don't mind buskers, but I don't like groups of men calling out to me asking for money.
1	I have been followed by people asking for money and was grabbed by the arm once.
1	I have found needles in down town planters and once just on the sidewalk
1	Inappropriate language for children.
1	Incessant smoking despite the ban
1	Inconsiderate driving and people (rich snobby rude people).
1	Individuals asking for signatures ever 30ft for the same cause.

**Count Response**

1	Individuals not obeying the smoking ordinance.
1	Individuals who are Aggressive when looking for donations
1	Intoxicated bar frequenters
1	Intoxicated or belligerent college aged males
1	Is panhandling being address separately? What about street corner panhandling?
1	It embarrasses me when I have a guest with me.
1	It's a no go for families after 9 or 10 when school is in, the bar leak is ridiculous
1	Just a lot of panhandling. Not terribly aggressive, just frustrating.
1	Just general loitering and people with body order and/or luggage spread all over
1	Limited number of parking spaces
1	Littering, begging, harassing.
1	Littering, yelling, destruction of property, blocking traffic, drug use, cat calling
1	Loitering
1	Loitering and trash from homeless/travelers
1	Loitering in and around businesses i am visiting
1	Loitering, panhandling,
1	Loitering, panhandling, smoking
1	Loud foul language. I wouldn't take young children downtown!
1	Loud music being played on corners while I was listening to music in a restaurant patio
1	Men catcalling women
1	Men outside bars in particular cat calling, taking up space, etc
1	Men shouting crude things at women
1	Mostly the growth of the homeless population and the stupid college kids. Parking is also a pain!
1	My children and I were chased by some crazy or drug crazed guys.
1	My friend witbnessed urination by men and women in planters and parking areas.
1	Myself and other female friends have been followed, catcalled, and approached without invitation.
1	No parking available!
1	Non-enforcement of the smoking ban.
1	Non-stop smoking. Smoking should NOT be allowed at any location in the downtown area.
1	Not homeless people, but annoying drink college kids acting in aggressive ways!!!
1	Occasional incidences of smoking.

**Count Response**

1	Old Town Library. Cannot use restrooms due to homeless bathing, changing clothes, etc.
1	Open and blatant drug deals near the old SearsTrostel building and the Linden bridge
1	Over insistent Petitioners
1	PANHANDLING!!!! Stop it EVERYWHERE in town!
1	Pan Handling. It's out of control..
1	Pan-handling.
1	Pan-handling. Transient wanted to fight me.
1	Panhandeling, especially while dining outside
1	Panhandling
2	Panhandlers
1	Panhandlers and people smoking even though they are not suppose to be
1	Panhandlers begging for money
1	Panhandlers, people peeing in the fountains.
1	Panhandlers, public urination.
18	Panhandling
3	Panhandling
1	Panhandling Smoking tobacco
11	Panhandling
1	Panhandling (aggressively)
1	Panhandling - cardboard boxes asking for money
1	Panhandling and being yelled at for my leftovers
1	Panhandling and catcalling
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1	Panhandling and loitering by individuals and groups,
1	Panhandling and people approaching in parking lots asking for gas money.
1	Panhandling and people trying to get me to sign petitions.
1	Panhandling at storefronts, openly smoking weed. Spreading belongings out on the sidewalks.
1	Panhandling drug use
1	Panhandling makes me uncomfortable. I'd rather shop somewhere else to avoid panhandlers.
1	Panhandling still occurs.
1	Panhandling!

**Count Response**

1	Panhandling, catcalling
1	Panhandling, dirty transients with pets.
1	Panhandling, flying signs.
1	Panhandling, individuals following me.
1	Panhandling, loitering, drunkenness, sleeping on sidewalks, urinating in public.
1	Panhandling, loitering, yelling
1	Panhandling, musical or theater type panhandling, pets not leashed
1	Panhandling, people smoking on the sidewalk where it's illegal.
1	Panhandling, public urination, drug use
1	Panhandling, shouting and catcalls at my wife.
1	Panhandling, smoking
1	Panhandling, transient groups
1	Panhandling, unwanted comments from homeless
1	Panhandling, urinating in public.
1	Panhandling, vulgar language, intoxicated individuals
1	Panhandling-cursing at me in front of my kids when I say I don't have any cash on me.
4	Panhandling.
1	Panhandling. Aggressively panhandling
1	Panhandling. Begging
1	Panhandling. Assault and aggression by those who are sitting or laying around in downtown
1	Panhandling. People asking for petition signatures at crosswalks.
1	Panhandling/General Begging
1	Panhandling/begging Lounging in stores Stealing/abusing free samples Hindering sidewalk sales
1	Panhandling;
1	Panhandling; displaying mental health concerns;
1	Parking
1	Parking downtown is really difficult any time, any day.
1	Parking problems -- or drunk bar goers, not really issues with loiterers
1	Parking problems, unstable people
1	Parking tickets :)
1	Pee into a trash can

**Count Response**

1	People aggressively approaching me at corners asking for my signature.
1	People always begging for money
1	People are still smoking downtown
1	People asking for your leftovers when you leave a restaurant
1	People asking us for our leftover food
1	People blocking sidewalks to panhandle.
1	People carrying or displaying signs relating to their situation.
1	People congregating at the east side of College on Oak at the exit to the parking area.
1	People following me and asking for money
1	People harassing the homeless population seems more frequent than the reverse.
1	People ignoring others in need of help
1	People laying on sidewalks
1	People leaving trash. Asking for money or cigarettes and cussing.
1	People on bikes or skateboards cruising through dismount areas.
1	People panhandling.
1	People passed out, lying in planters, asking for money
1	People playing excessively loud music.
1	People saying/yelling rude comments
1	People selling stuff on the street.
1	People smoking everywhere. Especially in the kids play area.
1	People smoking in the nonsmoking areas.
1	People standing around with clipboards asking for donations
1	People still smoking in downtown. I wanted to vomit when I was pregnant.
1	People trying to convince you to buy things or sign a petition.
1	People turning illegally on a red light (Mountain & College)
1	People who make laws to specifically target the homeless
1	People with signs asking for money, or straight out asking.
1	Performing music, selling items, gathering petition signatures
1	Petition signing drives
1	Pickup trucks cruising the strip with their disgusting and loud tail pipes. Obnoxious!
1	Piles of trash/discarded objects along Linden.

**Count Response**

1	Pollster/petitioner aggressive behavior
1	Poor drivers not looking for bikes, large groups of teenagers/young adults being loud.
1	Poor driving/parking.
1	Pot smoking, pandhandlers and people laying on sidewalks are my main concerns
1	Public release of bodily fluids, aka (Spitting, Urinating)
1	Public urination Offensive language Aggressive panhandling
1	Public urination, littering, loitering, swearing, and starting fights. I live in Dalzell Alley
1	Rapey drunk (college) men are more of a problem then the homeless people.
1	Riding bicycles on the sidewalk.
1	Rudeness from varying people (not homeless or panhandlers)
1	Saw a man peeing in the narrow alley by Ace Gillett at about 10 AM
1	Scary men laying on benches and ground, aggressive panhandlers
1	Scary people
1	Shops closing too early.
1	Shouting at and mocking public
1	Shouting out by people loitering
1	Sidewalks partially blocked by patios, signs, customers at taverns
1	Skate boards that get loose from riders and hit buildings or have people moving out of the way.
1	Sleeping Asking for \$ Talking crazy
1	Smell of pot smoke occasionally
1	Smoke free area isn't working at all -- it's time to actually enforce the law.
1	Smokers Inattentive/distracted drivers
1	Smokers
1	Smokers in the non-smoking area
5	Smoking
2	Smoking
1	Smoking (cigarettes, e-cigarettes, pot) in the smoke-free zones!
1	Smoking - pot and cigarettes
1	Smoking Marijuana openly
1	Smoking and begging for money.
1	Smoking ban - should not be enforced at night.

**Count Response**

1	Smoking cigarettes in populated areas, including near entrances to businesses.
1	Smoking even though there is a ban on it downtown
1	Smoking everywhere despite the smoking ban--that needs to be enforced!
1	Smoking everywhere...
1	Smoking in "smoke free" zone, panhandling,
1	Smoking in front of bars at night.
1	Smoking in the smoking ban areas is irritating.
1	Smoking law not inforced
1	Smoking laws not being enforced. Start fining, warnings do nothing. They aren't toddlers.
1	Smoking marijuana, blocking the sidewalk, cursing,
1	Smoking on sidewalks
1	Smoking or vaping
1	Smoking ordinance enforcement makes me want to take my business elsewhere.
1	Smoking pot in public
1	Smoking!
1	Smoking, Pot and other _ People literally standing under a no smoking sign with a large cigar
1	Smoking, large groups hanging together, obnoxious language.
1	Smoking, panhandling, green peace and other solicitors
1	Smoking, sheer number of vagrants
1	Smoking, yelling
1	Smoking. I wish you would better enforce the smoke free zone. Give fines.
1	Smoking. The law not inforced
1	Smoking. You know, like the ban the city put in place a year ago and never enforces.
1	Solicitations
1	Sometimes loud music and large groups of people being boisterous.
1	Street music Racing cars/trucks Smoking
1	Surveyors on corners, smoking on sidewalks and outside restaurants.
1	The SMOKING...Police can't/don't enforce this...
1	The aggressive pan handlers!
1	The amount of panhandling is overwhelming when going out for a night.
1	The behavior of college students out drinking on the weekends.

**Count Response**

1	The drunks aren't all homeless. Too many wasted college kids is a major issue.
1	The frequent aggressive pan handling discourages me from going to certain businesses
1	The risk of being raped.
1	The smoking ban in Old Town. The ban itself not people smoking.
1	Thefts
1	Those who still insist on smoking.
1	Too many solicitors on corners at all times.
1	Too much loitering by transient/homeless.
1	Too much traffic and drivers not aware of pedestrians.
1	Traffic, parking, ...
1	Transient biker hit my car on his bike and became aggressive toward me. Had to call police.
1	Transients gathering in groups more than 4.
1	Transients laying their entire belongings all about, leaving trash, etc.
1	Trash/belongings littered or stashed
1	Trucks and motorcycles deliberately making a huge noise by stomping on the gas pedal.
1	Trucks that shoot out black smoke while driving noisily down College Avenue.
1	USING THE SIDEWALK AS A TOILET
1	Unfriendly store owners,
1	Urinating and vomiting on the sidewalks and in the gutters.
1	Urinating in public and panhandling.
1	Urination in public
1	Urine puddles and smell, smoking ban not enforced
1	Used drug needles and trash laying around
1	Using the street as a toilet
1	Verbal encounters. Aggressive panhandling. Yelling. Swearing.
1	Verbal sexual assault from all socioeconomic backgrounds.
1	Very heavy road traffic
1	Very high homeless groups. Smoking out of light bulb looking pipes. Definitely not weed.
1	Visiting out of town family won't go downtown anymore because of all the "bums"...
1	Visually saw someone shooting up in an alley
1	Vomit on sidewalks from late night partying. Aggressive driving through old town streets.

**Count Response**

1	Vomiting, urinating, defecating near my workplace. Leaving trash and personal belongings.
1	Walking up to cars Punching people in the car Drunk Wanting money
1	We use the bus system to get around and have experienced this behavior on Transfort.
1	We used to go downtown weekly, now we don't go as often due to these behaviors.
1	We've witnessed urinating and drug use
1	When drunk guys (who aren't homeless!) harass me coming out of the bars.
1	Yell at me make me feel unsafe. Blocking the doorways are also unsafe.
1	aggressive panhandling
1	aggressively asking for money , disrupting flow of foot traffic by laying/sitting on sidewalk
1	begging for money
1	being followed when denying panhandlers.
1	bicycles on sidewalks
1	blocked sidewalks, smoking despite regulations
1	calling out, impeding passage on the sidewalks, not pleasant when showing visitors our city
1	coal-rolling: vehicles purposely emitting black smoke
1	constant pan handling
1	defecation on our property storing possessions on our property sleeping on our property
1	drunk college students being rowdy
1	dude preaching about the bible was really bad for a while
1	excessive traffic congestion, exhaust and related noise
1	feces in alley walkways, needles under bridges near downtown. Camps along the river trails.
1	groups of loud motorcycles cruising up and down College repeatedly
1	homeless/panhandlers
1	loud vehicles on college, people yelling from vehicles.
1	noise from motorcycles
1	noisy, aggressive drunks late at night. vomit stains on sidewalks in the early mornings.
1	open drug use
1	panhandlers getting mad when I don't give them money or panhandlers that are looking for weed.
1	panhandlers, homeless everywhere
6	panhandling
2	panhandling

**Count Response**

1	panhandling aggressive petition signing
1	panhandling public intoxication
1	panhandling, blocking the entrance to businesses
1	panhandling, filthy dirty people hanging around making the experience much less enjoyable
1	panhandling, people wanting my signature on petitions, people selling homemade goods, etc.
1	panhandling, sleeping on the sidewalk
1	parking issues, too many bars at night- whole town changes
1	people stopped in the middle of the street waiting for a parking space to open up
1	people using the sideways as toilets
1	public physical fights smoking in defiance of ban congregating in certain areas
1	public urination drug use vomiting
1	raucous behavior, survey takers,
1	saw a homeless goup fight, can't sit on many benches, always hounded for money.
1	scary, out of control behaviour makes me worried about mine and my kids safety.
1	see numbers 3-6 above
1	smokers in places where smoking is prohibited
2	smoking
1	smoking cigarettes and pot
1	smoking, drug use, crude language in front of my children.
1	solicitors on mtn and college, lots of transient and/or homeless
1	spitting, urination in public cursing and yelling- at self or others
1	the people smoking are worse than any behavior from homeless people.
1	too many signs asking for \$
1	urinating etc
1	urination on sidewalks
1	urine and feces, oh my!
1	women dressed like prostitutes
1	Smoking even after the ban in place. (Needs to be more signs) People being disruptive. People camping / claiming benches or areas. One time a man wanted a certain parking spot on Mountain ave so he could set up his bongo drums he yelled and intimidated a partron of a nearby restaurant to move his car. He acted like it was his reserved spot.
1	Gathering in a manner that completely blocks sidewalks. Piles of personal possessions (often unattended) on sidewalks / common areas. Large amounts of litter from vagrants / homeless. Constant panhandling.

**Count Response**

1	Individuals panhandling and coming up to me asking for money which at times can be intimidating and annoying. I'm a senior female and it makes me uncomfortable and somewhat afraid.
1	I have more negative interactions with the folks who appear to be homeless and are wandering around approaching people (I seem to appear approachable, so I've been cornered to ask for handouts 4 or 5 times in the last 5 years), than negative interactions with those who have resigned to a bench or lying down and out of the way from foot traffic.
1	uncontrolled dogs, personal belongings strewn around public benches, use of library restroom as a bathing facility
1	Panhandling throughout the city. Urinating in public. Sleeping on benches. Yelling drunken obscenities. Disregard for traffic.
1	Groups of people, who appear to be transients, hanging out asking for money. Intoxication appears to be worse at night.
1	People who blow exhaust from modified trucks; Drunk, belligerent college bros in Old Town Square, Drunken Monkey, and Tony's
1	Complete disregard for the no smoking zone in downtown. I have to see this enforced. People are ALWAYS standing outside businesses smoking even sometime leaning up against the very poles that have the no smoking signs.
1	Groups of individuals with lots of belongings around them smoking and making the area unusable for others to sit on the benches. It's intimidating, even if they don't say anything.
1	Parking enforcement officers drive and park in the bike lane. This is pearticularly dangerous when delivery trucks are parked in the middle or the road. This is a much more consistent annoyance and nuisance than anything else.
1	Whoever is in charge of the real estate is charging crazy amounts for renting spots for local business. Which is only going to lead to corporate entities moving in. If we lose our local businesses to corporate greed this city will lose a crucial piece to the Fort Collins spirit.
1	Watching the police harass homeless people. The city doesn't provide enough services, but you propose measures like a sit lie ban? Shame on you
1	Needles in ashtrays and flowerbeds near Oak/Remington, aggressive people yelling and throwing trash at a passerby at Jefferson Park (now closed)
1	Overcrowding, traffic, over-served public drunkenness, corporate entities overtaking smaller or more locally-owned businesses
1	Ate dinner at an outside table at Austin's while a "street musician" sat very nearby on a bench playing music for tips.
1	Drunk college students act like idiots downtown. Screaming and running across streets. It's the same scene every Friday and Saturday night.
1	College kids getting too intoxicated and aggressive. Pick up trucks driven loudly and smoke spewed at pedestrians (intentionally) sometimes accompanied by obscene comments towards women.
1	We don't go down anymore because the people seem aggressive and belligerent. Many seem altered or drugged.
1	In addition to all of the behaviors listed above, there seems to be absolutely no enforcement of smoking ban areas and litter has increased exponentially in the last 10 years.
1	The bourgeoisie shops keep opening up and taking away the public space downtown and the drunken college-aged customers who frequent the bars are the most disruptive things downtown. Unhoused people are not the problem.
1	Arguments between loiterers, panhandlers, I feel unsafe. I'm 66,lived here since 1976, and now I avoid the downtown more often. What a shame! I asked James from the Cupboard to walk me back to my car because of dealing with vagrants and was frightened.

**Count Response**

1	folks constantly trying to get you to sign petitions. I don't always know what the issues are they are aggressively trying to get you to buy into, but we need time to look at both sides before putting the weight of our signature behind an issue that is not researched fully
1	The pan handling is absolutely out of control. A panhandler sitting quietly with their sign is a minor annoyance, but the folks who chase you down and insist that you give them money are becoming more and more prevalent in downtown foco.
1	Monolithic developments destroying the character of the neighborhood Small businesses like Old Town Feed Store being straight up forced out of business by the city Obnoxious top-down highly "curated" arts "experiences" The bohemian foundation being themselves. Obnoxious tourism campaigns. Inflated rents leading to closure of community spaces and exodus of the working class. Facists trying to pass sit-lie ordinances
1	Large trucks "coal rolling" up and down College Ave; large groups of young adults (including college students) being drunk and disorderly outside of downtown bars on Thursday-Saturday evenings.
1	Panhandling and then being shouted at and/or followed when I mention I give to the food bank. People talking to people who aren't there. People all over the sidewalk/benches some alert and keeping to themselves and others high on something or drunk.
1	Drunk and drugged crowds sleeping in the hallways of my business (oak st.) leaving used needles and trash behind. Groups of homeless rowdy and visibly drunk making rude comments as I walk out of clothes pony- asking me what I've bought them upon approaching me. Giving food to homeless (with signs stating their hungry) and them complaining about it not being what they wanted. Thankless and rude! I can go on and on.....
1	Fistfights on the sidewalk in front of my business, screaming and yelling at other transients or at passers by. Drunken behavior - people passed out in the alley blocking traffic Trash strewn everywhere they sit.
1	Asking for money or ??, cleaning up messes (trash and bodily functions), sleeping behind dumpsters and in bushes - frightening to run into at 6 a.m. - are they sleeping or dead?
1	Illegal drugs! I've driven by Jefferson Park with my kids and there was a transient shooting up with a needle in his arm. Panhandling. My wife and I were having coffee outside a coffee shop one morning and a transient starts yelling at us saying "THE FIRE". You can't go out to dinner downtown without some kind of problem from the transients.
1	I am a mom of 4 kids. I no longer feel safe walking downtown with adults walking around drunk, begging for money, and trying to talk with my children.
1	Festival goers jaywalking against red lights on active (not closed) streets. Questionable trash remnants from the night/early morning.
1	We used to go downtown all the time to eat out, shop, etc. In the recent years, it has become more uncomfortable to enjoy our beautiful city. We don't feel safe and we choose to go other places in Fort Collins and Loveland/Centerra. I feel bad for business owners downtown as I'm sure they've felt the strain of more and more people avoiding downtown due to the panhandling/aggressive behavior.
1	The vagabonds that are hanging around because you keep feeding them. If you feed them they will stay, at least provide a firetruck to give them a shower.
1	Daily pattern of transients going from homeless shelter to Murphy center then back to Safeway trash containers to eating at Jefferson center then breaking into my car stealing credit card and using it at liquor store then getting fee homeless gear being handed out then spending the night in my garage on Stuart street leaving trash and homeless gear there!
1	Being solicited by homeless people and others lying on sidewalks and benches usually near the Mountain Avenue/College Avenue intersection sometimes makes me just want to avoid that area altogether. Drunk patrons of the Yeti and Bondi make the square less than preferable.
1	we were having coffee at MUGS and an old drunk was yelling at everyone and asking for cigarettes, then started cussing at all the customers out on the patio.

**Count Response**

1	The Old Town Library definitely is a site for drug deals. I have told the two security guards inside the library about these deals. They urged me to call the police, which they said would probably take 30-40 minutes. I don't have a cell phone. They explained their role in securing the library. Also, I almost always encounter homeless people, with bags of their belongings smoking right in front of the library at the sidewalk and near the curb at Peterson St, even though there's a city-sponsored sign right there saying no smoking. Downtown itself is getting "iffy" for a woman walking alone.
1	It is almost unsafe in regards to the amount of traffic flow with pedestrians crossing on the busy evening and weekends in Downtown!
1	panhandling in an aggressive way; transients following me/my girlfriends after we walk by where they were sitting
1	Public smoking on occasion, comes to mind, I'm sensitive to the smell and even look of it. I occasionally notice homeless people and feel bad for them, and rarely had someone begging, but haven't been put off enough to avoid downtown.
1	Panhandlers asking for money, especially at Intersections or whenever I've got my dog with me ("What a nice dog! Hey, can you spare some change?")
1	I am tired of all the homeless individuals outside of the businesses downtown. It is making downtown Fort Collins look trashy and not a place where I want to spend my free time.
1	Loud speech, often involving obscenities. Encroaching on sidewalk space with panhandling and music to support panhandling. Intoxication is both alcohol and drug--with an intimidating group, staying close to themselves &/or fighting.
1	drivers 'rolling coal' (deliberately blowing large quantities of black smoke from their diesel trucks) while driving past pedestrians
1	Aggressive panhandling and stepping in your way while walking. Staring at you to plead for money
1	Smoking. Public intoxication. Illegal parking in handicapped spots. General lack of adequate law enforcement.
1	I used to go downtown frequently but have almost totally stopped. Never go to Old Town Square because of panhandlers. Why have a nonsmoking law with no enforcement. Skateboarders and cyclists on sidewalks are a problem. Have not been downtown at night in many years, it's just unsafe and downright scary!
1	When i visit downtown in the evening the experiences that have diminished my experience have mostly come from drunk college students (I'm a college students myself). These individuals are yelling at others or saying disrespectful things towards women. I have not ever had a bad experience with the homeless population downtown.
1	City Staff and City Council designing ordinances to harass homeless people. City Staff and City Council not revising overnight parking ordinances to reduce drunk driving. City Staff and City Council not providing transit after bars close.
1	College-age students can, at times, be loud and obnoxious outside of bars or on the streets following evenings of drinking. It's not frequent, but it does occur and can be off-putting.
1	Over-large restaurant patios that require single file pedestrians on the remaining sidewalk, or to dodge around trees, lamp posts, and bike racks.
1	I feel uncomfortable as if I'm intruding. Sometimes hard to walk through or by people loitering.
1	Panhandling, blocking or taking up space on sidewalks so that I have a difficult time getting to businesses
1	Lack of sidewalk and cross-walk shoveling and street / Square shoveling when snow is on the ground. We ticket residences if sidewalks are not shoveled but leave crosswalks dangerous. The city can do better.
1	Panhandling, going through trash cans, two groups across the street from each other, yelling, acting like a fight is about to start.
1	Intolerance of homeless. I have seen the police called and almost to the point of harassing the homeless, but in fairness I have seen very good interaction btwn police and homeless too.

**Count Response**

1	Groups of 3 or 4 or more congregating around street corners (i.e.: the 4 corners at Mountain & College) with signs and partially blocking the corner.
1	Misdirected anger, smoking in public places, and hostile behavior towards those who are trying to help, anger when asked to follow established behavior policies, and intoxication...daily. At my place of work (a public building) I experience constant and persistent behavior issues that keep me from doing my job and doing it to the degree of professionalism I expect to give to ALL customers in our building. Front line experiences with disruptive and often dangerous behavior have increased the anxiety and compassion fatigue for me and fellow colleagues. There has also been an increase use of our public facility that puts stress on furniture, restrooms, and other public spaces, that is not covered by city funds. It also puts a strain on employees who are qualified and experienced in another line of work, and not as a social worker or day shelter provider. It has also inhibited the use of our facility for its actual intended use for ALL people. There is more but I'll hold those thoughts for another forum.
1	We see people sleeping and laying on benches and on the ground. The smoke and panhandling make me avoid downtown. I don't know what's changed to make this so prevalent in FC.
1	I visit the library 3 or 4 times a week. Almost always I have to walk by smokers in spite of the ban. Butts litter the ground near the places people sit as well as the plant containers. Smokers are also very present elsewhere downtown and on the trails. Let's enforce the ordinances we already have instead of creating new ones. In the summer I never go downtown on the weekends because of the city-endorsed concerts. Noise pollution is the greatest deterrent to an enjoyable experience downtown. If you are open to new ordinances, start with one banning restaurants from playing music that can be heard on the sidewalk and stop promoting all those concerts.
1	A young man and a young woman dressed in animal costumes came up to us, but said nothing, and blocked our way on the sidewalk. It frightened my kids and made me very uncomfortable. We finally just walked around them. Also I see many individuals smoking pot when they think no one is looking. This observation includes people who work in the restaurants and stores in Old Town.
1	Increase in general loitering. Individuals aimlessly walking around without a true purpose (dining, shopping, entertainment). Mostly in old town square.
1	People (usually transients) sitting outside of business smoking pot. Others panhandling for money
1	I literally had a guy sitting with two buddies on a curb that asked for money and when I politely said no he and his friends began taunting me and my sister in law and became very aggressive. When we left dinner they were still there and had become intoxicated and were starting to follow us. Things like this have made my trips to downtown much more limited and I don't like to go alone anymore which keeps me outta all the small shops and restaurants downtown spending money on the strip.
1	Drugs, drinking, smoking, drunk transients cussing at preschool kids on a "day trip" to old town. Urinating in public, #2 on the sidewalks, harassing walker bys. And today bathrooms closed due To vandalizing
1	Dogs tied outside of businesses/restaurants, impeding ingress and egress to the establishment. Bicyclists not obeying the law and riding on the sidewalks, not watching for pedestrians/children.
1	I have never had a negative encounter with a homeless person downtown where I work, I see them everyday and wish the community did more to help. I have had experiences with aggressive drivers who don't like waiting for pedestrians and that has been more annoying than any poor soul resting peacefully.
1	Fights over panhandling territory, intoxication, yelling at passerby, approaching pedestrians, etc.
1	Smoking in roadways at corners to avoid smoking ban around library park, public restrooms unsafe (oak and Matthews) or heavily used by transient population (library), trash and stashes (food, clothing) distributed in neighborhood alleyways and throughout downtown.
1	People who are getting petitions signed. Very annoying when trying to enjoy the patio dining experience. Was out of control this last summer
1	defecation and urination. Probably some combination of dogs and humans, but more noticeable than in previous years.

**Count Response**

1	Man sitting on bench to the east of Austin's with a radio blaring and singing Willie Nelson Tunes.
1	I am a 6th generation Fort Collins native and I'm very upset with the homelessness. I used to never see homeless and now they are on every corner. I smell weed, booze and they walk around town stumbling, mumbling and begging for "food" even though they throw the food away and really want money to feed their addictions. I told my husband that I used to feel safe walking to my car just a couple feet away, now I don't feel safe at all to be alone in Downtown and near the Mason Corridor (not a fan of the new max line either)
1	profanity, critical comments directed at others including police, government officials, and the public. sleeping on sidewalks and benches
1	Panhandlers asking for money. Fowl language used mostly by intoxicated people. Loud amplified music by street musicians. Public benches over occupied by homeless and vagrant people.
1	soliciting/panhandliing at nearly every corner. Being approached the instant I walk out of restaurant and being asked if I will give away my leftovers/to-go box.
1	People drinking at bars downtown, mainly college aged or older men, drunkenly cat calling and trying to engage in conversation with me when I do not want to and when I am simply walking by a bar after I get off work in the evening.
1	There is still smoking on the street. It is hard to walk down the sidewalks with so many people loitering on the sidewalks. There is never a place to sit.
1	Aggressive behavior when I won't give money. We were even accosted for our leftover food while walking from Austin's to the parking garage. We have also been cussed at when leaving the Silver Grille on a Monday morning. I hate visiting Old Town.
1	coal-rollers trash left behind vomit/spit on sidewalk used needle at my business (once) people sleeping right next to patio diners
1	Illegal drug use and irratic behavior as a result. Non-enforcement of smoke free zone. Particularly outside Trailhead, Tony's, the Aggie, and Blind Pig. I like to walk around old town and I'm forced to hold my breath in any of these areas as a non-smoker
1	Loud trucks often with bad exhaust looping up and down the street. Seems like these trucks should be failing a noise ordinance or emissions.
1	I have no problem with the less fortunate or homeless, but I have been personally threatened multiple times for zero reasons. I have had one close call, where I was almost forced to defend myself. I no longer frequent old town alone, ever.
1	Very aggressive in-your face request for money (in front of Cupboard). Group of young men on Oak st. fighting (or fake fighting) tying up the sidewalk. We had to walk in the street to get by them. We enjoy the music played on the street but it should not be amplified.
1	pan handling and begging , homeless folks have also bothered our children asking them why their parents are not giving them spare change or money
1	Drunk, angry, aggressive college kids. I have been affected by their behavior far more than someone simply laying or sitting on the ground.
1	Not just homeless. Mostly drugged out or mentally challenged. I see them and think."Why can you have a dog if you're so homeless ? Poor dog.. Sloppy dress is an individual choice but not filthy. Home Depot and the King Soopers got rid of them but they probably went south to leach off warmer places.
1	I have small children, and the number of transients in Old Town has increased in the past few years. We have stopped going to Old Town as much as we did in the past.
1	Drunk aggressive men accosting each other and yelling at pedestrians are the worst and the reason I don't go downtown at night anymore. These are usually college students and rarely transients.

**Count Response**

1	Smoking, sketchy crosswalks (because of disrespectful drivers or construction zones), colorful behavior that often puts me on alert when downtown with my young child e.g once a gentleman was lying on a bench and peeing, potential drug deals/use.
1	I have noticed some protesters on Mountain Ave. They were peaceful and respectful and did not create a negative impact. It may be a good idea to be proactive about how to create ways to keep all community members safe while still navigating peaceful protests. They will likely continue to happen.
1	Public urination/defecation. Leaving trash. Camping (particularly along the poudre river) leaving litter and negatively impacting the environment and contaminating the river. Homeless have wandered through my yard on multiple occasions.
1	Beyond occupying public spaces for extended periods, the concern is for the safety of my teenage kids. There is a very real sense that those who have nothing better to do than occupy space have the potential to do harm to younger, more vulnerable people. And this makes me unwilling to allow my teenage daughters to enjoy being downtown unsupervised. A sad change for Fort Collins.
1	The only times I have felt threatened downtown were by young smokers hanging outside bars and when asked to move their smoking out of the smoking zones, they became threatening. I sincerely doubt that these were homeless people. They were obnoxious, ill-mannered punks who seemed not to care. The homeless people I've encountered pretty much seem to want to fade into the background or just receive help. I think the city needs to be careful about enforcement for thugs and punks versus kind and helpful treatment for homelessness. There is a HUGE difference. I do feel that banning homeless people from benches and whatnot is outrageous.... How would you accomplish that? You'd be doing racial profiling. Not in my progressive city. If Fort Collins wants to be the progressive city it likes to THINK it is instead of the white elitist place it is becoming, it needs to be more creative and committed for ending homelessness than implementing a rather sickening ban on bench sleepers.
1	Panhandlers, wasn't covered by previous questions but someone is always harassing me for something every time I go downtown
1	Aggressive panhandling. If I get asked or approached, I get heckled that I said "no". I refuse to go downtown anymore when I'm not working.
1	My daughters have both felt intimidated and fearful being downtown due to the amount of visible intoxication and lewd behavior displayed by the looters that hang out in droves. One daughter (18 y.o.) expressed how she had to cross the street because of disgusting comments and noises. My other daughter (21 y.o.) worked downtown and would have to deal with looters being drunk loud, singing, commenting to passersbyers. She did call the FCPD non emergency number when she had to close the business and wanted an escort to her car past the boisterous drunk group.
1	Holmes's people sitting and sleeping on benches that are meant for visitors to enjoy. If they have time to sit and sleep there they have time to get a job. No sympathy. The more people support their sob stories the more that they will come back. Get them out.
1	Aggressive panhandling. Taunting. One time, a drunk guy swung a skateboard at me because I wouldn't give him 65 cents.
1	We avoid downtown because of the large amount of panhandling. We do not feel safe at any time of day. We avoid the entire downtown area and choose to even go to other nearby towns for our shopping. Fort Collins is going down the crapper quickly. Can't wait to move from here. Choice City is no more.
1	Irresponsible pet owners allow their dogs to void liquids and solids around door ways, patios and seats (benches). It is a public health hazard and nasty to see in such a high traffic location. I have also seen 3 separate dog on dog attacks from the Cupboard block to the Kitchen block.
1	People in gigantic trucks souped up to make tremendous amounts of noise and belch out disgusting, poisonous exhaust roaring up and down College Ave.
1	Panhandling, and overtly inappropriate sexually derogatory comments directed at females. Inappropriate comments upon refusal of panhandling attempts, nearly every time I go downtown.

**Count Response**

1	You can't go from one corner to the next without someone begging. I also don't like my small children seeing this while trying to enjoy downtown.
1	Aggressive drivers. Trucks 'rolling coal'. As a note, the intoxicated behavior downtown does not come from the same people sitting on sidewalks, in my experience.
1	Transients who litter/leave their belongings behind when they leave (apparently for other community members to clean up). Smoking (tobacco & marijuana) openly in prohibited areas, and public consumption of alcohol.
1	People asking for signatures for a ballot initiative. During the end of life initiative I got asked by the same people to sign something every time I visited downtown. Signature people are so much more aggressive and annoying than panhandlers.
1	Individuals asking for money. Extra trash/clothing/dog food/etc. stored along benches and alleyways.
1	Yelling profanities, smoking (the "ban" doesn't work), entering my business and yelling, urinating, depositing trash, setting up camp in the garage stairwells, not cleaning up after their dogs, yelling if you don't give them money
1	Intoxicated or impaired behavior: We go downtown for that... that's fine. Smoking weed and cigarettes.
1	Just Monday there was a group hanging out by my office rolling a joint while drinking out of a bottle of Schnapps. At 10 am.
1	Public urination, constant panhandling/begging for money, cursing/language not appropriate for children.
1	People ignoring the smoking ban. Cigarette butts, vomit and other trash littering the streets and sidewalks making what could be a beautiful downtown into a filthy one, panhandling on every corner, homeless/transients openly smoking marijuana.
1	Public urination by a person who clearly was not in full command of his faculties whether by drug or alcohol intoxication or by mental illness. Still very disturbing.
1	My answers are mostly in regard to college aged men leaving the bars. Yes, during the day there are people in the sidewalks and benches. This does not bother me, except that I believe our community should work harder to help these individuals
1	People smoking in non smoking areas. Cops not saying a single word or even stopping their gate to reprimand them.
1	I read one article in the paper, says the city is giving open space land to property owners that border Kathy Fromme prairie. I read another article, says the city plans on limiting public access and time on benches downtown. Give to the rich, take from the poor is what I'm reading. There is a huge class divide here, and the city is considering making it more difficult for people who are homeless to rest, or simply just exist in public space downtown, while on the other end of town are handing property owners open space that belongs to the public. You wanna cut down on people using benches to sleep, how about some transitional housing projects and more low income options to give these people real options for where to sleep when they are tired? The city response to people homeless and using benches as their sleeping pad or for their space to be intoxicated in isn't to give people better options and spaces to do that, but instead the city takes away and penalize folks for using the only spaces they have available, public space. The cities behavior is out of hand.
1	Human feces near the building where I work, vomit on the sidewalks, discarded cigarette butts, people in our trash dumpsters and sitting or lying on the steps to our back entrance where we need to access deliveries and bring in merchandise. Cat calls and panhandling, drunken and loud groups congregating during the day and into the evening. Backpacks and other belongings left near the corner of Oak and College, frequent complaints from customers that they do not feel safe.
1	Public displays of being high and a significant presence of those with visible mental illness yelling, talking to themselves and menacing leers
1	cars of obnoxious young people honking and shouting obscenities and comments aimed at people walking on the streets, especially Fri and Sat evenings.
1	I've had multiple instances of being heckled downtown, whether it be for left over food that I'm carrying or for money. I also worked for the city park for a summer and areas were constantly left in disarray. The library notably is one of the most affected places. Fort collins iso beautiful, but this behavior detours me from shopping and eating downtown.

**Count Response**

1	For lack of a better term, I find the "bro" types that tend to flood out of several bars at closing the most disruptive, and sometimes destructive. The coal rolling trucks and the occasional loud way too fast car would be second.
1	Being asked for my leftovers when I leave a restaurant. Being harassed when leaving the Rio. Hassled at the downtown library. My kids don't feel safe.
1	Smoking and the related littering. Being stared at, the feeling of being "watched" with a negative or demeaning attitude. Having to step around small groups who are blocking the sidewalk with belongings.
1	yelling. vomiting. peeing in public. smoking. individuals so visibly ill/impaired that it is concerning and trying to help is not received well.
1	Aggressive Panhandling - most are friendly but it's become more common for us to run into belligerent or intoxicated people. I've also recently had a panhandler walk into the restaurant I was eating at with friends and approach me at my table.
1	Yes, the groups or gatherings of "homeless" men I respect that they may be transients, people who choose not to live in homes. I make it a habit to make eye contact with these people and engage when they call out. But I have been yelled after more than once, while attempting to be kind or at least acknowledge their existence. But I'm a person too, and I don't need to be shamed for going about my day, and not stopping to listen to their jokes. And typically, that is how the conversation starts. I am asked to come listen to a joke. It's off-putting, and enough to make me not come downtown as often.
1	It's bad enough to see people who want to live a filthy existence but it is especially bothersome when they bring pets and babies with them to panhandle. If they can't afford their own lifestyle why bring other vulnerable creatures into it? Also, last year my husband and I parked our car on Oak east of College and there was a man yelling religious rants at the pedestrians. I felt uncomfortable and didn't know if our car was safe. Trash that's left behind too.
1	It's unfortunate that I can no longer walk through old town without being solicited for money. What's worse is that in many instances, after either ignoring the individual asking for money or telling them I have no money to give, I get called any number of unsavory names from said individual. I should not be subjected to that kind of behavior simply for not providing cash handouts every time I'm in old town, it's unacceptable.
1	aggressive comments to passers by, drug use in public, smoking in non-smoking areas, littering, disrupting pathways, partial nudity
1	General freeloaders taking up too much space intimidating local tax payers from enjoying their own downtown. Personally really tired of their presence.
1	Groups of people hanging out in doorways or on corners (Mountain and College specifically). The behavior is mostly pan handling and sometimes aggressive pan handling in which the person will follow us, continuing the pandering. We no longer use the old town library due to the number of seedy characters and their loud behavior.
1	Smoking outside all over downtown-even directly in front of the "enforcement signs" There is no enforcement I have ever seen..it's a joke and everybody knows it
1	I witnessed two transients violently assault a man recently. The victim had skull showing, was take to the hospital by ambulance, and the transients were arrested but have already been released from jail despite both having criminal records an being charged with a crime that carries a minimum 5 year sentence. I am female and I have regularly been harassed (yelling, catcalling) by people who appear to be transients during day and evening hours when walking to business meetings or social engagements downtown.
1	Individuals and groups (Green peace, political activists, etc.) trying to get you (pushy) to sign waivers, petitions, etc., when all we want to do is walk through downtown at leisure.
1	People smoking and smelling like pot. It's not fun going downtown anymore, and I feel it's not safe. I used to go downtown more, but don't like the way things have changed
1	feelings of uncertainty as I pass by the large groups. Often seem high. Usually have pets. Feel uncertain about the pets.

**Count Response**

1	The Fort Collins police and their very unfriendly behavior. They are the ones I see trying to intimidate people downtown, not all police, but it only takes a few police to make an unpleasant experience. I am more fearful of the FC police than the homeless!
1	I work at 330 S College and have witnessed and/or heard about so many crimes such as purse snatching, and twice have witnessed someone being arrested. I used to feel pretty safe at work and now I do not.
1	I used to frequent downtown when we had out of town guests - eating, shopping. Now with so many street people we feel threatened. The bathrooms are a mess, I actually went to use one once and a street person was bathing in the sink. The street people hanging out seem very disturbed and unhealthy. I don't bring our guests downtown anymore for fear of safety.
1	Smoking ban not enforced, requests from homeless for money specifically "to get drunk", public intoxication of homeless, harassment from homeless that are intoxicated or clearly mentally ill, blatant drug use out in public, homeless breaking into my home as well as neighbors, homeless sneaking into my backyard in the middle of the night and leaving cigarette butts all over my patio, litter in my yard and empty liquor bottles tossed all over the neighborhood, groups of homeless camping out in our yards and alleyways, groups of homeless asking for money when I'm out walking my dog and then intimidating/following me when I say no.
1	I've been stared and intimidated by people because of my race and sexuality. The homeless population doesn't concern me, the racist and/or homophobic citizens of Fort Collins do though. I know two people who were assaulted because of their sexuality and many who feel intimidated because of their race. These behaviors are what should be addressed
1	Maybe this falls under "aggressive behavior" but any language or personal space violations that your 10 year old feels uncomfortable with is too much.
1	Drunk bar patrons at night being disrespectful and sometimes even threatening. Never once had any problems from homeless people.
1	I want to make it very clear that The vast majority of intoxicated behavior that I have experienced downtown is college-aged people frequenting the bars. I have never had a bad experience with a person experiencing homelessness, but I have had MANY uncomfortable experiences with intoxicated people as they hop from one bar to the next.
1	I use the ally's frequently to "cut" to different routine destinations & am noticing more & more of the homeless do to - they spread their belongings all over taking up more than 1/2 of the ally & a couple of times I've turned around when a groups of men were watching & whistling at me from the time I turned into the ally. It feels like now they "own" the ally's- right in old town I'm talking about.
1	public urination, people crossing street mid-street, not at cross-walks, not paying attention to traffic, pan-handling
1	Panhandlimy mostly, also happens when I'm dining on restaurant's outdoor patios. Biggest issue: people in huge trucks making as much noise as they can, racing down college ave, the fast Subaru's do it too, they yell out their windows and harrass people while racing and spoiling and being huge nuisances.
1	Non-aggressive begging for money. Not a behavior, but the visual experience of the large numbers of homeless, transients, or people dressing/acting like them. No issue with an occasional homeless, but the numbers are a problem. What is happening now is a result of our homeless, transient, beggar friendly environment.
1	Large gatherings of homeless, urine odors in doorways, individuals yelling at nothing and wandering around, panhandling, personal belongings being pushed in carts or in bike trailers, having their children begging for money, etc.
1	I enjoy busking but am frequently shut down by others who use amplifiers. I think the use of amplifiers should be by permit only throughout downtown. I don't think the itinerant street preacher should use amplifiers either. Jesus never used one.
1	Transients & homeless congregating on sidewalks and/or just generally being disruptive. Fairly obvious some have significant psychological issues.

**Count Response**

1	I don't find people sitting on benches or lying on the ground disruptive. I enjoy talking to them, they are nice people. What I find is stores that sell very expensive merchandise aren't friendly and I choose to avoid them - wouldn't matter to me if there were people sitting in front of the shop or not, no matter who that person was. Actually, if they allowed a person who appeared homeless in front of their store, I'd be more likely to shop there.
1	Panhandling by the bank I use daily, sleeping on our patio at our restaurant at night, and urinating in the doorways.
1	Find we frequent the Downtown less and less due to the panhandling and some of the behaviors of people.
1	People sometimes sleep at the backdoor of our business or on the roof. Sometimes they urinate in the alley between our backdoor and the parking lot.
1	Drugs. I have seen so many needles it makes me feel unsafe to visit downtown any more with my two young children thanks to the homeless and even more so the transients. I have experienced first hand drunken or drugged transients and they are very scary and aggressive. They have made comments that they own whatever bench they are on or come up to me and my young children and get in my face for money. NOT COOL. NOT COOL AT ALL!!!!!!
1	Transients seen to huddle in the same areas and nearly always have something to say that isn't respectful to passerby folks. Also, they don't seem to follow pedestrian crosswalk rules and impede traffic often.
1	Noise levels of certain motorcycles are ridiculous and absolutely disruptive. Not sure what can be done here, maybe a noise ordinance within the smoke free borders.
1	Panhandling Excessive petition signing - on most major corners like College/Mountain Transients loitering in general
1	Groups of men blocking sidewalks; people clearly disturbed or high talking/yelling to themselves or at others; people usually alone following to my car; anger/swearing/yelling if I don't have a light or money.
1	Being approached by homeless/transients/campers for handouts. Very concerning when I'm trying to run an errand with a 6 mos old and 2 yr old and an aggressive or argumentative individual contacts us.
1	People begging for money have learned from the endless petitioners and are often strategically placing themselves right next to crosswalk entrances at traffic lights or even in the middle of the crosswalk entrance so that people are forced to pass them closely. I have also twice had individuals hang out in doorways near the restaurants and then come right up to me to ask me for my leftover containers along Mountain Ave. While I didn't feel threatened per se by this, it is troubling and has definitely made me choose not to come to Old Town for dinner or drinks if I know I will be walking alone to my car after.
1	People standing around smoking right next to the no-smoking-here signs, and specifically the two old ladies who sit at the corner of College & Olive right next to the Mugs patio area and chain-smoke every single morning I've gone there.
1	Anti-homelessness has made downtown unsafe for those without the privilege of Fort Collins suburbanites. This whole survey is frankly offensive when the only real disruptions are caused by drunk college kids and not the less fortunate.
1	People sleeping near the library on the lawn and in bushes. Parked my car near there and it scared me and my children as we walked back to our car later in the evening due to the poor lighting in that area.
1	Men catcalling/street harassment -and let there be no doubt that these men are usually well-dressed/well-groomed.
1	Aggressive panhandling. Intimidating stares. Rude and profane comments. Anti-social behaviors.
1	Failing to remove themselves from my personal space after being told NO I do not have or willing to give you money.
1	I was yelled at and threatened by two guys with signs saying Jesus Saves when I walked by. I had incurred their ire when I shook my head at the crazy things they were saying. They followed me half a block screaming at me.
1	The folks standing on the corners of Mountain and College trying to get me to donate to some cause or another. Seriously. They are the primary reason I don't window-shop while on my lunch anymore.

**Count Response**

1	Aggressive driving behaviors and corresponding aggressive walking and biking behaviors to combat driver aggressiveness makes downtown feel unsafe to do any of those things in safely. I have had humans jump out in front of me without looking and many vehicles speeding and driving recklessly downtown.
1	Still lots of cigarette smoke around entrances to bars and restaurants, despite the smoke-free zone.
1	Pan handlers, transients, drunk and disorderly. I don't go as frequently as I used to because of this
1	Individuals asking for money, larger groups of people (that appear homeless) sitting or standing together in front of businesses,
1	I live at 334 e oak. I frequently have transient/homeless drinking, smoking, yelling that they are going to murder someone, chasing me to beat me up, peeing in my yard, sleeping on my porch, leaving their belongings on my property and trash in the parkway, congregating in a mass so large that I feel scared to walk through them on the sidewalk on my block while trying to take the family out to dinner, excessive staring at my while I am on my porch, this list goes on and on. I have taken the time to attend our neighborhood meeting and write the council members. We are trying to work and raise a family and don't have time to continuously fight this uphill battle. While writing this I have seen four individuals carrying all their belongings to and from the library and one has been hanging about the park smoking with his belongings. It has gotten so bad this last year that we have finally decided for the safety of our family to move to a safer community, Windsor. We thought this was our forever home but times sure do change. I'm looking for are to feeling safe while being on my front porch. Feeling safe opening the drapes (we no longer open our drapes). Feeling safe watching my son play in the yard. For those who are very supportive of the homeless/resource resistant group, I wonder if they get to go home to a place that isn't inundated with all the issues. Ask those who actually are being affected every day how we are doing. Not those who don't have the reality of living with it. The plaster at the Mennonite church, where does he live? I called to speak with him one time and for turned off by they way he handled my call and decided not to pursue a meeting with him. It saddens me to leave this place I once thought of as paradise. I wish the City well in their decisions and policies they are making. Please consider those of us who are too busy raising families and making a living to be able too make it our full time job to be politically involved always on this issue. We can only do what we can. I am hopeful someone will be looking out for our best interest while we are busy being productive members of society.
1	Aggressive panhandling by mostly young people. This is a warm weather issue. There are also a lot of homeless who hang out at city park, sometimes on early morning walks I see them sleeping under trees or in hammocks.
1	Drug use, smoking in non-smoking areas, littering, yelling, obscenities...mostly among transients. I'm downtown every day and can spot homeless residents vs. transients. On average, homeless residents are more respectful and less aggressive or threatening.
1	We live in Old Town East and have had multiple negative experiences with aggressive behavior, mostly starting last spring/summer. Typically, the people involved appear to be intoxicated and are acting erratically. Aggressive behaviors (e.g. swearing, insults) were directed on separate occasions at myself, at my wife, and at my wife+daughter during daylight hours. We are a quiet family and mind our own business, so we typically just try to exit the situation as quickly as possible. My wife is beginning to feel unsafe in downtown and the library area. I'm starting to wonder if this location is the best choice for my daughter's upbringing. We are actually in the process of buying some real estate elsewhere in Colorado as an "insurance policy" if the situation in Ft Collins continues to decline. (Note that we would have invested that money further into our Fort Collins house if we felt better about the situation.)
1	I don't feel safe as I usually am alone, a woman and 64 yrs old. I would love to come at night, but I won't. The ACLU needs to mind its own business and let our city run our city for the safety of the residents and visitors who spend their money here!
1	People riding bicycles on the sidewalks, especially on Mason. They ride fast and flip me off if I ask them to slow down or ride in the street.
1	in the winter, a homeless person tried to bring his bike into a restaurant. Gave up and just come in and sat down. The manager took care of it. Several have asked for money, even from my sons.
1	The way this question is phrased implies that the activities in items 3 - 6 "diminished my Downtown experience" ... I felt that should be pointed out.

**Count Response**

1	Me and my husband were followed on Halloween and threatened by a homeless man in the parking lot behind Tony's . I have also been called vulgar and disgusting names by men sitting on the sidewalk while waiting to cross the street . The alley cat and Algiers is basically repulsive to me now because we have been threatened by an entire group of men sitting down there doing drugs .
1	Groups of older kids gathering heckling others, blocking walkways....I know you can't control rudeness and disgusting language,etc. but it's becoming not very family friendly in Old Town at times!
1	verbal panhandling The "homeless" bums who make a "nest" in the building dumpster enclosure on a regular basis.
1	The behaviors have more to do with people smoking - and littering - and drunken college students than the transient population that these ordinances are so clearly trying to demonize.
1	There is typically a large population of homeless people. I have no problem with homeless people, but being catcalled or harassed while walking to/from work is uncomfortable and makes me avoid coming down here for pleasure. I avoid downtown now, especially on the weekends, because of this. Also, it's free speech to ask people for opinions, but there are many groups that are very pushy or bother you on every single corner asking if you want to donate to their cause. Again, I don't mind that they are there asking, but blocking paths or asking 4-5 times when you're waiting for the light to change is really irritating if you're not interesting in supporting their cause.
1	Smoking. It infuriates me that the city does not enforce the existing no smoking ordinance. It has been in place long enough for it to be appropriate to switch from educational warnings to actual enforcement. Better signage would be a good idea too. The current signs for the smoke free area do no stand out.
1	Constant panhandling. It is impossible to walk down College Avenue and many of the adjoining streets without being pandered to. I empathize with the unfortunate people who are homeless but the situation in Old Town has become intolerable. It is overrun with transients and homeless and mentally ill individuals, all who need and deserve compassion and help, but living down here is becoming more and more stressful with the constant construction and loss of sunlight and views on one end and the constant appeals for money and attention on the other end. It's become a different place.
1	Personal items laying/scattered all over the place = dirty environment. I will take different paths when I walk to where I am going to avoid passing by the groups/people panhandling, doing disruptive things.
1	Fighting...I was charged by a transient for no reason and luckily the person stopped before hitting me...The problem makes myself and family with 3 girls under 8 not want to go downtown...I've watched the deterioration of downtown over the past several years and with more businesses and restuarants openinf in midtown and south fort collins downtown fort collins is in serious trouble as it is no longer an enjoyable experience...it's really sad and the HUGE majority of the public agrees yet the minority wanting to protect the transient and mentally unstable population is winning and destroying a once great downtown.
1	Smoking. You have a smoke free zone and everyone smokes. Why spend the tax payers money by making the rules, signs and ignore the fact that everyone is still smoking at all hours. A real waste. To you it may seem like a minor offense but to others it's big
1	Bar crowds and excessive beer culture to the detriment of other forms of entertainment and business
1	Drunk men coming out of bars and cat calling and verbally harassing people or starting fights inside of bars.
1	Able-bodied people who illegally park in parking spots, which forces handicapped people to park farther away than necessary. I recently observed a young man on Olive Street and College, who did NOT have a placard or plate, park IN the same large handicapped space with a vehicle that DID have a plate. The violator parked so close within the same space as to not leave any room for a passenger of that vehicle to get into the car. My partner (who is disabled and a retired police officer) and I saw the violator get out of his car, look around suspiciously to see if he was being watched, and then keep walking, leaving his vehicle illegally parked for hours. We immediately called the police to alert them prior to going to dinner. We returned about 2 hours later, and the car was STILL illegally parked there. We called the police again, this time after noticing the vehicle had two different license plates on the front and back of the vehicle. To our knowledge the police NEVER showed up. Shameful behavior on the part of the violator and Fort Collins PD.

**Count Response**

1	Public urination, obscene language by these guys, extremely rude behavior, menacing actions towards us as we walked on sidewalks or entered businesses
1	Aggressive panhandling and a feeling of being unsafe. I've had panhandlers follow me into stores; I also suffer from asthma and the marijuana and tobacco smells are triggers.
1	Congregating groups of transients on sidewalks, street corners can be disturbing to many residents. I want a city that gets a handle on this problem now instead of waiting for it to become a downtown full of transients in the future and then it will be too late to regulate and enforce rules..
1	Frankly, drink enough behavior by our college aged population including aggressive behavior and cat calling has been far more disruptive than laying on benches or any other behaviors by the homeless population (which the proposed ban OBVIOUSLY targets). We can't say we've supported the homeless when we've refused to expand shelters to meet the actual need and made their previous refuge (the park across from the shelter) inaccessible. Our more affluent citizens frequently behave in ways that cause others to feel unsafe. This is about trying to move the homeless to a less visible area of the community by criminalizing homelessness. Unacceptable.
1	Aggressive panhandling and not socially acceptable comments directed at females in general. Specific comments are directed to males who refuse to engage in conversation or respond to panhandle efforts.
1	Groups of individuals smoking weed and hanging out. Have witnessed this more than once near The Kitchen restaurant and other areas of Downtown.
1	My problem with down town is the parking issues. I also do not like the amount of bars in one area that contribute to the drunken students at night.
1	Being accosted for signatures on various issues or to discuss issues. As much as I dislike it, it is free speech, however, and I support it.
1	Very aggressive drivers cutting others off to get a parking space. Bikers presuming the right of way, not even looking for cars at intersections.
1	I have lived in FC since 1970. I did shop, dine, enjoy activities & festivities downtown, but no more! I was so disgusted having to step over and around vomit and feces, not to mention the heavy odor of urine, to go into a restaurant, shop, parade that I no longer go downtown at all!! You've lost me and a number of my friends and family members! I just don't go there anymore! Could not fill out this form because I no longer have a downtown experience! Joan Brennan
1	Car traffic. Noise and diesel fumes from the large pickups that drive up and down College Avenue.
1	Seeing folks harassed by police officers for smoking tobacco and sitting on a bench diminishes my "downtown experience." There's an inherent lack of human compassion in legislation like this.
1	The amount of homeless loitering, drinking passed out, swearing and panhandling has completely ruined old town for us. I don't feel like taking out young children down there anymore. Plus the giant deiel trucks blowing coal down main Street has become ridiculous. Just the general dumbing down of our community is a real issue.
1	Smoking, home made signs held by "sidewalk people", blockage of sidewalk, "sidewalk people" calling out to pedestrians, a feeling of being unsafe.
1	I think it is funny that the City made a big deal about doing a smoking ordinance and it is completely ignored. I am sure it has hardly ever been enforced - would love to know how many citations have been issued. Last storm, I saw what I assume was a City contractor shoveling snow in old town and smoking. Until you actually enforce laws, there really is no point making them.
1	The sidewalks are narrow in places where business set out wares, tables are fenced, bicycles are parked, and dogs are tied up. Walking seems like a secondary use of the sidewalks.
1	I've been yelled a by the group that sits around Montazuma Fuller to give them my food on more than one occasion. I was called a bitch when I didn't. Who takes food from a pregnant woman?

**Count Response**

1	Drunk college students assaulting each other and pedestrians. More than once I have been grabbed by some drunk guy. The homeless are not the issue-- intoxicated CSU students are the reason I don't go downtown at night anymore.
1	Mentally disturbed individuals talking nonsense to passersby; Also, I've had to walk past a few police confrontations with "transients"--good that they are doing it, but it made me feel uncomfortable and forced me to alter my path (e.g. to the other side of the street).
1	Loud vehicles speeding between stoplights in old town. I prefer not to sit outside at restaurants anymore near intersections because loud trucks and motorcycles feel the need to roar away from each stoplight.
1	The main disturbance I encounter downtown is aggressive driving. My family and I usually bicycle to Old Town. Pickup truck drivers often threaten us or disregard our safety.
1	I used to shop and dine downtown as it is close to my business/office. I no longer shop or dine downtown, I either go to north College or the south end of FC.
1	Transients in Oak Street Plaza in groups of 5-20 smoking, yelling/cursing loudly, using all the tables/chairs and laying all over the grass. Yes, I realize there is a ban on smoking but it isn't enforced. People smoke everywhere and by restaurant patios. Going to old town in the warmer months with a family is pointless anymore. Homeless/transient population has taken over. Also driving to and from work I have almost hit a homeless person walking in the street umpteen times. They cross at dusk, on icy roads, just whenever the spirit moves them. It's scary and dangerous. It is a matter of time before one is killed.
1	Groups or individuals sitting on vacant business entrances, panhandling, trash around benches and trash cans near the Mission, daily activity under bridges, trash along river
1	Frequent disruptive and inappropriate behavior in the public library, to the point where it's difficult to bring young children into the library.
1	Nothing really specific; just the usual bag of stuff that comes from having a large group concentrated in a small area.
1	Smoking, Do not just focus on transients (different from homeless), also focus on college age (not just CSU students), their intoxicated & aggressive behavior is just as troubling and disruptive
1	Urine on sidewalks Inappropriate language while children are present Sleeping in door jambs and entryways to pedestrian friendly alleyways Trash and personal effects scattered on sidewalks Smoking in designated nonsmoking areas
1	Vomit on sidewalks; trash; dog poop, specifically at the NE corner of the Remington parking lot; food and personal hygiene items, and clothing left out in the downtown area
1	Smoking and drunk people dashing across College Ave in traffic. The groups I've seen sitting/lying on the ground tend to be hipster college age people, not homeless folk.
1	Transients asking for handouts. Transients occupying space like street corners especially in groups. Overall, the sheer number of transients is making old Town feel less safe and more unpleasant.
1	Storing personal belongings on sidewalks, in particular around the Oak/parking lot area. Panhandling.
1	Police standing around. Most I've known have been jerks, so I don't trust them. To be perfectly honest, a group of cops standing around makes me more nervous than a group of bums. (and I have no criminal record)
1	I'm much more bothered by the following than I am by a person sleeping on a bench: Aggressive motorists Loud vehicles that "cruise" downtown Friday and Saturday nights. The crowd of (often drunk) smokers outside the Rio.
1	For the most part I now avoid going into old town. I have lived here 31 years it is worse than it has ever been, so bad in fact I do not go to old town unless I have to because you always get approached by the transients and drug users, it is just not safe or enjoyable.

**Count Response**

1	Disgusting, sexist comments when I walk past transients, transients trying to follow me into my place of work, even construction workers make nasty passes at me
1	Exhibition of goods in shop windows which are excessive, unnecessary and encourage blatant materialism and greed.
1	Street speakers who exercise their 2nd amendment rights but they are also spreading hate speech. I don't like it. The pan handling has gotten out of hand as well.
1	Cars: stopping or parking illegally, not stopping for pedestrians in crosswalk, driving recklessly, rolling coal. People smoking despite the ban in the area.
1	People laying around with piles of stuff and many times, dogs. Often filthy and slightly aggressive. It takes your focus away from the beauty of old town and ruins the experience. No one should be using benches and sidewalks as a place to sleep. Little children sit on those benches and that's very unsanitary.
1	This is not only fir downtown but all over Fort Collins now! I am sick of people standing on street corners with their signs begging for money, staring into my car when I'm unfortunately stuck at a light. I'm sick of being approached all over by people asking for money. My children are now scared of going downtown because of the drunk people staring or following us asking for handouts. It clearly does not appear that the city's coveted homeless protecting groups are helping AT ALL.
1	I don't visit downtown later in the evening because of disruptive, drunk people, most often young, who walk in front of cars, speed through the area, yell rude things and sometimes are out of control. This feels threatening to me. People sitting and lying do NOT threaten me. Blatent attempt to hide struggling human beings for the comfort of the privilege.
1	The planters outside of my business have repeatedly been vandalized both overnight and during business hours. Concrete planters have been thrown, broken, urinated in, and set on fire in just the past 6 months. Our sandwich board sign was just violently kicked while we were open for business, breaking it, and the man who did then verbally attacked me and tried to run at me. I called the police, and never heard back from them about this incident. Many homeless people come into our business, as we are connected to Starbucks and the Northern Hotel lobby. They are often very aggressive and shout at me and my employees. On a separate non-business occasion, I was followed down an alley during the day by a man yelling vulgar things at me. It got to the point where I had to run away from him.
1	Lacking cleanliness. Automobiles going too fast around College and Mountain. Seems simple to put a cop there to nail the imports and diesels
1	abandoned clothing, bags. Urine smells. Panhandling. Obscene language, intoxicated folks being confrontational.
1	Aggressive parking habits. People taking the parking shoulder for u-turns. People standing in middle of sidewalk to talk not caring about people walking- not only transients.
1	I have more of an issue with the transients that loiter, gather in large groups and scream and joke with each other using obscenities.
1	Panhandling and snarky comments if I don't give cash. I bought a lot of gloves and socks from the dollar store and give them away if approached. I have been asked for my restaurant left overs ( which breaks my heart) So I am considering buying \$1. Coupons for Subway coffee.
1	Drunk people from bars vomiting on the side walk is more of an issue and detractor from the downtown experience.
1	Bike-riders on the sidewalks. Kids/college/others playing loud music. During concerts overloud music such that if you're trying to carry on a conversation away from the direct view of the concert stage, you hardly can do so.
1	The weekends expecially at night time reckless and careless driving in the downtown area. Drinking/drug use in and around the alley ways. Public urination and or fights in common areas.
1	It is not necessarily any additional behaviors, but I would definitely go downtown more often if it were not for the problems.

**Count Response**

1	Begging on corners for food. Saying rude and crude things if you don't give them anything. Taking up the sidewalk and benches with bags and such. Rough housing in a big group running into people. Speaking loudly with terrible language.
1	The stupid drunk college students are the primary problem. Clogging up parking, being rude/obnoxious. They're the real problem.
1	Public drinking/smoking. Vomit from the alcoholic begging for money in front of the kitchen. Urination.
1	large groups of bar patrons blocking sidewalk access because they're outside smoking, or waiting to enter the establishment.
1	Groups/Individuals lying,sitting has generally speaking decreased, I wish there was an option in between the frequently and sometimes, cause the truth is that it's somewhere in between currently .
1	Individuals soliciting money for personal benefit. People smoking, swearing, rolling coal. People whose clothes are not covering all private areas, whether men with their underwear or pubic hair showing or women with buttocks or breasts exposed.
1	Public urination Panhandling Loitering in the squares and plazas Petition-passers on every corner
1	The prevalence of drug use and behaviors, including finding needles. The heroin culture that is now common. Homeless screaming at people, into dumpsters, at each other. I witnessed a homeless incident where a transient cyclist was run down by a car with homeless, aggressive is now violent. I cannot visit the library with my grandchildren, nor use any bathroom facilities that are public.
1	Being shamed for not giving folks money. Also, I support the heck out of planned parenthood, but I don't love being asked for money every single time I'm Downtown.
1	Panhandling, aggressive behavior, rude language, fights within groups, poor appearance, actually saw panhandling with signs sitting on a bench six feet from people eating on the patio at Austins...not appropriate.
1	People sitting in groups on the ground in alleys that are meant for pedestrians...especially uncomfortable when I'm alone and walking to the parking garage. I'm a senior citizen and worry about these groups bothering me.
1	Developers should have to provide an alternate sidewalk when they're building a new building instead of forcing people to cross the street. Motorists should not turn right on red at the intersection of College and Mountain where there are no right on red signs. And they should stop behind the pedestrian crossing rather than on top of it. These things diminish my downtown experience far more than any of the things mentioned above with the exception of the aggressive or intimidating behavior.
1	Lack of visible officials who would deter and/or enforce ordinance prohibiting bicycles on sidewalks and smoke free zones, in Old Town.
1	Public defecation, yelling at me and making comments about my appearance or car, leaving bedding and personal supplies under stairs or out in the open near entrance to business, fights, ...
1	Pan Handling and groups of street people hanging around the public restrooms is intimidating to take a child to. I find it difficult to be around down town with my child due to all of this going on.
1	All the ones already mentioned plus more aggressive, intimidating behaviors. Library is no longer a pleasant place to spend time.
1	The fact that there are not enough resources for the homeless in our town makes me sad and upset when I see them. I also do not like the 'preventative' measures for homeless such as barred benches.

**Count Response**

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- 1 My daughter, mother & myself have all been approached aggressively for money, & when they are told no, we have been followed by some of these men. My daughter keeps getting indecent "propositions". I've been afraid of her getting sexually assaulted in the downtown area & this occurs during the DAYLIGHT! FYI: my daughter is a health care professional, is 30 & does NOT wear indecent clothing. But this harassment keeps occurring. I used to be a faithful "Fort Collins" shopper, esp. downtown. But the three of us ladies are too afraid to go down there anymore (& we are NATIVES of this area). Our family used to spend a lot of money downtown & in the last two years, we have purchased nothing. We go to Front Range Village, Centerra in Loveland or shop the internet now.
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- 1 There are people in Library park and at the Old Town Library who disrupt the library environment. One morning there were so many people sleeping in the lawn at library park and that my young child was too intimidated to go play on the playground. Inside the library there are many people without homes and while I am sympathetic to their situation there have been many instances where loud profanity is heard and this also intimidates my young child. It just creates an unsettling library environment. Please spend some time down there and you can see for yourself how it is.
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- 1 Panhandlers, transients and drug addicts are ruining Old Town. It used to be when I would visit other cities and see people camping out on the sidewalks and acting obnoxious, I would feel so fortunate and grateful that Fort Collins held a higher standard. Now I am disappointed when I go to Old Town that we no longer respect the majority of our citizens enough to create and enforce panhandling and public nuisance laws. We need to bring those laws back. The city was a much better place without all the deadbeat transients loitering in our public areas that are meant to be enjoyed by "everyone". Let's hold ourselves to a higher standard.
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- 1 Panhandling. The discussion should shift from the term "homeless" to identification of individuals with significant mental health issues and addressing their needs in a non downtown setting and identification of individuals living a "vagabond" lifestyle by choice and ensuring that downtown isn't an integral part of their lifestyle choice. Families at real risk tend to seek help through "official" programs etc and make up a very small part of the population under discussion. Both the mental health portion and lifestyle portion of the public space issue pose a real threat (small probability?) to business owners and the public. Will it take serious injury or significant property damage before action is taken?
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- 1 I am not comfortable walking alone in areas of old town anymore due to the homeless population and teenage thugs that "hang out" there.
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- 1 personal belongings left on side walk, drinking, aggressive panhandling, large groups congregating for long periods of time
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- 1 Transient fighting, aggressive panhandling. I used to frequent downtown on a weekly basis but I avoid that area now because I do not care for the increase in transients or their behavior.
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- 1 Panhandling--the entrance to the now-closing Safeway, College/Mountain intersection, Old Town Square, Oak Street Plaza. Also frequently see transients publicly using alcohol and marijuana during daytime hours.
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- 1 When bringing visitors or just going downtown to enjoy shopping and the restaurants I don't feel safe. People approach me, they are lying on the sidewalk, they have approached me while in the stores. I feel bad for the retailers down there, and I feel for the homeless situation, but it has ruined the downtown feeling that used to make Fort Collins such a desirable place to be.
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- 1 I'm more concerned with the amount of exhaust that blankets downtown on evenings as people cruise up and down the main drag on Fridays and Saturdays. The air becomes unbreathable. I'd rather see something done about those emissions as they linger the follow day and aggravate my asthma. But I'm concerned about the number of sleeping bags I see on Oak Street Mall
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- 1 you already have... groups of very dirty, smelly people hanging around, asking for handouts, smoking, making comments. many are stone, drunk, high.
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- 1 Individuals lying in groups right next to an outdoor patio start to scream obscenities at a family with small children when the father asks them to stop smoking and swearing by his children. They were within six feet of the patio. No one did anything probably for fear of the group. I finally called police. It was noon on a Friday as I waked to get my lunch. I've had people approach me and other women and get disgustingly close and spewing nasty words at me and others. Truly I'm embarrassed that we have allowed overly sympathetic people to cause those who just want peaceful living to somehow be shamed into allowing unlawful behavior. I'm embarrassed by our city council's lack of true leadership and their in willingness to listen to hard working citizens--taxpayers, ratepayers, and people who really live here. Shame on city council and our leadership!
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**Count Response**

1	We have decided that we can no longer visit downtown in the evening with our young kids. Are choosing Centerra or other areas instead
1	People constantly stopping me at the corners of Mountaina Dan College asking me to support organizations . I do support those organizations but i do not like having to work to avoid them or brush them off nicely every day of the summer.
1	Large crowds of variously intoxicated people waiting outside bars/clubs, blocking sidewalks and heckling passersby. Individuals and groups violating the public smoking ordinance.
1	A lot of up and coming professionals acting like their time is more important then anyone else's. Also racist behaviors by bouncers of college bars.
1	Walking around and seeing people who sit on benches blatantly disregard the no smoking ordinance, or walking past bars where people are smoking in groups. Why have the ban if it's just to have some cute signs up and not actually stop anyone? Also, walking around to find feces, vomit or urine is disgusting. The museum seems to be a hot spot especially on the cement curb that is on the front parking lot next to Ace. People use it as a seat when defecating! There is regularly poop running down the back side! THIS IS A HISTORIC BUILDING!
1	Besides homeless: the people with clipboards asking for signatures, and the street performers blocking walking pathways.
1	Smoking. There are signs saying it's smoke free but people definitely still smoke all over downtown.
1	General drunkenness among all classes of people. Large, loud trucks being driven for no purpose other than to be driving a large truck, loudly.
1	Panhandling, busking near patio dining, groups of homeless/transients gathered in a specific public area with all their belongings.
1	I tend to take different routes to get to my destination if I see them. Avoiding them asking for money.
1	Coal rolling/cruising. Support the bill going through the state legislature or pass a no-cruising ordinance like Longmont did, and ENFORCE it. The trucks are far and away a bigger nuisance than the homeless.
1	Foul language, fights, vomit and urine on buildings, walkways, benches, planters, streets, landscaping...
1	In addition to the transient population using downtown as their living room, I encounter many people, both transient and not, smoking within the no-smoking zone. It smells awful coming and going to businesses. Honestly, I avoid shopping fowntown because of these things. I don't feel like dealing with drunks and transients yelling at my family and I, I don't enjoy inhaling their clouds of smoke. I am turned off by the filth left behind. I usually feel like showering afterward.
1	I am much more concerned about drunk drivers than any of these concerns which seem to be part of an effort to criminalize those who are less fortunate.
1	Lived and enjoyed downtown area since 1999. My kids can't go to library park. My wife has been chaced by a man who then went inside mission at oak and Mathews. We watch people in alley behind our house smoking crack and constantly going through our trash. So frustrating!!! Considering moving a bit south just to avoid this annoying change to my city
1	I've only experienced minor negative reactions on a weekend night while many people (not just homeless) were intoxicated. I'd wager the aggressive college males are more of a threat to safety. I've had several young males verbally harass me near the square, in their early twenties. We should be helping the homeless, not punishing them.
1	Trucks that spew smoke over people when they take off from the stop lights. I believe the term is "rolling coal"
1	I am friends with the proprietors of Mobb Mountain Distillers and am there often. Unfortunately, their location near the rescue mission has made the patio a place where you are likely to be harassed, begged to, or insulted by passing homeless.

**Count Response**

1	Cars parked in a driving lane with their flashers on because the person they dropped off will "only be a minute". Cars pulling quickly across traffic to get the parking spot they just saw. Although it has been a while, PETA or Green Peace people who will not allow me to shop or stroll peacefully until I sign their petition, I have to resort to telling them, in a very loud voice, to stop forcing their shit on me. Smokers, every time I go to Old Town.
1	Begging, apparent mental illness with wandering, talking out loud to people who aren't there or trying to engage strangers in conversation,
1	I have greater issues of intimidation and nuisance from the more drunk college kids and patrons of bars at night. I would say 9/10 times I go downtown I will see either homeless or homeless as a choice folks around but often either playing music or just gathering amongst themselves. They are often not a distraction or a nuisance.
1	J-walking, improper parking - self explanatory really. Always am asked for money on the sidewalks.
1	annoying and sometimes aggressive pan handlers drugged or severely intoxicated individuals puke and urine in the alleys
1	We seldom come to Old Town in the summer anymore because of these issues. We do try to patronize the downtown during the winter months, however. This is an unfortunate issue with no easy solution.
1	College kids running wild pose more of a threat and create more damage to property/businesses than any homeless or disadvantaged person using public property like benches or sidewalks.
1	Night-time partiers. Mostly 20- or 30-somethings drinking too much at local restaurants or bars. They are much scarier to me than the people you are identifying as the culprits.
1	Constant cigarette smoking, ban not enforced at all by anyone. Smokers emboldened to continue breaking the law.
1	people harassing our customers- we had an incident where people were dealing drugs on the corner outside our business. They were asking kids coming into our store if they wanted to buy drugs. Also we had a strange person pinch the behind of one of our customers while we were helping our customer at the front desk. The strange person was leaving the store at the time.
1	People fighting at the park across from the homeless shelter. People needing to be removed the library.
1	garbage, dicarded clothing, needles, condoms in alley's. People hanging out in the alley in the back of my house drinking, using drugs, having sex, sleeping, digging through my garbage, steeling 5 bikes, etc. Violent fights w/ stabbing injuries w/ my 11 yr old son as a first responder, I've been verbally harrassed while playing with my kids in our back yard.
1	Drug use in plain sight, inappropriate language direct at me, being followed and badgered by impaired individuals
1	Lack of parking, which I realize is not a behavior, but nevertheless an important part of the downtown experience.
1	Pan handling, too many bumbs, too many homeless, too many drug users, too many vehicles not registered, too many out of state license plates not registered.
1	The city's attitude towards homelessness and its thoughts to address it through limiting the time someone can be on a bench. Is this for real??
1	People who act inappropriately (loud arguing, violent words, unpredictable behavior associated with drug and alcohol abuse), sometimes affect my family's sense of security downtown.
1	panhandling on the corners of the crosswalks - I don't mind if they are just sitting there but when the individual starts verbally asking and demanding not cool
1	The constant ticketing and provoking from the police and parking services. Road construction administered by the City should make better use of planning, timely interruptions etc and propose nighttime road closures or not during peak hours
1	Organizations or political affiliations at the corner of mountain and college (eg greenpeace) soliciting or petitioning in a less than friendly manner

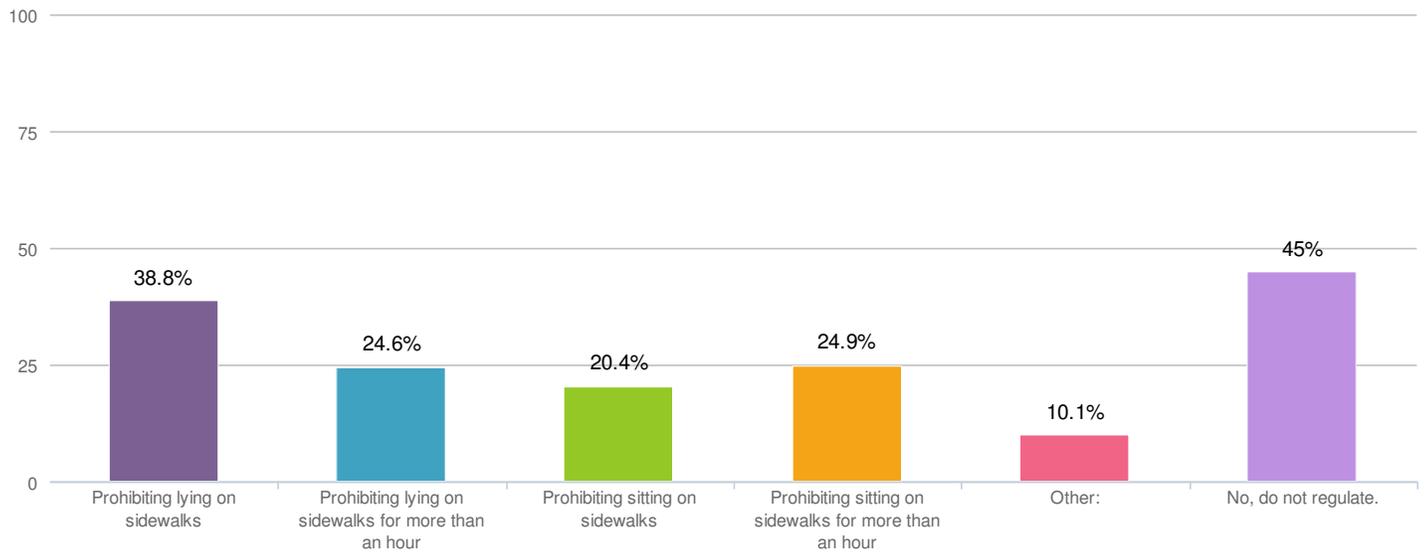
**Count Response**

1	Groups of people, sitting around, playing guitar etc. This blocks the flow of pedestrian traffic.
1	A man approached my 19 year old daughter and made lewd comments and proceeded to follow us for a block and a half making inappropriate remarks. We went into a store and he waited outside for us to come back out. People sitting on benches/planters have often asked for money and have made rude or inappropriate remarks/gestures. On one occasion, I was using the public restroom and a young woman was taking a bath in the sink and doing her laundry and drying it with the hand dryer.
1	I understand some of the issues these unfortunate people go through. I don't relish having to walk around or through groups of people sitting on or blocking sidewalks with all their belongings. I think a city outreach program with counseling, to get those who want to better themselves out of their situations and on a track to stability would be the best approach. Maybe a work program: Litter pickup, painting over graffiti, sweeping leaves and sidewalks, whacking weeds, taking down old signs taped to street posts. For chronic cases, a watch list for repeated loitering infractions and a ticket out of town.
1	College kids being sloppy drunk. The seemingly unfair treatment of homeless people who are SO kind and gentle.
1	I am worried every time I go downtown that a homeless person will approach me. I hear or see them trying to approach others as I walk along College. I like to park in the free lot behind the Aggie but so many of them congregate in that area. I don't feel safe.
1	Loud and unattractive comments, intimidating panhandling behavior, intoxicated folks rolling around the sidewalks with their pants slipping off. (That was a sight ), folks using alleyways as bathrooms, groups of people that smell really bad gathered by store fronts.
1	Solicitors, many people walking up to you directly and asking for money. Also homeless individuals with pets that are blocking the walkway as the owners ask for money.
1	People yelling, walking in groups slowly so people can't get through, and people not obeying the smoking restrictions. Leaving a restaurant and inhaling someone's cigarette smoke in a no smoking zone isnt fun
1	Groups of young men asking to "borrow my phone" and becoming aggressive when I decline. Catcalling of young women as they walk by. I heard recently of a transient who walked into a restaurant and threatened the staff with the intention of having the police called so that he would have a warm place to sleep that night.
1	People gathered in shadowing areas. When my wife was driving into downtown for work I was constantly worried about her walking g alone at night
1	I'm not a fan of the clipboard people at every corner downtown in the summer. I used to work downtown and it gets really annoying to have to tell them "I'm not interested" when it's a corner you have to cross each day. And honestly, if I'm downtown for pleasure, I'd like to maximize my time rather than standing around listening to a lecture on the issue of the moment. I am happy to research facts at home and might even donate to the cause... but I don't like feeling cornered.
1	Watched a young woman run over into hte bushes on the north side of Oak Street park and take a squat (fecal). Have been pan handled as I roll to work weekly, Have to routinely been told to fuck off when I give out my regular Good Morning/Afternoons. Have been bumped, swiped or flipped off by drivers at crosswalks at least every other day while obeying the Walk/Don't Walk (which I realize don't apply to wheelchairs)
1	motorcycle traffic on college with excessively loud (obvious after market, illegal modifications) prohibits dining and walking downtown with sleeping babies and toddlers. Please enforce existing noise ordinances.
1	People loitering and asking for money. Makeshift campsites near Rodizio. It's really frustrating to see vagrants take advantage of the area.
1	Panhandling, groups at intersections making it difficult to cross, smoking where they should not be, public urination, drug use, sitting/laying in the sidewalk making it difficult to walk down the sidewalk.

**Count Response**

1	Erratic behavior, foul language within range of our 6 and 7 year olds, obviously drunken or impaired behavior by transients/homeless that definitely diminish the downtown experience, particularly for someone with a young family. Overly aggressive panhandling on a number of occasions. Targeting our children for interaction in order to get to us to ask for money.
1	People playing loud music on portable devices, smoking in the non smoking area, aggressive dogs. This makes me cautious while walking with my young daughter
1	It's very uncomfortable - I refuse to give money or the rest of the meal I paid for. I feel the need to be on alert and I absolutely will not frequent downtown alone after dark. Sadly not the place I've called home all my life.
1	It seems that the continued development in northern Fort Collins near the rescue mission has sent a clear sign to homeless and transient people that they are not welcome there...they have no choice but to move into other areas of the city including side walks and benches on old town and could now face charges for doing so. What "disrupts my downtown experience" is not homeless people sitting on a bench or sidewalk. It is that the City of Fort Collins has let down the public with its alleged discriminatory "solutions" to target and fine those who occupy spaces in which they were never welcome in the first place.
1	too many students and other entitled white people downtown, who all make downtown feel like a superficial, homogeneous, boring place.
1	Late night bar patrons being loud, aggressive, offensive (pissing, smoking and vomiting in the open) and all the negative behaviors associated with drunkenness.
1	Being called out to by groups/individuals sitting around. Not always panhandling per say and sometimes nearly unintelligible.
1	People smoking on sidewalks outside of bars/restaurants. In my opinion this is much more bothersome and unhealthy for my family than the homeless population.
1	The smoking ban. This is more of a problem with the city. What is the purpose of having regulations if they are never enforced. Either uphold the rules or get rid of them.
1	Super drunk college students can be much more of a nuisance than the transient and homeless population. They return much more money to the local economy and can pay for their fines and court cost when they are in violations of the law. This suggested ordinance is an obvious avoidance of the issue of homelessness that is a systemic issue. I thought fort collins was progressive and wanted to help those who aren't as fortunate but I see more and more it is becoming exclusionary for the poor
1	The people that hang out in the first Presbyterian church parking lot as well as the ally behind the Ally Cat and Canino's often openly use drugs and are pretty rude as well.
1	Pan handling, Smoking, loitering, and Loud obnoxious behavior from transients. My children think the "culture" is normal and don't even question it anymore.
1	Bums lying on the sidewalk. Men making annoying, aggressive comments to women walking by. Aggressive panhandling. Obviously drug or alcohol intoxicated men and women gathered in groups.
1	A man playing his guitar and singing (not well) with amplifier, and smoking a cigarette, on a public bench right next to a corner restaurant's outdoor seating (Austin's I think), almost daily, so that patrons who want to sit outdoors have to hear his music and smell his cigarette.
1	Drunken and unruly college students acting like they own the city. And far too many beggars... sometimes frightening.

9. Should the City regulate sidewalk behavior in any of the following ways (exceptions would be made for those who are experiencing a medical emergency; vendors; parades, festival or performance participants; or children in designated play areas):



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
Prohibiting lying on sidewalks	38.8%	884	Sum 4.0
Prohibiting lying on sidewalks for more than an hour	24.6%	560	Max 2.0
Prohibiting sitting on sidewalks	20.4%	464	
Prohibiting sitting on sidewalks for more than an hour	24.9%	567	
Other:	10.1%	230	
No, do not regulate.	45.0%	1,025	
Total		2,277	

Responses "Other:"	Count
Left Blank	2064
2 Hours	1
2 hours	1
All loitering should be banned	1
Apprehending and charging smoking ban violators	1
Are there more preventative options?	1
Ban panhandling	1
Ban panhandling	1
Ban panhandling again.	1
Closing eyes (not being alert to surroundings)	1
Create programs to help them and not just move them.	1
Difficult; only if problem escalates	1

Responses "Other:"	Count
Dog poop, urine	1
Doing drugs in the Park...	1
Don't criminalize homelessness	1
Driving terribly, including on sidewalks.	1
Encourage inviting, welcoming spaces for all.	1
Encourage obviously transient/drunk/stoned folks to move to other locations	1
Enforce smoking ban, please.	1
Enforce smoking ban.	1
Enforce smoking rules, littering rules, harassment rules.	1
Enforce traffic and noise control on weekends.	1
Enforcing no-smoking ordinances	1
Find an alternative before enforcing any of these ideas-this ideas will push	1
Fines for littering	1
Focus should be on lying and sitting on sidewalks near exits as a safety issue	1
Gathering at crosswalks and medians	1
Have police presence or blue light system	1
I think that sitting/ lying on sidewalks and sitting/ lying on benches are different	1
Identify repeat offenders for further action	1
If you're going to police the homeless police then just as much as the wasted college kids	1
Inappropriate language,music	1
It is a hard call...	1
Leaving unattended baggage	1
Limit panhandling	1
Loitering	1
Loitering	1
Lying on sidewalks, but people should be able to lay on grassy areas.	1
Make it illegal to panhandle.	1
Maybe we should fund more shelters instead of wasting money on the inevitable lawsuits.	1
Maybe you should actually try and fix homeless instead of this morally disgusting regulation	1
Need to provide a humane response.	1
No approaching people asking for money, etc.	1

<b>Responses "Other:"</b>	<b>Count</b>
No easy solution. (hence the survey)	1
No intoxicated individuals allowed.	1
No littering, & keep out of the flower beds & out of landscaping!!!	1
No loitering what so ever!!	1
No panhandleing	1
No panhandling	1
No prohibitions unless homeless are provided with alternatives for sleeping and resting.	1
No smoking.	1
No soliciting	1
No soliciting at crosswalks	1
No, this is not constitutional	1
Not sure- how is this even enforceable?	1
Only if blocking the sidewalk	1
Only remove if signs of intoxication	1
Panhandling	6
Panhandling is illegal. Must have street performer's licence.	1
Panhandling is uncomfortable - but I do not believe this can be regulated.	1
Panhandling, drug exchanges, and interfering with businesses	1
Peeing in fountains, panhandling.	1
Please be kind to people and not forceful	1
Prohibit being drunken idiots.	1
Prohibit groups of homeless from congregating in public areas	1
Prohibit homelessness by giving them shelter.	1
Prohibit loitering	1
Prohibit loitering in doorways/doorsteps	1
Prohibit lying on benches.	1
Prohibit pan handling	1
Prohibit panhandling	2
Prohibit panhandling and verbal harassment and public nuisance	1
Prohibit panhandling of any kind	1
Prohibit selling items on sidewalks	1

Responses "Other:"	Count
Prohibit sitting on benches for more than an hour	1
Prohibit sleeping at the library park	1
Prohibit sleeping, impose a partial tax on VROs to help fund a homeless prevention fund	1
Prohibit smoking of any kind	1
Prohibit/enforce panhandling	1
Prohibiting harassing of the homeless on sidewalks	1
Prohibiting large grocery-style shopping carts on downtown sidewalks.	1
Provide homeless with actual services and long term help instead of treating them like a pest	1
Provide more park space, sitting areas, tables, etc	1
Provide more safe and affordable public housing options for homeless or low-income individuals	1
Provide shelter for homeless	1
Providing alternatives for the homeless and pan handlers.	1
REGULATE ACTIONS AND NOT SITTING/STANDING IN SPECIFIC AREAS	1
Regulate smoking better	1
Regulate the provision of services that attracts transients in the first place.	1
Repeat offenders	1
Require a permit to play music on sidewalk.	1
See note	1
Signage	1
Sleeping on benches	1
Smoking (it's still prevalent)	1
Smoking, off leash dogs, panhandling,	1
Sometimes have a lot of stuff around them also	1
Stop criminalizing homelessness	1
Stop soliciting	1
Strongly enforce littering and smoking offenses	1
The City already has a law against obstructing sidewalks (FC-17-128)	1
This seems like it would be hard to enforce.	1
Two Hours	1
Undecided	1
Use restrooms for bathing when everyone else needs them.	1

Responses "Other:"	Count
Vagrancy	1
Very drunk college men are at the heart of the nuisance I experience when in old town.	1
What about peaceful protests?	1
Whatever you do - actually enforce it	1
Would love to suggest time limitations, but concerned about ACLU decision	1
You'd have fewer people on the sidewalks if you let them go back to smoking in the parks.	1
agressive panhandling	1
and planter walls	1
and sleeping stretched out on the sidewalks.	1
begging for money	1
being an asshole	1
blocking with baggage and pets	1
create a place for homeless and mentally ill to congregate, preferably indoors	1
enforce smoking bans	1
exception for festivals	1
expand current laws to reduce vandalism and major miss use of public space	1
fine for them to be sitting if they are making music or such	1
group loitering--3-5 folks encourage poor behavior.	1
its not lying down it is sleeping most are homeless	1
leaving unattended items	1
loitering	1
lying on grassy areas next to sidewalks for more than an hour	1
maybe a 3 hour limit	1
maybe make a program to help them work	1
maybe not right by a patio or the fountains?	1
mental health isd	1
money/food hounding	1
no panhandeeling	1
no panhandling and enforce the no smoking law	1
no sleeping on sidewalks	1
no spitting	1

Responses "Other:"	Count
noise ordinance enforcement including motorcycles on college ave.	1
only troublesome behavior, mere sitting/lying is not an issue	1
pan handling	1
pan-handling	1
panhandeling w/or without signs	1
panhandling	3
panhandling activity	1
piling of items in door openings, sleeping bags, bags, bikes	1
prohibit begging	1
prohibit bums	1
prohibit if the individual is in the way of foot traffic but otherwise leave them alone	1
prohibit panhandling	2
prohibit people from lying directly in front of the entrance to businesses and shops	1
provide a space for transients to go	1
public intoxication	1
sleeping in alleyways and parks	1
smoking cigarettes/cigars	1
smoking in downtown area	1
stop panhandling	1
stop smoking in public spaces	1
stores blocking sidewalks with signs/promotomal ads/otherwise completely blocking sidewalk	1
undecidedd	1
urinating in public	1
How and who will be doing the regulating if more than an hour? Should be a safety issue for sure but maybe more benches, areas for families...should be obvious to remove disruptive persons and those panhandling, intoxicated, intimidating, etc. library park is quite the hangout and something needs to be done about that area as well!! Don\'t want to have to step over people laying or sitting obstructing others walking on the sidewalk....especially difficult for those with young kids or the elderly population! M	1
I do not see why there should be any regulation if people are not disruptive, rude, drunk. Sitting peacefully and not causing any problem is not a behavior that the city should regulate. Behaviors such as rudeness, drunkenness, or obvious disruptive mental instability should be addressed on a case by case basis. That is what the police foot and bike patrols are about; peacefully keeping the peace.	1
build a homeless shelter/transitional housing. got enough to gentrify the crap out of old town, should have enough to do some good.	1

**Responses "Other:"**

**Count**

Chronic behaviors. Limit to 3 consecutive hours and days. It's the group living on Oak and College	1
Prohibit as long as the homeless are given sufficient resources so that it would never be necessary to loiter in Old Town. Criminalizing the behavior will not solve the larger problem of homelessness. Other measures need to be taken to properly address that issue.	1
Do we have any rules on signage? These folks \"riding the cardboard\" should pride into their signs. This is a very strange culture that invades our downtown especially in nice weather.	1
I am concerned about how this is monitored and enforced. Even the no smoking policy is not enforced. This seems much more difficult to implement.	1
It is delicate because if you regulate they end up in jail which is free food, and place to stay. I think we need to stop giving handouts and they will leave	1
It is a ridiculous solution to ban sitting or laying. You are begging for a lawsuit from the aclu.	1
Prohibit transients from living, sleeping, urinating, begging, approaching shoppers, drinking, drugs . . . . .	1
Approaching for money, holding signs on corners is extremely distracting and a danger to motorists.	1
Provide safe alternative areas for them to go to. Regulate areas with highest foot traffic to prevent angry interactions	1
It's hard to have a blanket statement-don't sit on sidewalk, the difference is when street people on on the sidewalks hanging out in groups or even by themselves. It can be very frightening.	1
Address loitering in any particular area for more than a predetermined appropriate amount of time.	1
Enforce no smoking policies, eliminate panhandling, enact regulations to eliminate singers/performers in near restaurant patios	1
I'd like to see a dedicated space to rest set up, and people sleeping outside directed there instead.	1
If a regulation is in place, seems like more than an hour would be ok, but could be some time limit?	1
there is a difference in \"resting\" and coming here to stay permanently without shelter. Get them out. If they don't plan to work and better themselves then don't allow them to bring down this beautiful town.	1
I'm not sure we can legislate or way out of the homeless problem. Perhaps a solution lies elsewhere.	1
Just because someone decides being homeless is their choice doesn't mean public places can be their home. I don't feel like I can go to any park in this city by myself safely because of the vagrants.	1
Work out why these folks are doing so. Spend time and energy to help these people find a better alternative.	1
Prohibit obstructing foot traffic or access to facilities by lying or sitting on sidewalks. (OK to sit or lay otherwise)	1
Limited regulation concerning day-time lying down on sidewalks, sitting for however long is fine.	1
Not really sure due to lack of enforcement. The no smoking ordinance in Old Town means nothing because I come across smokers every time I am in Old Town	1
Can anything be done about the people that ask me the same questions every single time I go to my office? I joined Greenpeace and later quit because they asked me incessantly to join Greenpeace.	1
Work with SummitStone and the health department and mental health agencies to figure out root causes and address those issues. The behavior we are seeing is a symptom of a larger problem including mental health problems, substance use to treat those problems, poverty, and homelessness. What are other cities doing?	1
Any conglomeration of people who seem to set up \"their\" space and seem threatening in their behavior.	1

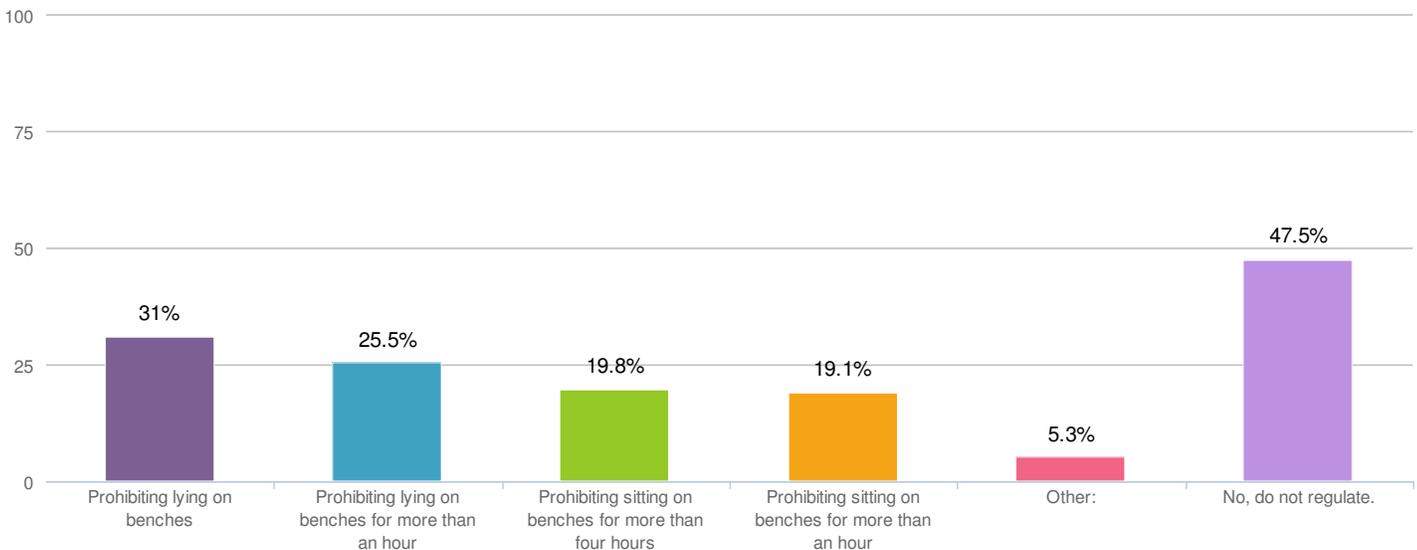
Responses "Other:"	Count
Prohibited from camping in downtown benches - with sleeping bags, grocery carts of personal items, etc	1
Prohibit lying on walkways but ensure there is a safe place for anyone to sit or lay off the walkway. Don't make it illegal to exist.	1
city shouldn't cater to homeless. The more that is available to them the more will come to take advantage of the freebies.	1
People were pedaling stuff at the fountains. They were (unintentionally I hope) scaring my children. They were not trying to sell the stuff either	1
Keep transients from sleeping on streets, sidewalks, benches. Keep them from taking over all benches, chairs with huge backpacks for hours at a time.	1
I think this should be enforced if the person is intoxicated, passed out or blocking the right of way	1
I believe that lying on the sidewalk is generally a health situation; potentially too much to drink, BP, diabetes, any number of things, and it should be treated as "medical" investigation not so much a legal one.	1
Drinking and yelling at "normal" people in public. As well as urinating all over our so called beautiful city	1
Other than vendor license activities, there is no reason an individual should have a need to sit, lay on public walkways for more than a 10-15 minutes	1
This is a HUGE waste of public and police resources, I really hate to imagine living somewhere so exclusionary and bigoted that we make laws	1
Sitting on raised bed walls for more than 15 minutes. (excludes caregivers monitoring individuals in designated play areas)	1
people who are sleeping on sidewalks or in back alleys or doorways need to be given a place to go, not just arrested or fined.	1
Don't be dicks to homeless people. Also downtown has so many bars. What would it be without those bars? You can't expect there not to be drunk people at night. I've rarely experienced intoxicated people during the day.	1
Find a solution to homelessness, don't just ban it! Just because you move them from downtown doesn't mean they aren't homeless or underprivileged any more. It means people didn't want to see or help them!	1
This question is wrong because it specifically targets minority groups and those who do not fit your standards. There shouldn't be regulations for these kinds of things. Also, how will you tell if someone is on a bench for more than an hour? I think that you should respect others in your community.	1
Discourage sitting on sidewalks that disrupts entry to business or impedes the flow of foot traffic!	1
Prohibit from lying on lawns except during performances, at public parks, or leaving backpacks and or sleeping bags at Oak Street Plaza and other public parks.	1
Sitting and laying should not be crimes. Regulating smoking and aggressive behavior is valued/important.	1
playing an instrument with a loud speaker and singing; without a permit or assigned concert by the city	1
I think it would be difficult to enforce these rules. I'm not sure what the answer is, maybe educating the public not to give them money? I will occasionally give some of the older guys \$ or food but maybe wrongly think to myself that the younger groups of panhandlers are just lazy.	1
Educate your people. Have compassion for homeless lives. Prohibit ignorance. Stop pandering to the people with money and demand your people show up to do something about the problem rather than masking it so people don't feel uncomfortable.	1

**Responses "Other:"**

**Count**

Start bringing more attention to the real homeless population of our community. The resources and programs we have are amazing but only the disgusting transients get all the press! No one should be allowed to SLEEP in public walkways! What about our disabled community members who use a wheelchair to get around? They need to navigate narrow sidewalks, store patios extended out too far, sandwich board signs AND sleeping people?!?!	1
You don't have enough officers to monitor how long someone has been laying on a sidewalk when you can't even get one to a car accident for an hour.	1
Engage with these people. See if there is a reason they come and sit. Try to include them in the upcoming meeting. It's too much of a "slippery slope," otherwise. What makes THEM sitting on a bench, any different from ME sitting on a bench? In my opinion, they have to be displaying some kind of negative behavior in order for regulation to take place.	1
If a business wants to regulate the sidewalk in front of their store, that business should have to give more to the production and implementation of housing options for the homeless.	1
It sounds like you are looking for excuses to arrest/charge poor people and transient populations rather than help them	1
It depends on the circumstance, if it is the average citizen I would say no, if it is a homeless person or vagrant or someone looking to start trouble, yes	1
If those sitting/lying are not bothering anyone, and the area they are in is clean and not full of trash, I see no need to intervene.	1
The city should deal with people who are behaving in an aggressive manner, without targeting those who are not.	1
Prohibit handing out free meals,homeless gear,free night places to sleep, and free phones, and free vouchers for hotel and uber rides!	1
You cannot ask about regulating without identifying where these people are supposed to go, what the penalties are for breaking the ordinance, etc.	1
prohibit asking for money on sidewalks and at street lights, encourage offering donations to local resources for helping homelessness	1
Is it possible to designate areas of downtown for these activities? Why are these individuals engaged in these behaviors? Are there other issues that could be addressed that would reduce the problem?	1

10. Should the City regulate the use of benches in any of the following ways (exceptions would be made for those who are experiencing a medical emergency; vendors; parades, festival or performance participants; or children in designated play areas):



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
Prohibiting lying on benches	31.0%	702	Sum 2.0
Prohibiting lying on benches for more than an hour	25.5%	579	Max 2.0
Prohibiting sitting on benches for more than four hours	19.8%	448	
Prohibiting sitting on benches for more than an hour	19.1%	432	
Other:	5.3%	121	
No, do not regulate.	47.5%	1,078	
Total		2,268	

Responses "Other:"	Count
Left Blank	2178
2 Hours	1
Address aggressive/argumentative individuals with action, not just \"move along\"	1
Again see above comments.	1
Again, I would rather see a dedicated day-center type space that people could be directed to.	1
Again, these are for visitors use, not for someone to use as a bed or claim as their space.	1
Again- does not seem like a practical solution. Who is going to walk around an enforce this?	1
Allow those with physical imparments such as elderly and people with canes	1
Apprehending and charging smoking ban violators	1
Are you just looking for excuses to arrest poor people?	1
Benches are used for sitting/laying down.	1
Benches should include pianos	1
Between the hours of 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	1
By regulate, like go to jail? Where would they go next?	1
Can be accomplished though bench design with arm rests	1
Defacing landscaping including throwing cigarette butts and needles into city shrub beds, etc.	1
Doing Drugs on the Benches	1
Encourage obviously transient/drunk/stoned folks to move to other locations	1
Enforce smoking ordinance	1
Enforce the smoking ban, please.	1
Enforcing no-smoking ordinances	1
Enforcing these would be a bandaid to the real issue	1
Every day I walk way around look library park bench sleepers!!!	1

Responses "Other:"	Count
Exempt small childre with parents	1
Find some way to find these people homes instead of limiting where they can sit or lay.	1
Holding signs at street corners. Huge distraction to drivers. Dangerous!!	1
Homeless persons are equal to me and should be able to use the benches as such.	1
I would be inclined for the 4 hour timeframe but am not sure it should be a regulation	1
Just let them sleep, they\'re not harming anyone.	1
Like other cities do.. Put armrest in random locations to stop them from laying down.	1
Limited regulation concerning day-time laying on benches, sitting for however long is fine.	1
Loitering on benches	1
Mental health issues	1
More benches please.	1
Need to provide a humane response; ride to shelter for example.	1
No Panhandling.	1
No smoking.	1
No, this is not constitutional	1
Panhandling	1
Panhandling and blocking access to businesses	1
Panhandling, playing for money should stand if allowed?	1
Please don\'t waste police and public resources on exclusionary and bigoted laws.	1
Please install benches that turn into a bed for homeless.	1
Please, sometimes we all get tired and need to rest a bit. There is often no place to do so.	1
Prohibit groups of homeless from congregating downtown.	1
Prohibit laying on a bench for 2 hours, everyone needs a break and rest	1
Prohibit making beds/nesting areas on and around benches	1
Prohibit panhandling	1
Prohibit panhandling from benches.	1
Prohibit panhandling, verbal harassment and public nuisance	1
Prohibit sitting on benches with a panhandling sign or smoking	1
Prohibit sleeping, impose a partial tax on VROs to help fund a homeless prevention fund	1
Prohibiting harassing of the homeless on benches	1
Provide additional support for homeless populations	1

Responses "Other:"	Count
Provide more safe and affordable public housing options for homeless or low-income individuals	1
Regulate ignorance and bigotry in your population by educating people.	1
Repeatedly occupying same block.	1
See earlier concern cited.	1
See my last response :)	1
See note	1
Sitting in groups on sidewalks within 6 feet of any restaurant or outdoor patio.	1
Stop criminalizing homelessness	1
Strongly enforce littering and smoking offenses	1
These ideas will simply push these behaviors elsewhere	1
This is crazy to even consider enforcing such regulations. They will be misused.	1
This seems like it would be hard to enforce and take a lot of resources to do so.	1
Undecided	1
Who will enforce this? No one	1
Why would someone need to sit on a bench for an hour???	1
Would love to suggest time limitations, but concerned about ACLU decision	1
again, disruptive behavior is the issue, not sitting or lying	1
and planter walls	1
camping out	1
enforce smoking bans	1
groups of panhandlers gathering on the sidewalks for periods of time	1
how can you regulate TIME	1
no lying on benches for more than 4 hours	1
no sleeping on benches	1
no smoking no panhandling	1
panhandling activity	1
prohibit big groups around benches all day	1
prohibit homeless	1
prohibit sitting more than 2 hours	1
provide a place(s) for homeless to congregate	1
same as #8	1

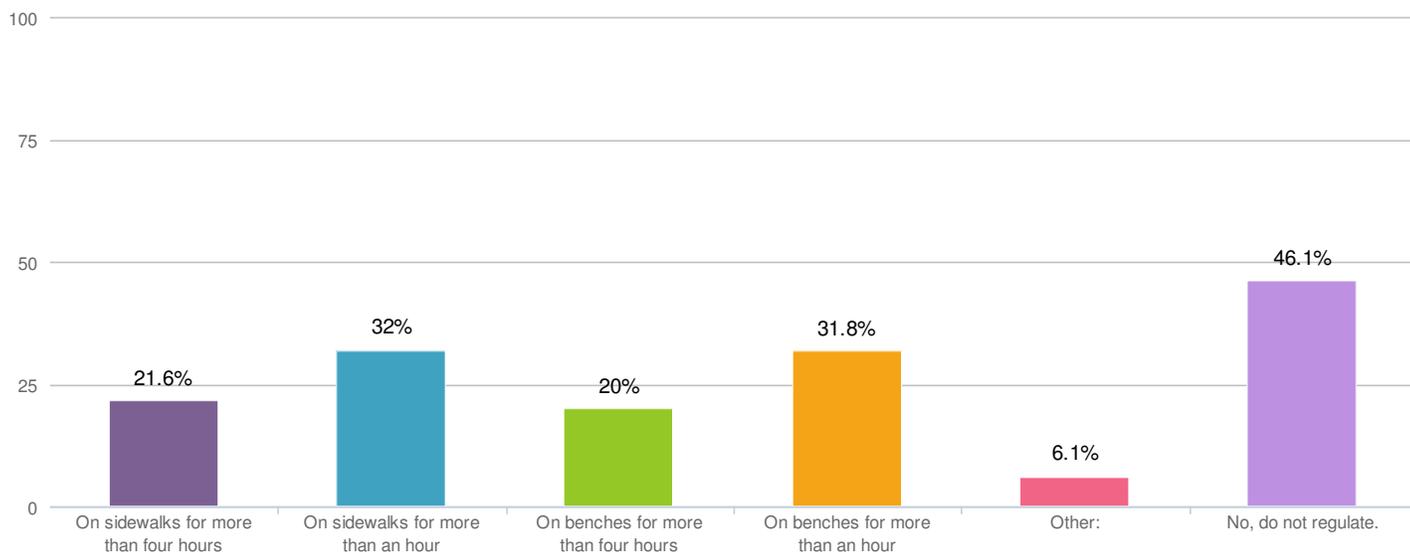
Responses "Other:"	Count
see above	1
signage asking for money	1
smoking	1
stop smoking in public spaces	1
the only person that this would discriminate against is homeless people	1
this will be VERY hard to regulate)	1
undecided	1
Make Fort Collins less desirable for transients. I know multiple families that are looking to leave Fort Collins who don't want their children so exposed to this culture.	1
Prohibit as long as the homeless are given sufficient resources so that it would never be necessary to loiter in Old Town. Criminalizing the behavior will not solve the larger problem of homelessness. Other measures need to be taken to properly address that issue.	1
Again, perhaps the answer is not legislation. I can imagine many legitimate reasons to nap on a bench in old town.	1
It's not that hard to figure out those who are using the benches for their "home" and have them removed if this is habitual behavior! To regulate sitting on a bench for more than an hour is crazy since summer is the time to enjoy sitting outside. How about more areas for families to bring their kids and not worry about all the benches being taken up by persons using them for their "homes"....does it really have to be officially regulated....shouldn't that be happening regardless in order to keep the public free of intimidation, lewd behavior, etc! My little grandkids lay on the benches when enjoying the water area....should they be regulated	1
Again, if a business has a problem, the business should be responsible for the cost it would take to relocate homeless, or otherwise, unsupported individual that would sit on a bench for a long time, to another safe location.	1
ive seen more college kids passed out wasted on benches in old town than I see passed out homeless peopl	1
sitting on benches for more than 15 minutes unless members of their party are shopping in adjacent stores or if on a wait list for restaurants. (excludes caregivers monitoring individuals in designated play areas)	1
Homeless is a product of increasing housing costs in the city of Fort Collins, maybe you should address that?	1
I believe that if the amount of people that are sitting and lying on benches is a problem, measures should be taken to find those people stable places to live and rest, instead of punishing them when they do not have other options. A park bench is not often the first place someone chooses to sleep, it would be most beneficial to get to the root of the problem instead of simply moving it elsewhere.	1
there is a difference in "resting" and coming here to stay permanently without shelter. Get them out. If they don't plan to work and better themselves then don't allow them to bring down this beautiful town.	1
Quit being stupid! They will lay or sit anywhere and policing will not help or stop the problem nor putting them in jail so get to the real reason! It is like feeding bears and they will always stay with fee food etc!	1
you can replace benches with new styles that do not offer a place to lie down and sleep. Many other areas with homeless problems have done this.	1
Take out certain trouble spot benches. Allow citizens arrests. Trade them out for some educated Syrians who would actually value being here.	1
I suppose some time limit is reasonable--but difficult to enforce other than a move on request, not an order.	1

**Responses "Other:"**

**Count**

Once again, this is not a good idea because it is wrong to discriminate against those that are not like you. Losing your home should not mean that they are treated with such disrespect.	1
Setting up camp type areas on public streets to play instruments. Claiming the area or nearby parking spots as theirs	1
Again, what makes THEM doing it, any different from ME doing it. I love to read downtown. I have been known to sit and read in the same area/on the same bench, for extended periods of time. I can't imagine how I would feel if I were approached by someone telling me, \"Your time is up. You are disturbing people by sitting/laying here for so long.\"	1
I mean to battle the homelessness in this city you...destroyed the park where they felt the safest, and just about the only place for them to go? Good job. nah, the park ain't designed to be a homeless shelter, but instead of a parking lot, how about something better?	1
people who are sleeping on sidewalks or in back alleys or doorways need to be given a place to go, not just arrested or fined.	1
In warm weather some people \"lay in the sun\" however, as stated above, generally it is a medical issue, and should be treated as such, not just move along or go to jail.	1
I personally haven't seen sleeping in benches to be a huge problem - but having panhandlers on every single major corner is not pleasant	1
Is it possible to designate areas of downtown for these activities? Why are these individuals engaged in these behaviors? Are there other issues that could be addressed that would reduce the problem?	1

**11. Should the City prohibit placement of personal goods:**



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
On sidewalks for more than four hours	21.6%	489	Sum 23.0
On sidewalks for more than an hour	32.0%	723	StdDev 5.4
On benches for more than four hours	20.0%	451	Max 15.0
On benches for more than an hour	31.8%	718	
Other:	6.1%	137	
Total		2,260	

Value	Percent	Count
No, do not regulate.	46.1%	1,042
Total		2,260

Responses "Other:"	Count
Left Blank	2158
15 minutes	1
2 Hours	1
6-8 hours	1
A day center with lockers.	1
A regulation against personal items blocking pedestrian access to a	1
ANY staged or abandoned object is a potentially dangerous threat.	1
Are you kidding?	1
As long as the personal goods are not dangerous objects they could remain there with the owner.	1
Belongings should never be left unattended	1
Benches and sidewalks are not storage receptacles	1
Cannot have personal property in view of public.	1
Classic Fort Collins.	1
Develop a location for storage	1
Encourage obviously transient/drunk/stoned folks to move to other locations	1
Enforce littering and loitering ordinances	1
Enforce littering violations, smoking violations, etc.	1
Except bicycles	1
From 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	1
I honestly wouldn't care if people were not asking for money	1
In shopping carts	1
Is there a way to monitor without creating regulations?	1
It is called loitering which I remember very well as a teen was not acceptable in Fort Collins...	1
It would depend on if items are disrupting the flow of pedestrian traffice	1
Just moving homeless out of sight does not solve the issue of homelessness.	1
Limit personal belongings to a reasonable small amount; not multiple bags, etc.	1
Limit placement of personal items on sidewalks where they obstruct walkways	1
Maybe 6-8 hours would be more realistic.	1

Responses "Other:"	Count
Needs to be dicernment between homeless and musicians.	1
No bench option should be allowed	1
No personal goods should be left anywhere! Personal goods should be on the person!	1
No unattended personal belongings for any amount of time	1
Not overnight	1
Not sure. How will any of this this be enforced?	1
Not unless homeless have an alternative provided for their possessions	1
Nothing on benches ever	1
Nothing should be left unattended	1
Nothing should be on the sidewalks. They have a circus for these acts that they can join	1
Nothing that is larger than a personnel suitcase	1
On street corners with the sign holding beggers.	1
Only consider putting them in storage if goods are unattended. Do not destroy them.	1
Only if unattended	1
Or how about invest money into more than just two homeless shelters...?	1
Or if blocking the sidewalk	1
Personal goods must be attended at all times	1
Prohibited in or on any public property for more than a minute.	1
Provide affordable and acessible storage lockers	1
Provide lockers or other designated space for homeless folks to store belongings	1
Provide more safe and affordable public housing options for homeless or low-income individuals	1
Provide shelter for homeless	1
Providing housing alternatives.	1
Putting a time on would be a pretty big enforcement hassle.	1
See above and below.	1
See note	1
Should not be used for storage. Should be for sitting su	1
Since 9/11 uynattended items have been confiscated as security theats	1
Soultion here is to provide more secure lockers large enough to accommodate large backpacks	1
Stop criminalizing homelessness	1
Take this on a case to case basis. A blanket rule will not fit all.	1

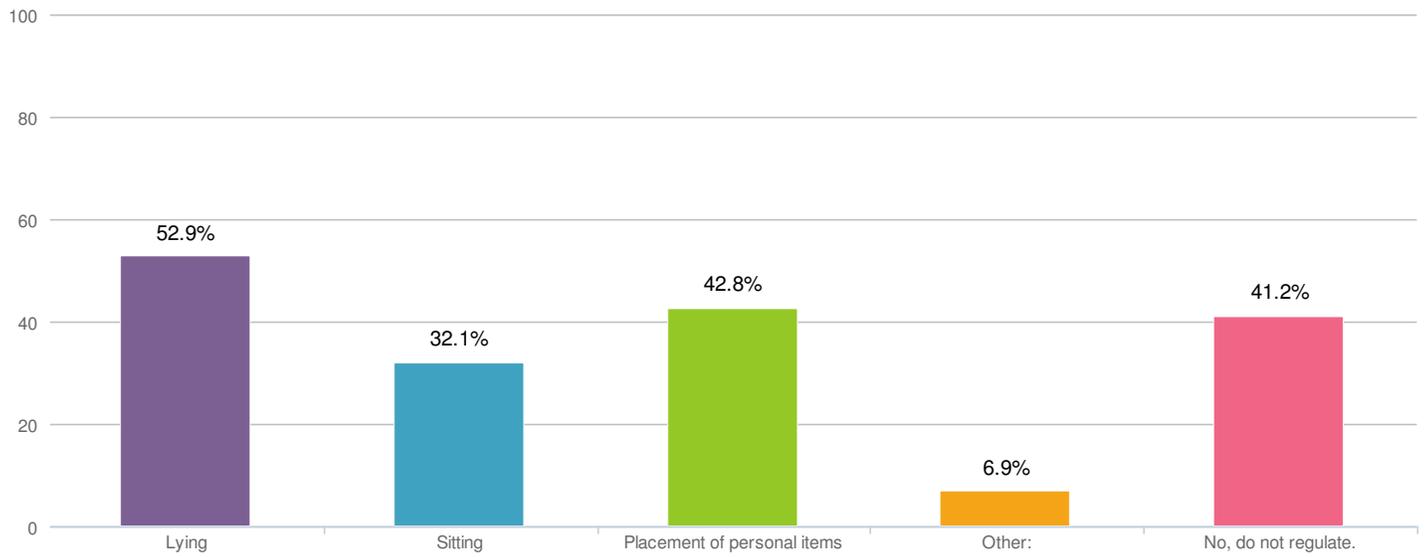
Responses "Other:"	Count
They need a place to put their stuff and to keep it safe. How about some sort of locker system?	1
This idea makes sense as do the time limits...But it seems like they would be hard to enforce	1
This is a basic security measure like they have in airports	1
This seems like it would be hard to enforce and take a lot of resources to do so.	1
Unattended	1
Unattended not allowed safety hazard	1
Undecided	1
Unless it's suspected to be a bomb.	1
What does \"placement of goods\" mean? Unaccompanied items?	1
Why should personal goods be on a walk?	1
Will not fix problem	1
YES, CITY SIDEWALKS ARE NOT A MINI-STORAGE	1
any place, any time.	1
camping out on sidewalks	1
except bicycles	1
get rid of the dirty bums	1
how about not at all	1
never if unattended.	1
no idea	1
no storage of personal goods on sidewalks or benches - recent purchases excluded	1
no trash/paraphernalia	1
on benches 2 hours max	1
only prohibit unattended bags	1
other than parades, festival, performances and children in play area	1
panhandling activity	1
parked cars	1
prohibit completely blocking sidewalk with personal goods	1
prohibit from leaving unattended personal goods for more than an hour.	1
prohibit placement of personal goods, except musical instruments	1
see shopping cart suggestion above	1
simply prohibit them	1

Responses "Other:"	Count
size	1
tax the business, if the business owner has a problem with it.	1
the only thing arresting the homeless will accomplish is nothing, except a bed for a night.	1
the police don't control the streets	1
unattended	2
undecidedd	1
you cannot be a homeless person and loiter in old town at all	1
If you give homeless people safe storage for their belongings it's an important step to rehabilitation.	1
Personal goods on sidewalks inhibit their use by mobility impaired citizens. Personal goods do not belong on the sidewalk.	1
(PROHIBIT, if they are unclean, show intoxication of signs of drug use, not a permanent resident tax payer), (ALLOW, If they live here and pay taxes and are clean)	1
uncertain how you regulate, but it is definitely a given that the homeless have taken over downtown	1
It's completely absurd to leave your personal items in public areas. Even when I have a stroller downtown and need to go into a store I make realistic accommodations so that my property doesn't inconvenience anyone.	1
I have seen people with very large tents set up in oak street plaza during the day and even seen a portable propane heater in front of Austins grill with flames coming out the top. This should not be allowed.	1
just like at airports or schools there should be no unattended bags, boxes, or the like for safety	1
Yes. Many people come downtown and this is not very welcoming when benches are full of stuff and somebody...plus also on sidewalk.	1
find a way to provide lockers or other storage options. rentals can be used by visitors, and given passes for those in need.	1
Concerned that if personal goods placement is restricted, it will show up in neighborhood alleyways.	1
Set up a storage area at the shelter. Anything left after 30 days will be destroyed. Carry what they need and store the rest.	1
personal good should not be allowed to obstruct a walkway for more than 10 minutes (enough time to allow deliveries, photography, and similar)	1
Why does anyone need to put personal property on sidewalks or benches in the first place? This is a security risk and possible health hazard. I've been homeless before, I stayed with a coworker because I had no family, I know times get hard, I've even had to ask for public assistance, but I don't believe in anyone thinking they can lay claim to public places in Larimer County. We have plenty of resources to help people who want it. If you don't want it than move on. You don't have a right to scare taxpayers out of public places!	1
Stashed personal goods may be taken and thrown away...ie in alley, by dumpsters, behind buildings, Library Park, Eastside Park gazebo, etc	1
This seems like a safety concern. At airports and other public transportation hubs this is not allowed.	1
provide free, accessible and safe space for homeless to store items. Restrict to a small backpack when they are around town.	1
What about people who park bikes or have stuff with their bikes? Could easily be more than 4 hours if they are working.	1

**Responses "Other:"****Count**

It is frustrating when people use public space to store all their personal belongings so I would like to sit on a bench but only if you make sure the homeless can have their things with them somewhere else nereby	1
Where would they put their stuff? If we're prohibiting it, seems like there needs to be an alternative for these individuals.	1
Just be careful crafting the law. Make sure to specifically targets the transients. Do not be circumspect. I have many times been back packing, traveling through Europe, central America, Asia, and had to wait a day for a train, or flight. Let's be explicit about what the law is for.	1
Again, not sure. It is a shame that benches aren't available for people who just want to hang out and eat their ice cream or people watch because some of these groups are intimidating.	1
Depends on the circumstance!! Homeless/transient is different from the norm and should not be hard to figure out and deal with appropriately, are you really wanting to stop regular people from going downtown??	1
people who are sleeping on sidewalks or in back alleys or doorways need to be given a place to go, not just arrested or fined.	1
Of course there are exceptions to my opinion of this because there is security risks to leaving bags unattended, but overall, this is still discrimination against certain individuals and it is irresponsible to act this way towards these people	1
Install lockers or places people can "check" the only things they own and that their very lives may depend on.	1
There needs to be a lockable place made available for an individual to secure his/her belongings so they don't have to store them on the city streets or sidewalks	1
On both for more than 15 minutes unless members of their party are shopping or dining. (excludes caregivers monitoring individuals in designated play areas)	1
Personal goods should never be left unattended in public places. Think about what a backpack did in Boston.	1
Again, I have - what my friends call - a "baby snatching purse." If the authorities approached me because I got up to drink from a water fountain and left my purse... I would probably have an issue.	1
In public places like airports, no unattended items are allowed. I believe that should be true in public spaces. Large piles of personal goods that remain attended are difficult to prohibit.	1
depends on the amount of stuff; if a shopping cart full that makes people move around it in single file it should not remain stationary for even an hour blocking traffic.	1
Should prohibit unattended property no matter the time limit. Should also prohibit personal goods taking up space for other people	1
What are other cities doing? Why is Fort Collins attractive to homeless people? Do we need to address root causes?	1
If you are homeless, where would you place your goods? I think that just so long as their stuff is not a fall hazard, they need to put it down someplace. Enforcement is still as issue.	1
Is this question referring to personal belongings on a sidewalk or bench without the owner? Shouldn't it be like an airport? If the owner is not with the personal belongings, contact the authorities.	1
Prohibit personal goods on benches with the exception of purses/diaper bags/briefcases/etc and shopping bags/purchases from retailers/vendors	1

12. Should the City prohibit any of the following on planters:



Value	Percent	Count
Lying	52.9%	1,182
Sitting	32.1%	717
Placement of personal items	42.8%	955
Other:	6.9%	155
No, do not regulate.	41.2%	921
Total		2,234

Responses "Other:"	Count
Left Blank	2141
All of the above all of the time	1
All of the above flowers and plants should be left alone	1
All of the above. Going downtown for enjoyment used to be just that, \"enjoyable\"	1
All of these, but, as above, for more than 1 hour	1
All should respect and enjoy the beauty of the planters and not deface or trample them.	1
All, for extended time periods	1
All..planters are for plants.	1
Allowing your pets to live in and destroy planters.	1
Any behavior which damages planters or contents.	1
BE the progressive awesome little colorado town I thought I moved to.	1
But it must apply to ALL, even shoppers and diners	1
Climbing in them or sitting items that destroy plant material	1

<b>Responses "Other:"</b>	<b>Count</b>
Damage to planters	1
Damaging the planter or flowers should be a ticket	1
Depends on size and style as far as sitting on them.	1
Don't use as cigarette trays	1
Dumping cigarettes.	1
Encourage obviously transient/drunk/stoned folks to move to other locations	1
Enforce smoking, drinking ordinance	1
For more than a hour	1
For more than one hour.	1
Get rid of the planters in road right of way.	1
Groups hanging together who appear to be street people are very frightening.	1
I don't think people should sit in them, but on the edge seems reasonable.	1
I don't want our plants and irrigation equipment to get messed up.	1
I would say prohibit only if on the plants	1
If people are sitting on planters, build more benches/seating.	1
If planters refers to the flower/garden areas downtown then yes, regulate.	1
In planters, yes—because actually destructive. On planters, no.	1
Is this even necessary?	1
Just don't ruin the flowers	1
Keep your litter out of our planters!	1
Limited regulation on day-time use, night use should be available.	1
Litter, trash	1
Littering and smoking	1
Littering in planters	1
Littering in planters, including cigarette butts!	1
Littering should be prohibited	1
Need to discern, if the reason is homeless, provide a humane response; ride to shelter.	1
No fine for first time offense.	1
No lying, no sitting over 1 hr, no personal items over 1 hr.	1
No removing plants	1
Only cigarette butts	1

<b>Responses "Other:"</b>	<b>Count</b>
Only if it is causing some damage	1
Only if items would damage plants. When planters are empty, do not regulate.	1
People should not be allowed to sit or lie or place anything on planters.	1
Planters are do not touch.	1
Planters are for plants!	1
Planters are for plants....and our planter boxes are magnificent.	1
Planters need to be protected!	1
Planters?	1
Planting of boring ass ornamental plants and chemical pesticides which decimate bee population.	1
Prevent people from damaging plant life and smoking around the planters.	1
Prohibit drunk color kids from puking in planters every night.	1
Prohibit littering in/on planters	1
Prohibit panhandling.	1
Prohibit sleeping in the plubic restrooms	1
Prohibit sleeping, puking, and discharging of human waste on/in planters.	1
Provide more sitting space so inappropriate alternative location is not chosen	1
Provide places to rest.	1
Provide shelter for homeless	1
Regulation is important, but not litigation.	1
Same	1
Same people on same corners or weeks even months at a time.	1
Same regulations as benches and sidewalks.	1
See above and below.	1
See note	1
Sitting for long periods of time	1
Sitting more than an hour	1
Sitting on planters for more than a few minutes	1
Spend less on plants and put money on other needed items	1
Standing on them, yelling at people passing by	1
Stop criminalizing homelessness	1
Storage of personal items for 24+ hours	1

Responses "Other:"	Count
There are already destruction of public property ordinances for that	1
They aren't trash cans.	1
Time restrictions, such as 4 hour limit.	1
Trampling, defacing, defecating, urinating, littering in planters	1
Undecided	1
Urinating	3
Urinating, dumping trash	1
Urinating. Don't we have 24 hour bathrooms that's in controversy right now?	1
Using them as trash bins	1
We value our nature in the city and it should be protected accordingly	1
Why is acceptable to use expensive tax dollar planters(which are awesome) as someones furniture?	1
Yeah but not unless it's for more than an hour.	1
Yes, all of the above, for more than an hour	1
Yes, but only for time periods greater than 3+ hours	1
Yes, if you mean the small planters. The beauty of old town is what makes it appealing!	1
all plant damaging activities should be prohibited.	1
any behavior that harms the plants	1
as long as the plant isn't damaged objects should be allowed.	1
because plants can die if this happens	1
cigarette butt disposal!	1
cigarette butts	2
destruction of plants or using as trash cans	1
don't affect the foliage	1
enforce smoking ban	1
for similar time frames one hour or more.	1
get rid of the bums	1
just get rid of the homeless loitering	1
limit time but don't prohibit	1
litter and grafitti	1
not more than 1 hour	1
panhandling activity	1

Responses "Other:"	Count
placement of personal items for more than one half hour	1
placement of personal items in the planters.	1
planters are not make for lying and sitting.	1
pouring liquids or vomit	1
prohibit people from damaging planters and the plants in them	1
protect the environment!	1
put max time limit for all 3 of the above activities - 1 hour.	1
send the bums to Boulder	1
sitting for long periods of time	1
sitting for more than one hour	1
spike the edge of planters	1
this makes sense to regulate damage to city property	1
trash	1
urinating	1
urinating or defecating in planters	1
urinating.	1
using as toilets	1
vandalism	1
walking, dancing in planters	1
I believe this damages public, tax funded property. INdividuals should not be able to damage public property without implications.	1
I think the environment should be protected, but as I have commented before, we shouldn't discriminate against those who are different from the standard (white and wealthy)	1
(PROHIBIT, if they are unclean, show intoxication of signs of drug use, not a permanent resident tax payer), (ALLOW, If they live here and pay taxes and are clean)	1
If people are sitting, laying on planters, that tells me there needs to be more available sitting areas so planters aren't an option...seems logical solution	1
All of the above, as none of these \"uses\" is the intended function of the planters. Could damage both plants and planters.	1
Put them to work or a one way ticket out of town like Denver did in the 70's shipping them to harvest farm north of Wellington	1
Just as you can't leave luggage unattended for security reasons people shouldn't leave their personal belongings wherever want.	1
I believe these should be regulated like the others, if the lying/sitting/placing of personal items is over an hour or more.	1
I do not know what the answers are. It seems wrong to make laws targeted at one group of people.	1

Responses "Other:"	Count
Prohibit personal items to be placed inside planters. Planter retaining walls: keep same regulations as that of benches.	1
no sitting, standing, lying or storage on planters - redesign to assist prohibitions; regulation then not needed	1
Planters are for shrubs and flowers--living things. Any of the behaviors described destroy (and are costly to replace) the annual plants.	1
Slippery slope. I want to say yes, but I don't want more laws about this. I'm posed at the homeless wrecking our planters.	1
Sitting for any length of time except while waiting for someone actually doing business/shopping/eating downtown	1
Yes, especially during the growing season. It is one thing to sit on a bench or sidewalk. But to sit on a planter, with flowers growing, seems more like "destruction of property," which should not be tolerated.	1
Honestly, why ask this question? A planter is not for sitting on, laying on or placement of anyone's personal belongings....complete prohibition of all of the above.	1
I can't say I've ever seen this. If the planters or plants are in danger of being damaged, then I might support something depending on how it's implemented.	1
people who are sleeping on sidewalks or in back alleys or doorways need to be given a place to go, not just arrested or fined.	1
Again, if the issue is our homeless population...providing mental health and homeless services would be a better alternative.	1
Spend money used on lavish water sucking planters and hanging baskets on respites for our local homeless population	1
If behavior damages public property then it should be regulated. City should make planters with trees/flowers/etc. that can't be a place for lying and sitting.	1
sitting for more than 15 minutes unless members of the party are shopping in adjacent stores or on a wait list for restaurants.	1
There shouldn't be a consequence as serious as jailing or a hefty fine for lying or sitting on the planters. However I don't think that this behavior should be just passed by. That means that we should come up with a better solution that doesn't involve potential (and almost inevitable) discrimination towards people who are homeless.	1

13. Please provide any additional comments you may have regarding the Downtown Shared Spaces:

Count	Response
1	#MAGA
1	-
1	Address the real problem, transits who come into Fort Collins that are looking for a hand out.
1	After years of dealing with this issue I avoid downtown as much as I can
1	All individuals have a place and right downtown unless they are doing something truly illegal.
1	Altogether I think Fort Collins does a marvelous job, as do the local police. Thank you.
1	An ordinance is Absolutely Needed, else we will lose our downtown! City Counsel must act on this!
1	Aren't the benches and such there to use?
1	Ban all marijuana sales within 1 mile of downtown.
1	Because of the problems, I tend to avoid going to Old Town.

**Count Response**

1	Benches, by definition, are for sitting...not lying down
1	Build tiny houses for homeless
1	Clean it up!!!! or me and my business are out
1	Close College to traffic in old town to make a pedestrian mall.
1	Community building is the solution to these problems, not classist regulation
1	Consider removing public benches
1	Criminalizing sitting is not going to solve the problem of homelessness.
1	Cruising enforcement needed
1	Develop municipal support for homeless facilities and affordable housing.
1	Didn't the city try something like this and get sued by the ACLU? Good luck.
1	Do NOT criminalize homelessness or day time loitering in public areas!!
1	Do not regulate
1	Do not regulate.
1	Do not regulate.
1	Do not turn our wonderful Old Town into a police state.
1	Do stop the homeless
1	Don't be so easy on public intox
1	Don't criminalize homelessness. Offer solutions instead.
1	Don't give them food and they will leave
1	Don't pay around \$150,000 for 3 reserved jail cells, spend the money helping people instead.
1	Downtown Fort Collins and Jefferson Park should be open to everyone; no regulations!
1	Downtown should be safe and welcoming for the public.
1	Encourage citizens to hand out food and water to pan handlers and quit giving them money.
1	Enforce laws for public intoxication, illegal drug use, and aggressive behavior.
1	Enforce the smoking law for downtown spaces! Write tickets to those who don't follow the law!
1	Every transient that has engaged with me has been courteous or polite.
1	Find a better space for the rescue mission. Work on funding for mental health.
1	Find another way to address this population of people.
1	Get over yourself Fort Collins... rich white people... I swear
1	Get rid of all of em
1	Get rid of panhandling

**Count Response**

1	Get rid of solicitors at crossroads please
1	Get rid of the beggars and the staggering drunks
1	Get rid of the hobos
1	Get the homeless shelter out of downtown!! It is ruining out most precious Oldtown!!
1	Giving tickets to the homeless will just worsen their situation.
1	Groups sitting and begging for money.
1	Have an outreach person working the corners
1	Have more cops patrolling at night
1	Help the poor and mentally ill. By kicking them around doesn't solve anything.
1	Help!!! I want my kids to play outside again!!!'
1	Homeless people deserve a place to rest if they like. Don't be cruel to them.
1	Homelessness is not a crime. Homes not handcuffs.
1	I am ashamed to see this proposal in my community. We can do better than this.
1	I am beginning to avoid downtown. Such a same to see our great town ruined.
1	I am moving away from the Dalzell Alley after 13 years because of the transient issues.
1	I am really concerned about the traveling population that is tarnishing our sparkling downtown.
1	I am starting to avoid downtown for all of theses reasons plus parking
1	I believe in the rights of individuals but not when it interferes with other people's rights.
1	I care only about disallowing harrassing or intimidating behavior.
1	I defiantly have mixed feelings on this
1	I do not feel safe in that area alone or at night even with my husband due to being followed
1	I do not go downtown anymore, the harassment just isn't worth it.
1	I do not go downtown as much as I use to due to the transient problems.
1	I do not go downtown very much any more because of the begging of the homeless
1	I don't bring my kids downtown or spend money downtown because of these behaviors.
1	I don't frequent the downtown area much anymore because of the panhandlers and rude transients.
1	I don't know the answers to solve these concerns, but this does not seem like the way.
1	I don't think it is right to regulate how long someone can sit somewhere
1	I have experienced more problems with drunken idiots than I ever have with the homeless.
1	I have not encountered a problem with shared spaces. This looks like a vagrancy survey.
1	I left UGA to retire here. Same problem but police finally got rid of these drifters.

**Count Response**

1	I often avoid downtown because I feel intimidated by the homeless people.
1	I think we need to beef up enforcement of the no smoking ordinance as well.
1	I think you have been trying to fix the problem and are headed in the right direction.
1	I want Fort Collins to be welcoming and supportive of ALL people.
1	I wish the city would be more aggressive in terms of solving these problems.
1	I would appreciate if there were more frequent ticket checks on the Max bus to/from downtown.
1	I would pay to ship the bums to Boulder...
1	I'd rather walk in New York City than Fort Collins.
1	I'll be protesting if these proposed laws are made
1	I'm getting to the point I don't feel safe bringing my child downtown - and that's not right.
1	If homeless people bother you then provide them a safe place to be.
1	In general, I have not had any issues visiting downtown.
1	Increase police presence.
1	It does not feel safe anymore-please help
1	It doesn't seem that bad, the people sitting/lying down don't bother me
1	It is a shared space, all should be welcome.
1	It is getting out of control!
1	It would be nice if someone would enforce the no smoking ordinances.
1	It wouldn't be so bad if there weren't so many of them and they actually bathed
1	It's a public space and should be used as such by everyone
1	It's kind of obvious the problem is the increasing homeless population.
1	Keep downtown clean so, everyone feels safe and can enjoy themselves.
1	Leave the homeless people alone!
1	Let the Police do their jobs.
1	Let them camp in lee Martinez park.
1	Let's be compassionate...have some walking police that help people on trouble
1	Let's help people in need instead of penalizing them.
1	Let's make certain we are treating everyone like a human.
1	Let's spend money and resources helping the homeless not criminalizing them
1	Like Denver buy the homeless bus tickets out of town.
1	Look forward to area returning to previous version.

**Count Response**

1	Make panhandling illegal.
1	More music events later at night for residents lift the noise ordinance at 10 pm. Make later
1	More police presence.
1	Most people are cordial when greeted.
1	Much better than it was a couple years ago in the core of downtown.
1	My most feared issue is sexual harassment and assault.
1	N/A
1	N/a
1	Na
1	Need to find a way to assist homeless, not fight against them.
1	No smoking are in downtown is silly!
1	Not a fun experience anymore.
1	Nothing needs regulated downtown is always a pleasant experience.
1	Outlaw panhandling
1	Overall Downtown Fort Collins is great. Huge improvements in the last decade.
1	Panhandlers should not be allowed to approach people to ask for money.
1	Panhandling is getting excessive and aggressive. I avoid old town at night for this reason.
1	Parking is one of the biggest problems.
1	Please continue efforts to provide shelter for the homeless, especially families with children.
1	Please crack down on smoking/vaping
1	Please do not criminalize homelessness!!!!
1	Please do not criminalize homelessness. This is not helpful.
1	Please do not criminalize people experiencing homelessness
1	Please do not make life harder for our homeless population. They aren't hurting anyone.
1	Please do something about the loud trucks
1	Please don't make it harder for the homeless, they struggle enough
1	Please don't make things harder on the homeless
1	Please help the homeless in some other way.
1	Please leave them alone. They aren't hurting anyone.
1	Please spend your money on other items outside of hallway monitoring people sitting on a bench.
1	Positive redirection of these activities would be preferable.

**Count Response**

1	Prohibit obstructing the sidewalk (with bike, trailer, cart, etc) for more than 1 hour.
1	Prohibit panhandlers from ft Collins
1	Prohibit panhandling of any kind
1	Prove food to homeless. Give out warm socks. Be a city with courageous love.
1	Provide an area that is welcoming to the homeless where they can hang out.
1	Provide means of housing and care for folks that are causing this concern.
1	Provide shelter, space and rooms in a common area for gathering near downtown area
1	Providing free deodorant would be lovely. ;D
1	Real options need to be provided for the homeless if we restrict activities on main city streets.
1	Regulate sitting or lying on sidewalk in front of or near a business entrance.
1	Save our downtown 😊
1	Shared spaces are not storage spaces, and resting should be moved to Parks.
1	Singing for money in close proximity to outdoor dining patio's
1	Some of these proposed restrictions seem ridiculous.
1	Stop being fascists. What ever happened to freedom?
1	Stop criminalizing homelessness.
1	Such regulations likely will be challenged by the ACLU and will be discriminatory in nature.
1	Take video or still photos of chronic offenders.
1	Thank you for taking issue with this.
1	Thank you for trying to keep out downtown safe and friendly to visit.
1	Thank you for trying to make downtown a safer environment.
1	Thank you for trying to resolve this sensitive situation...
1	Thanks for addressing this.
1	Thanks for controlling the negativity in our City .
1	Thanks!
1	The city should provide a safe place for homeless people to be
1	The city should support it's most needy populations, not criminalize their way of surviving.
1	The downtown area felt safer just 2 years ago.
1	The downtown businesses should stop trying to turn our town into a sanitized police state.
1	The drunken behaviors have typically been college aged individuals NOT those who are homeless.
1	The focus needs to be on solutions/housing for homeless people, not additional rules

**Count Response**

1	The homeless people in Old Town rule; please ban dipshit LuluLemon yuppies from the area tho
1	The situation has deteriorated seriously since we moved here in 2013.
1	The transient problem is becoming ridiculous.
1	The vagrant problem is ruining the gem of our city.
1	The way this survey was phrased is so aggressively bias. I am so disappointed in the city.
1	There is no problem..
1	There must be better solutions than harassing those facing tough times. Please try harder.
1	There should no be any level of tolerance for this behaviour
1	These laws seem to targeted the poor. Are these regulations a form of discrimination?
1	These proposed ordinances are a clear attempt to target the homeless and are discriminatory.
1	These regulations do not address the issue of homelessness, and are therefore pointless.
1	This is such a tough issue to address and I appreciate you trying to do something.
1	This is unconstitutional. Do not waste resources criminalizing homelessness.
1	This isn't who we are.
1	This ordinance is vital to the health of our downtown.
1	This problem is getting worse and worse. Something needs to be done about this problem.
1	This survey is ridiculous and criminalizing homelessness is not a solution.
1	To those who don't want regulations: offer your house/yard!
1	Watch They need to do this <a href="https://youtu.be/smKHDhZ-G5g">https://youtu.be/smKHDhZ-G5g</a> .
1	We enjoy coming to old town less and less. Tired of it!
1	We enjoy going downtown. A big deterrent is the lack of handicapped spaces.
1	We have to consider these issues city-wide, not just in Old Town.
1	We need real solution for our homeless citizens. These are not real solutions.
1	We need regulation before people avoid thedowntown area.
1	We need to invest in social sustainability services, not make sitting illegal.
1	We pay taxes here, get those who do not and are disrupting business/progress out!
1	Why don't you spend time on real issues? Seriously.
1	Why is the city making new laws when they don't even enforce the no smoking laws?
1	Work on rehabilitation services, not punishments
1	Would large public lockers help or harm?
1	You should have to have a permit to sell stuff from the street

**Count Response**

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1	all regulations should come with reasonable exception of course...
1	maybe consider moving the Mission to another location.
1	please enforce cigarette smoking ban in no smoking zones
1	prohibit loitering
1	provide services that assist not punish
1	strongly enforce laws, help homeless and disabled, remove transients from the city
1	the aclu has gone too far, tax paying citizens have rights, too.
1	Downtown should foster a place for people in all walks of life. The main population who sits, lays and leaves their belongings for longer than an hour are the homeless population. Inevitably, there are going to be folks who are not as readily wired for this harsh economy. Living without comfort of personal space along with support of community is traumatizing physically and mentally. I think allowing people who are having a rough time to be a part of the town is crucial for their propulsion. To allow these folks physical space to sit and lay is also crucial to give them them emotional space to rest and grow. It would be far wiser to invest this money into affordable housing. (It really isn't difficult to build a village of tiny houses on the outskirts of town. I know many people who would volunteer. At least providing a fenced area with a water spicket where people can camp that is protected, rather than harassed, by law enforcement seems realistic.) Anyways, let's be a city of actual compassion who fosters growth in all people, not just the ones who fits the exclusive mold of our culture.
1	Please do not place an undue burden on the members of our community that are already the most vulnerable. You say you have a heart. Show it.
1	See previous comments. I don't lean toward any political affiliation and I certainly don't believe in ignoring our citizens who are down on their luck, but unfortunately opening the doorway for panhandling and loitering in downtown has led to the development of a few bad apples ruining the experience for everyone on both sides. If there were a way to legislate solely against those particular transients/homeless that would be wonderful, but we all know that is not the reality, and ultimately I want the experience for my family and any friends or family coming to town to be an enjoyable one. I do believe in providing community-based resources for people in these unfortunate situations and I do believe that Fort Collins and Larimer county already do a very good job of that, so I do not think it is too much to ask to keep our downtown areas secure and clean to the best of our abilities.
1	If the city feels the needs to push the homeless and low income families out of the "public eye" there needs to be other options established for assistance. The hometown feel of Fort Collins is no longer present. My family has been here for 75 years + and now feel that the city is focused on bringing tourism and cater to the college and higher income individuals.
1	Please move the trouble out of town. My kids don't like going to the library anymore because we have seen drunk transients fighting, yelling, begging, etc. so many times we don't go as often as we use to.
1	If you are looking to create criminals within the homeless population by making these unbelievably cruel ordinances enforceable - shame on you. Public spaces are just that - public. If a homeless person wants to sit and share that public space with me, then by all means, that is his right. If he breaks laws against littering, harassment, or urinating in public, THEN the police should step in. If you are truly concerned about improving the downtown experience for everyone, including the homeless population, then you should make resources available for them. The only real shared space rule I wish that we could have would be to ban smoking in the public areas.
1	Regulations on homeless cruel. I do not trust how regulations are enforced. It's extremely negative way to deal with homelessness.
1	"Shared spaces" should be just that--shared. While I may have a place to go during the day, others do not and they should not be targeted by this type of regulation.

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**Count Response**

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- 1 Making all of these things against the law just creates an atmosphere of the police state. I understand that people are scared of people who look dirty, but that doesn't mean the people who have less should be punished for it. As long as people aren't harrassing or intimidating others I don't see it as reasonable to force them to move.
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- 1 I think this is a good idea, if I want to sit on a planter I doubt i will sit more than an hour. I think it will help regulate a homeless element.
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- 1 I do not want to see our town become a hostile place for those experiencing homelessness!! This is a heartless and inhumane proposal. I have had very few bad experiences with individuals passing time/sleeping on the sidewalks and benches downtown, and it seems insane to ban them from using this space. Obviously the emphasis should be on creating spaces for those experiencing homelessness to shelter in, but if they choose to be in our public spaces they have just as much right to it as any of us do.
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- 1 Generally I don't have too much contact. Some are funny when trying to get you attention but others when in larger groups get intimidating
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- 1 This proposed legislation specifically targets the most marginalized people in our society: the homeless. You cannot outlaw their very existence. You are only making their lives even harder to be lived. A high percentage of these folks suffer from mental illnesses and have no resources to provide for them or social support to aid them, which is why they are forced to live outside. These proposed laws are outrageous and should not even be considered, let alone passed. Haven't these people suffered enough? To pass such laws would be absolutely unethical and the few of us who actually care about these humans will not turn a blind eye if you are to pass these outrageous laws.
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- 1 As it states above, these are shared spaces. I have no issue with people utilizing them for extended periods of time, especially those who have no other options. While language is intentionally vague, we know these regulations are meant to deter homeless and other vulnerable people from utilizing the shared community space. Pushing people to the margins of society because it's uncomfortable for people to see the realities of economic and social hardship is not a real solution to the problem of homelessness. The existence of homelessness in our society is our crime as a community, not the crime of those who experience it.
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- 1 Sitting and lying on the sidewalks should not impede foot traffic. There should designated areas for sitting and lying around downtown.
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- 1 Police services are adequate for regulating unruly individuals, whether transient, homeless, drunk, obnoxious, and/or aggressive. Further regulations appear discriminatory. What is important to note is that individuals who are obnoxious, aggressive, and/or drunk are not always homeless or transient. As such, the proposed regulations are a prima facie case of discrimination against people who may not be cosmetically desirable to the City of Fort Collins, leaving the City vulnerable to legal challenges. Furthermore, they are a step in the wrong direction. It does not bode well for the City's image, and serves to attract an exclusionary citizenry, well-heeled, or not. Furthermore, these proposed regulations make it appear as if the City wishes to benefit from economic inequality, but not its consequences. We should be leaders in this area, not shunning or banning those who struggle, but embracing them, supporting and uplifting them. Such policies are presently creating great divisiveness in the country. Let's rise above that in the name of an equitable America. One obvious suggestion would be a downtown community police officer beat. Similar to the Fire Department, who are often seen dining in local restaurants and are friendly, FCPD has more an air of an occupying military force. The relationship between the citizenry and law enforcement is tenuous nationwide and to some degree, at the local level, especially with the recent investigations into department-wide racial and ethnic discrimination. Such an effort, making for a non-militarized, non-confrontational peace officer-type presence in old town would go a long way in many different areas, I believe. With that said, please deny the passage of these discriminatory regulations, and devote (y)our hard-earned resources to more altruistic programs, such as a FCPD Peace Officer (on foot) beat, whose specific purpose is to engage the community in a non-confrontational, non-militarized way. Let's turn the tide, Fort Collins leadership.
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- 1 These proposed regulations are clearly aimed at homeless and transient individuals. The lengths to which this city will go to persecute these individuals at the behest of businesses is immensely disheartening. Should the city persist in this matter I will actively avoid downtown businesses and advise friends and family to do the same.
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- 1 I spend significantly less time Downtown because of these issues; I will find more pleasant places to spend my time. I also feel that the measures being suggested are anemic.
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**Count Response**

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1	To resolve our homeless problem, we need to provide homes. If people need places to rest, stay for several hours, we need to provide real spaces for that, including public rest rooms that are always open. If people think this is such an overwhelming problem, we, as citizens, need to authorize funding for social workers to help these people, to direct them to our physical services, cars for transportation, etc. Not police.
1	I have answered the questions as I see them being reasonable. However, I STRONGLY disagree with the jail time and or proposed fines for any of these activities! What is reasonable is for an officer of the law to simply ask the offending individual to refrain from the activity.
1	i am a proud memeber of the Fort Collins community and believe the people this would effect most are also proud members of OUR community. I love Fort Collins because it puts its people first; this action would not do so. If this goes through I will refrain from shopping down town and will take my business elsewhere. TheSe funds can be used to provide these people with stable housing and work situations, therefore fixing the problem not just covering it up. THIS IS ABSURD
1	Clearly this survey is about the homeless population in downtown Fort Collins. As a Fort Collins citizen, I would much rather put our efforts into improving affordable housing and providing safe options for the homeless that work for everyone.
1	While doing some regulation is fine, the real problem, homelessness, won't be solved. Above all, I'd rather see the city funnel money into helping people find homes and jobs and help them get of the streets. Also, money towards drug recovery programs and helping people who suffer from mental illness.
1	Don't waste city money on monitoring these things. Instead, spend it on helping the people who have the need to occupy these spaces. Affordable housing! Homeless rehabilitation programs! Detox center! Day-time work centers!
1	Create space for the homeless, create affordable housing, higher capacity and safer shelters and maybe this wouldn't be an issue.
1	I know it's a complex issue and I'm glad you're investigating it. There's lots of places where someone can sit or lie down instead of downtown. Homeless folks are downtown because it benefits them (i.e.: thru receiving food or money). If it didn't benefit them, they'd be somewhere else. Can we find ways that don't reinforce the behavior in the first place?
1	I have felt threatened on many occasions by aggressive panhandlers. It's very sad to have such a beautiful downtown area and not be able to enjoy as much as we should!
1	The city needs to provide a place for people like this. In other parts of the world there are places for displaced people to hang out. Provide a friendly space that is not obstructing downtown businesses but is downtown.
1	I believe that if the city starts enforcing a "Sit/Lie ban" it could lead to a violation of civil rights and a slippery slope of oppressing human rights.
1	I am a local Realtor in the community and regularly hear complaints from biz owners and clients about feeling uncomfortable in Old Town with the homeless population all over the place. I know people that won't even support businesses near Linden because they don't feel comfortable.
1	Leave homeless people alone and allow them to live their lives comfortably. These suggested restrictions are clearly very discriminatory and therefore I cannot support them in any way.
1	This is a push poll. You are asking very specific questions while ignoring the larger issues. People should be allowed to exist in public places without harassment to the extent they aren't causing harm to others or the built environment. Target individual troublemakers, rather than punish all for the actions of a few.
1	Do not criminalize homelessness! Ordinances restricting these types of behaviors do nothing to solve the underlying issue of transience and homelessness and often just serve to put individuals in such situations in worse off conditions or deeper into poverty.
1	Until we have enough local facilities to help the homeless/ transients there should be no regulations. Where are they supposed to go? Groups of college students, teenagers, drunk adults should be broken up and sent safely home.

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**Count Response**

1	Transients and beggars with their trash should not be allowed regardless of any ACLU actions. They detract from a nice clean area that families enjoy.
1	If there are issues with people sitting on the sidewalk, PROVIDE MORE BENCHES. If there are issues with people carrying many belongings, PROVIDE LOCKERS. I would be willing to pay taxes to pay for these things.
1	Very tired of the panhandlers and the homeless yelling at us when we are downtown. Not sure why there is not a no loitering law in downtown and the area's around it.
1	Don't be intimidated. Other cities have cleaned up and become safer, nicer places to visit. Even NYC was able to make their city nice for visitors. Panhandlers and transients contribute nothing to our community. We don't owe them a place to sleep in plain view.
1	This is just another cruel and unnecessary tactic to further criminalize homelessness. Fuck you FoCo. We will fight this!
1	These are very strict regulations you are proposing, implying Fort Collins is not a welcoming place. The world is not sterile and all pleasant and neither are our cities. What alternatives are you proposing for lying, sitting, and putting personal items?
1	I don't go to Boulder by myself anymore because it's filthy, planters smell like urine, and I don't feel safe. I don't want Fort Collins to become this same kind of place. It's a darling downtown area and the city, in general, has become more and more of a haven for transients, drug users, and homeless. By choice or otherwise, it's a drain on our community, it diminishes property values, and it is unnecessary. There ARE places for truly homeless to go and we need to be compassionate for those who truly cannot work, etc. but more firmly enforce standards that, when abused, violate the rights of everyone else. We are catering to a small number of people, in general, compared to a population of taxpayers doing the 'right' thing.
1	If you want to solve a problem with homelessness, outlawing behaviors associated with homelessness will only shift the problems to another area. Homelessness is not a crime but regulations like these are a veiled attempt to do just that. Addressing much needed affordable housing and services for the poor is a better use of city resources rather than spending more money to police fairly benign behaviors. Many homeless provide our streets with ongoing music and/or talent that might be affected by the referenced restrictions. Our public areas are to be enjoyed by "the public" which includes those who may not have another place to spend their time. Public intoxication doesn't seem to be an issue if it is perpetrated by frat boys and sorority girls but if it's a bearded dude who doesn't have access to a shower it would become a crime if we begin targeting individuals who are otherwise peaceful. Again, if you want to address the problem of alcoholism then the city could focus it's energy on the underlying cause, and essentially, alcoholism is a mental health problem which can be treated with medication.
1	I hope the city can find other measures that do not target or discriminate an already vulnerable population. If there is some people that do express a sense of unsafety, maybe panic buttons will help them feel safe.
1	When benches are being occupied by a homeless population using them as housing it completely takes away from the tourism of the city, and makes those features paid for by taxes unusable by tax payers. Make the homeless and transient population use the resources put out for them.
1	People have a right to sit or lay where they want in public spaces for as long as they want. Don't regulate. I sit downtown often on the benches or planters (for over an hour at a time) eating or drinking coffee and people-watching, is this just not an issue because I'm as 23-year old college student? Don't regulate the benches and sidewalks because it's obviously discriminatory against a certain group of people (PEOPLE). Let's try fixing the underlying problem instead of just putting a bandaid on it. Homelessness is a problem in fort collins and we can't just ignore it.
1	I would like to see a specific area in downtown where such activities as those above are NOT regulated. Perhaps off of College but very accessible.
1	I dont have much of problem if folks loiter about, but the panhandeling is out of control, we are a generous town with resourse, if these transient/homeless folks are that hard up they should be directed to the mission or the food bank. If they return they should be discouraged by the authorities. It doesnt make us not progressive, it allows us to stand up and not be taken advantage of

**Count Response**

1	Homeless people are not the disturbance. Drunk college kids are. Crack down on public drunkenness in the area and it would be MUCH more pleasant!
1	I for one am happy to share these spaces with anybody. That includes the homeless, who are generally respectful and undistruptive. Let us treat them with kindness.
1	Mixed feelings about this. Yes it would be nice to exert more regulation but at the cost of what and to whom - ultimately.
1	for the last 3 years I feel the homeless problem has gotten way out of control! daily I hear from our clients about 1 situation or another regarding this problem. Something needs to happen soon or we will loose the appeal of coming to Old Town
1	The need to balance rights of all people needs to be balanced with the needs of the community to act as a cohesive unit. A method to get homeless people off the street needs to be developed as a companion project to any regulation of homelessness.
1	Tired of be hassled by people seeking signatures too! Thank you for addressing this blight on our community!
1	The closure of public restrooms to the public is a large challenge to parents with small children, tourists and a negative pressure on shop owners downtown.
1	this is not about the city protesting, its in response to citizens wanting something done because it is a problem all the time not just once in a while.
1	I don't think criminalizing lying or sitting in public places is the way to deal with homeless or transient individuals. We need to provide more and effective services to help people attain the stability they need. I realize some may not choose to take advantage of a service at a given time, but unless they are harassing people, littering, etc. it feels unfair to criminalize them simply taking up space in a public space.
1	I would ask that you would put yourself in the shoes of the homeless community. It's easy to say that someone shouldn't be allowed to sit on the sidewalk when you have a place to go and sit, but what if you didn't? Where could you rest?
1	Address the actual issue of homelessness and transients, don't just ban the symptoms. If Fort Collins is a true progressive city and a roll model for other cities it touts to be, don't implement the failed polices of Boulder or Denver. Actually propose some new ideas and policies. Banning the above behaviors will only put an already vulnerable minority/ community members at further disadvantage and just white was the problem. If the city does ban said activities, they should at a minimum provide other support services and step up investment in those areas, like affordable housing and social support.
1	Criminalizing homelessness is not the answer to solving it. Please do not pass these regulations regarding people/belongings on benches and sidewalks.
1	Unfortunately, the influx of these behaviors has diminished downtown and had a negative impact on the family-friendly vibe that brought us to Fort Collins.
1	prohibit from sitting/lying in common areas (fountain area) prohibit disruptive behavior and intoxication
1	I am sorry it has come to this in our lovely city. Please put laws into place and regulate them! Don't fold to the ACLU! Stand up for the rights of our tax paying citizens. (We have plenty of programs for the truly homeless who do need and deserve our help.) This is about lawless transients who commit crimes against the law abiding citizens of our city. Also, please keep the transients out of our detention center, it is not cost effective for the tax payers!
1	Fort Collins is a great place to live and to visit. Eliminating "unwanted" behaviors can keep it that way.

**Count Response**

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1	We now live in Loveland but used to live in Fort Collins. We always have enjoyed going downtown Fort Collins. It is a very unique area not only for the city but also for the region and state. It is being ruined by the tolerance of homeless and transient people who are increasingly attracted to the area. My wife and I do not go downtown nearly as much due to the panhandling and loitering by the homeless and transients. We are sympathetic to the homeless of the area that have not made the choice of their circumstances and are trying to get back on their feet again. We are also sympathetic to people with mental and emotional issues who can not get the help that they need. We were very disappointed in the lack of support for increased mental facilities on last years ballot. It is sorely needed. We are not supportive of the homeless/transients who choose to be in their situation year after year with little or no attempt to seek employment or improve their lives. That is of course their right to choose but we do not feel that it should be the Fort Collins, Larimer County or Colorado taxpayers duties to support their chosen lifestyle in our communities without a concerted effort on their part to improve themselves and to become contributing members of our society and law abiding citizens of the community. Their presence is one of convenience not one of contribution and is damaging to the retailers, quality of life for the residents and visitors as well as the city itself. We feel that a concerted effort should be made to help and guide the truly homeless of our communities and the mentally/emotionally handicapped to get them back on their feet again. The transients and those who prefer the continual lifestyle of panhandling, breaking laws and lying around our communities month after month should be discouraged from making Fort Collins a long term stop on their travels.
1	Transient was trolling me, I don't know why, he must have been having a bad day. Wanted to fight me. It was really hard for me to walk away, but I did. Don't need that kind of drama while I'm downtown.
1	Continue to promote presence of shelters downtown. Allow catholic charities and the Fort Collins mission to remain where they are.
1	This wont address the problem of poverty in fort collins. Pretending it doesn't exist won't solve anything. In addition, those that are causing disturbances in old town are drunk college kids.
1	There is no problem here and these regulations would disproportionately target disadvantaged people.
1	By criminalizing homelessness, substance abuse, and mental illness Fort Collins would be further forcing people into poverty and revolving door relationships with the criminal justice system. Rather than protecting capital (people's willingness to spend money and time downtown) protect the people of the city by providing care, housing, and social services to residents that are struggling, rather than punishing them for "disrupting"
1	I think that prohibiting the amount of time people can sit on a bench is avoiding the real problem. If people are "laying" and "sitting" around town too much, then shouldn't we improve programs that help the homeless instead of banning those without homes? Examples could be: expanding homeless shelter, increase programs that help with addiction etc. Fort Collins shouldn't discriminate based on class, we're a more caring city than that.
1	My family has been avoiding downtown for some time due to the folks who are obviously transient and harassing others
1	Some people misbehave in Old Town. That includes college students, locals, tourists, and some individuals in the homeless community. Let's not blame the homeless for the infractions of a few.
1	Though we do need to exercise compassion for those less fortunate, I have witnessed certain areas & businesses get less traffic as a direct result of "camp outs." Additionally, due certain groups of people doing this at the same areas on a daily basis, the benches, planters, other common shared spaces are unavailable for others who may wish to use them. Often, when these areas are vacated, a tremendous amount of litter is left behind, detracting from the Downtown area.
1	This is not an issue of homelessness. It is an behavioral issue that diminishes the Downtown experience and keeps people from patronizing Downtown businesses. Long-time customers tell me that things have changed in the last few years regarding people living on the streets. They now feel unsafe because they are aggressively approached and sworn at while attempting to walk on the sidewalk. They are not uncomfortable with the homeless population, but are intimidated by large groups with dogs and possessions sprawled out in public spaces.
1	Shared spaces are public and unless a person is vomiting all over other people in the street they should be left to experience their leisure time however they choose.

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**Count Response**

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1	Shame for even thinking of limiting time in public spaces. If the community has a problem, address the problem, don't just hide the problem
1	None of the behaviors I have encountered have diminished my downtown experience and I resent the bias shown in this survey as it was stated as if those behaviors have diminished my experience. I find the human condition such that it is part of humanity. Frankly the snobbish behavior of some people bother me, as those privileged in our community should no better. Our struggling members of the community should also no better than to behave poorly but somehow I have more empathy.
1	I think the whole issue is overblown. Yes, there are some inappropriate behaviors that occur downtown and really around all of Fort Collins. However, in my experience the vast majority of the time the behaviors are being exhibited by people who are not homeless yet the proposals are clearly targeting the homeless. While there are bad elements within any group, including those experiencing homelessness, it seems unconscionable to punish an entire group of vulnerable and suffering people because of the actions of a very small minority.
1	DO NOT REGULATE THIS! This is discriminatory and unnecessary and only serves to further criminalize those experiencing homelessness. Instead, direct efforts in ways that are helpful - affordable housing, shelters, assistance with jobs, ect.
1	The time limit seems almost impossible to enforce. So someone lays down for an hour, walks around the block and then can lay down for another hour? Seems like this is an all or nothing situation.
1	I understand that there is a homeless issue in Fort Collins, but where do you suppose they will go when you kick them off of the sidewalks & benches?! Absolutely ridiculous! Build affordable housing, stop blaming service providers, and stop criminalizing homelessness!! Try to fix the problem instead of getting rid of the homeless!!
1	I sympathize with everyone's need to be SOMEPLACE, and to the degree that it doesn't adversely affect other people, would like to see lenient policies in place. 4 hours seems like a pretty lenient length of time for anyone to sit or lie in a public thoroughfare. A park seems like a more appropriate place to rest during the day. It would be great if there was a shelter that accommodated people during the day. But violent or antisocial (drunken, drugged, or aggressive) behavior should not be allowed.
1	due to high level on UNaffordable housing individuals are forced on the streets, they're not hurting anyone they are just trying to live. if the individual is sitting on the bench because (s)he is homeless and you kick him/her off the bench and gets hit by a car trying to walk across the street the blood is on the elected officials hands. This city is their's just as much as it is ours'. Loitering or aggressive behavior should be addressed on a case to case basis but don't kick someone off the streets that got their by not being able to afford a place to sleep that night. Shelters can only do so much.
1	I am originally from one of the major metropolitan areas in the country and the issues Fort Collins has downtown are bad. Especially considering the size of the town. I would never have worried about going out downtown in Houston. You don't get harassed there, but you do here. The city has a challenge on its hands to resolve the problems. I live on the south side of town and hardly anyone I know goes there because they don't want to deal with the people.
1	Seeing groups of people gathered on sidewalks downtown does not diminish my experience. I am aware that great economic chasms exist in this town, and the folks who are there because homeless are folks who deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. They must have somewhere to sit and lay down and have their belongings. I would prefer it is somewhere safe and convenient for accessing toilets, food and companionship, like the Downtown area, rather than pushed out of town or to less visible places. My concern is for the welfare and well-being of our richly diverse homeless population, not for what our downtown area looks like. A human being sitting on the sidewalk is not unsightly, it is unjust. My senses are not victims, they are. The city's sit/lie ban is discriminatory! Abandon it now.
1	Perhaps the city could build a permanent outdoor fenced-in space in one of the downtown allies where homeless people could place their belongings for safe keeping while they were out and about during the day.
1	I tend to spend as little time possible downtown walking around with my wife because I feel uneasy or pressured to give away money several times in one trip. I would likely visit more stores and stay longer, making an evening of it if i felt safer. Now, i just go to the restaurant and get out quickly.

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**Count Response**

1	The homeless population needs services and support to prevent this type of behavior, not a regulation to make it illegal. Give them options, not jail time which would likely come at a higher cost to the city.
1	I agree that homelessness is a very important issue that needs to be addressed; however, I would love to see efforts go towards reducing homelessness, assisting individuals who are experiencing homelessness, and working towards housing the homeless. Kicking them out of a public space is not only demoralizing to the individual, but also leads to increased tension between the individual and law enforcement. This reduces the chances of all parties working together for the best of the community. Thank you for addressing such an important issue in our community!
1	I cannot believe the city of fort collins is wasting everyone's time by even entertaining this.
1	This seems aimed solely to make the lives of homeless people more difficult and miserable. I am not bothered by homeless people's presence in this city.
1	I feel the only way to enact real change to downtown is through a plan (and education about said plan) that does not harm our homeless population, we should be actively engaged in assisting this population with the goal of ending homelessness. However, downtown is not the place for this population to reside, plenty of cities and municipalities regulate this behavior away from their main attractions and force it to the perimeters. Plenty of people will still walk by on their way to and from downtown, but the homeless living outside establishments or essentially renting a bench for a day detracts from the usefulness of downtown and the draw of people. The U will always supply drinking destinations with plenty of patrons, regardless of these issues we discuss today, so we should work to weight opinions appropriately. Again though, knowing this town, we will not see or be in favor of change that appears to not damage the homeless population. Thorough explanation to those who need it should be carried out that the goal is to disburse and move this population, not harm them, additionally I think this would garner more support if we included a few provisions to assist that population in any bill or regulation we enact. Furthermore we should officially make the distinction between homeless and transient, there is a group we as Fort Collins residents need to be concerned with and a group that is better left to the state and above since they won't be in this city long.
1	Enforce dog license laws. Many transients have unlicensed, sick and dangerous dogs with them. Residents have a hard time walking around these dogs.
1	Thank you for cracking down on this. It has gotten bad. Every out of town guest I've had recently has commented on how it seems worse than on their previous visits. Please also enforce the smoking ban.
1	We make it TOO comfortable (services/freebies) for the free loaders. They should be given some options. Those unwilling to work (pick up trash, clean and wash the downtown sidewalks, etc) should be directed to other towns offering better benefits.
1	We have to ask ourselves, "where will the homeless go if we prohibit lying and sitting in the City." This is not a solution to homelessness; it will only foster bad relations between the homeless and law enforcement. More homeless housing opportunities like Redtail Ponds will help the homeless.
1	Tax dollars should not go in to paying additional employees to regulate simple human actions. I am downtown everyday and have never felt threatened by aggressive behavior unless it is the drunk students coming out of the bars. It would most definitely not be coming from the people who are sitting or lying down. I am failing to see how aggression is a justifiable cause for this proposal, people who are resting pose no threat to the community. People fall in tough times and Colorado's working homeless is on the rise, the shelters are over crowded. I have hired quite a few of the men who rely on the shelter for housing but with the strict rules, some could not keep their jobs through our company because of the early times the shelters would require them to be back by. This rule seems as if you are targeting people who have fallen on hard times and are less fortunate. Employing and enforcing the ban would also bring up issues and cost the city more money when paying for the enforcing officers and the court costs of the many I am assuming would be fighting these tickets.
1	Downtown has always been a nice area. It is getting to the point that it is not worth the hassle with the transient population. In addition, it takes away the appeal and friendliness of the downtown area.
1	Please spend the money and time creating acceptable shelter and counseling instead of pushing the disenfranchised out. Our privilege doesn't have to make us terrible humans.
1	Most of the intoxicated or impaired behavior I see in old town are from college kids, not the transient population.

**Count Response**

1	These proposed regulations are transparently criminalizing homelessness and more time should be spent solving the problem, not sending the homeless to jail, which is expensive
1	Suggestion: Institute programs to help rather than punish people who are currently homeless. Ideas: Provide lockers or storage facilities and a day shelter.
1	I fully support regulating the downtown area. This used to be a fabulous area for families. It is no longer a place I will take my kids. I don't even like going down there. I used to go to old town at least every couple of weeks. Now I only visit once or twice a year. This makes me sad for the city of Fort Collins.
1	I am a liberal business owner and do not want to infringe on another person's rights to be in a public place. That being said, my ability to drive through an alley, keep trash and people off my property, people sleeping/camping in the alley, dealing with customer complaints about the people they have to navigate through to get to my business are reaching critical mass. Respect is being shown to "transients" or whatever the correct label is, but it is most definitely not being shown by most of these groups back to the business owners. We are in for another, long, frustrating, and economically threatened summer if we can't come up with some ways to curb behavior that is destructive to people's enjoyment of the down town area. Please, please, please help!
1	Downtown needs to remain vibrant and transients are a real threat to that. Move services for transients out to I-25 to encourage them to gather there. Tax payers/parents should have a voice in this discussion too without being made to feel selfish or intimidated. Those of us who have lived here for so long (in my case >30 yrs) have helped to build this city and we don't want to loose the special place that is Old Town especially as North College, river corridor etc. are being spruced up.
1	I suggest you research how Las Vegas handled this problem. From what I understand they leased the sidewalk directly outside each business for \$1/year. This eliminated to "public property" argument from the ACLU as it was now "private property"
1	This is an insane way to continue to criminalize the homeless population. Give them more tickets that they can't afford to pay and then send them to jail because they havent paid the fines. Give them a nice criminal record so that all of the property managers can decline them due to their criminal background. This isn't solving the REAL problem and you're wasting your efforts. Maybe we could create some more affordable housing instead and actually do something to solve the problem longer term.
1	Address the problem NOT the appearance of the problem. Our city council has not effectively worked to resolve the homelessness "issue" in Fort Collins. Consider that 2 sitting councilmembers were previously the FC mayor and the problem was theirs to address then. Still unresolved.
1	I think it is inhuman to tell people they cannot use these spaces. I do wish there was of a presence on every major corner where the homeless crews congregate / take over in order to panhandle. You're definitely not stopping to sit in those areas - and feel pressure to give money throughout your downtown stay
1	We pay money in taxes for upkeep of Downtown Shares Spaces. These transients and their animals do not. They get no say in the matter when they are defacing and devaluing public property. It's gotten better but summers are still awful. Keep up the good work. If they are uncomfortable enough they will move on.
1	It a tough situation we as a city face. While you don't want to impinge on peoples rights, you have to do something to protect the right to enjoy downtown. While I have compassion for the homeless, I feel a large majority of them in fort collins right now are not trying to better their situation and are doing this more as a lifestyle. I don't know the answer, but I do know I don't like taking my 5 year old downtown that much due to some of the concerns listed above.
1	Lift the smoking ban. The ban was passed by the city council, not the people of Fort Collins. Everyone knows that it was a terrible attempt to criminalize homelessness downtown. Now it is denying smokers that work downtown the freedom to enjoy their breaks as they see fit.
1	I've never been bothered by panhandlers or other homeless people in downtown. They are not aggressive and they do not deserve to be treated like criminals. Are you really going to stand and count how many hours they are sitting in benches?! Just the thought of this survey angers me.

**Count Response**

1	Good luck. I don't think it is the vast majority of the homeless causing the problem but the transients who enjoy being altered and causi
1	If the personal items and lying on benches prohibits other guests of old town from utilizing benches, it would be nice to see some sort of human "time limit" enforcement, perhaps similar to public computer use like we have in the public library system. How to enforce that, I have no idea. Just a thought.
1	Please help the downtown area! The homeless individuals need to be pushed out. They don't need to be laying around downtown.
1	Do not criminalize homelessness. Drunken college kids are a much worse public threat and nuisance than the homeless/transient population.
1	Focus on safety. Sidewalks should not be blocked, benches are for resting, planters are for plants.
1	The behaviors you describe are part of being in an urban environment. I would rather the city put resources into helping the homeless than try to regulate them out of OldTown. I find this whole idea very elitist and distasteful.
1	I would like to see a downtown cleanup initiative. The litter on sidewalks and streets all in and around downtown is out of control.
1	I don't hardly go downtown any longer due to aggressive pan handling behaviors. Do not feel safe
1	For me the last couple of years seems to have really went downhill due to negative behaviors displayed by people. My family and I used to enjoy going out for dinner but because of the recent issues we have witnessed we no longer feel that it is a family atmosphere, and at times not safe. In talking to other friends who have families, it sounds like their are others who feel this way as well.
1	most homeless people are not dangerous, however, I don't want to bring my kids farther than the fountain in case violent interactions with homeless (not with me, but with themselves) happen.
1	Homelessness is a serious issue that needs to be more creatively and conscientiously dealt with. There are homeless all across our country and I do not want them to be made less visible for our comfort. The city/state needs to follow the leads of other communities and try some bold measures to address the needs of these human beings whose lives seem very different from those of the majority.
1	The only times I have been harassed in downtown FoCo is by drunk college kids, never by any homeless individuals. It think the very thinly veiled attempt to discriminate against homeless people is a disgusting waste of city time and resources.
1	This is about as logical as when Arizona State University banned tobacco products across campus. It is just not realistic to have people walk a block or two, then cross the street to smoke a cigarette. As you can imagine, it didnt happen. Same logic here. How about our police officers focus on violence, domestic abuse, and in general things that actually matter?
1	Being forced to acknowledge that not all people have homes is the right kind of disruption, and not the kind that can be solved by simply forcing them to go "somewhere else" in their homelessness. Let's focus our energy and our taxpayer money on poverty intervention, mental health and addiction services, job opportunities, and housing accessibility instead of starting a stopwatch every time someone sits down on a sidewalk or a bench.
1	As Fort Collins becomes a developer's wealthy dream community-we need to accept that the homeless/transient folks will increase in number. Money to help these folks needs to spent on services rather than jail days.
1	I feel that if that something needs to be done about the increase in homeless in old town. however, I don't want to displace these people if they have no place to go or no money. I feel like before a ban goes into place, a safe and sustainable relocation of the population needs to happen.

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1	Perhaps there should be more engagement with the transient population (understandably a difficult task) and/or city provided spaces that offer a bit more freedom rather than restriction. As a taxpayer, I think we should be doing more to provide safe spaces for EVERYONE, not just the more privileged of our residents who are uncomfortable sharing space with people who are living under difficult circumstances.
1	I have lived in a visited many downtown areas which have been spoiled by the behaviors addressed in this survey. If left unchecked they worsen. One of the reasons I prefer Fort Collins ( to places like Boulder for example) and chose to move here is because our City does not tolerate these behaviors; at least it didn't in the past. Let's not allow Fort Collins to degrade to become another "Boulder or San Francisco" type of city that attracts and tolerates homelessness, drunkenness, panhandling, public urination, etc. I fully support regulating these behaviors and am encouraged that our great city is addressing the matter!
1	Don't regulate the "shared" in shared spaces. While people are frequently sitting or lying down, it has never been an inconvenience or problem in any way for me.
1	I do not like the idea of more regulations, but I have seen a decline in the overall atmosphere of old-town and the fact that it does not feel safe and welcoming when you have to navigate a bunch of drunk, boisterous groups of people. I become even more infuriated and worried when my daughter comes home from work in old town (she works at a boutique) which does not close very late and has felt the need to call FCPD because she feels unsafe. I am very worried when there are 20 vagrants hanging outside her place of business and she has to close work alone. I do appreciate and she has said this as well, the FCPD because they are always more than willing to come and escort her. I believe their (FCPD) has had their hands ties with dealing with these groups because unless they are overt then the PD can't do anything, but these people are shrewd when PD is present. Thank you for putting this survey out to the public, it is a very timely subject.
1	I think it's great that the city is exploring new ways to deal with the transient problem. I do wish more was done several years ago when this first started though. I remember less than 10 years ago never seeing homeless or transients in old town and I do hope it goes back to that some day. I'm not opposed to providing assistance to those who truly need it, but I am opposed to supporting a lifestyle that does nothing but take from their host communities.
1	This looks like it is geared toward homeless/vagrants. I do not believe they should be allowed to "camp out" downtown.
1	I find it appalling that the city is considering such a marginalizing action. On a much smaller scale (but equally important), it reminds me of Trump's ban on Muslims.
1	I think regulating any of these behaviors in an official capacity would do more harm than good, and I question the use of public funds for something like this. I believe we could put those funds to better use by implementing a sort of "ambassador" program to help these individuals find the assistance they need and/or help them move along. I also think increasing the amount and variety of shelters in the area would be more beneficial to our community.
1	Any funding thought to be put toward these regulations should be put toward helping connect homeless people with shelters and places that can help them improve their quality of life. The homeless population should be assisted, rather than forced further out of society so they can be ignored.
1	We already have city code regulations in place to deal with disruptive or intimidating behavior. The things that people without housing do (lying or resting in public, having more possessions than can fit in a back pack) will be targeted by this ordinance. We need remedies such as housing, storage lockers, more services for people with alcohol and drug addictions, mental health facilities, not criminalize the symptoms of these societal problems.
1	We used to go downtown almost every weekend and sometimes during the week for dinner. Now we do go as often because it is a nuisance to be harassed for money and have entrances/sidewalks blocked. It doesn't feel as safe as it used to.
1	This problem makes us avoid old town--and for a town of this size the problem is very bad. They take over all benches, appear intoxicated, and have dogs sprawled out in the sidewalk. This is due to legalization of marijuana!!
1	Kick them out of town. My tax dollars pay for councils salary yet they do nothing. The majority of the homeless downtown aren't looking to better their situation. Their career squatters and need to move on or prove they are looking for work so they can become citizens who contribute as well.

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**Count Response**

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1	My main concern lies in the decision to regulate someone's behavior based on an assumption and passing judgement. A person may be sitting or lying in a space for different reasons, not necessarily because they are homeless. Even if so, what does prohibition then mean? Legal ramifications do not aid the community in any way but rather harm individuals already living in potentially difficult circumstances. Furthermore, it increases an unwarranted power of police, which again does not serve an inclusive community. Monitoring aggressive and/or unhealthy behavior also must be separated distinctly from peaceful use of space. Instead of investing in excess policing I call for spending in stronger inclusion and assistance programming to help get people off the streets in a lasting manner for greatest long-term impact (provide housing etc. see other city planning option such as Salt Lake etc).
1	The solution to homelessness is not to regulate where they can be and how long they can be here. If you're going to take measures to decrease the number of homeless human beings downtown, do something to help them get back on their feet. It's already embarrassing enough for them to have to be there in public and beg, it's not like that's what they prefer to do. They're human beings, please don't disconnect that.
1	I fear that these regulations target our homeless population. Homelessness is not a crime and neither is utilizing shared public space. Instead of regulating benches, I would love to see our city support affordable housing programs and other programs that help the homeless rather than criminalize them. Thank you for seeking community input on this matter.
1	We need compassion for these local homeless or traveling through people. If it makes a few people uncomfortable, they need to know it is the reality of our times and we need to help not prosecute them.
1	The proposed regulations would simply lead to arbitrary enforcement by law enforcement and unfair targeting of our homeless population. The city should devote more resources to providing the homeless with help and alternative places to be rather than spending its time creating these type of meaningless regulations that are sure to result in discriminatory enforcement.
1	The homeless issue is not going to go away. Could the city of Fort Collins investigate what has worked in other cities, i.e. Boulder, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, which have homeless populations but where the homeless and transients don't seem to overrun the streets as they have and are doing here?
1	Criminalizing normal behavior for the sake of pushing people away from Old Town will have that effect on all people, not simply the homeless or transient people that this ordinance is directed at.
1	Aggressively and visibly enforce existing loitering, smoking, and defacing ordinances, and expand the reach and scope of them
1	Having worked in downtown Denver for the past decade I think Fort Collins is over reacting to the issues described. I prefer to live in an inclusive community rather than a gated community that sterilizes its environment for the comfort of others. I've experienced more inappropriate behavior from drunken college kids than the homeless or drifters.
1	Keep public spaces PUBLIC, for EVERYONE! The city and the police need to focus on cracking down on activities/behaviors that are actually harmful. Criminalizing homelessness is not an effective use of time, money, or resources!
1	Find organizations that can help. Don't be cold-hearted jerks. Isn't there enough of that in this world? Duh.
1	Fight poverty and homelessness with solutions rather than punitive punishment. May I remind you that the sometimes destructive, scary, damaging, and even deadly behavior of the thousands of consumers out drinking every weekend is far worse than anything anyone has ever done while sleeping on a bench.
1	I understand the plight of being homeless and that these people are in need. Many of these folks need mental health care and have no means of receiving the help they need. However I would not send a child downtown on their own or to the library. I would like to see more police foot patrol presence in the downtown area on a daily basis. I know the jail is overwhelmed with transients-a greater police presence would get the word out. Fort Collins isn't the place to linger.
1	It's ridiculous that the city is thinking about banning people from "sitting too long". This will disproportionately target those experiencing homelessness and it's DISCRIMINATION. Instead, we need to focus our energy and funding on more shelters and/or permanent supportive housing projects.
1	Lying down on the sidewalk is the only problem. Plenty of other people sit or lay down on benches and in grassy areas to rest or just enjoy the day.

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**Count Response**

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1	Yes, the vagrancy issue is a small problem, but only as disruptive as the college kids who use downtown as a personal playground at night. I have more of an issue with those of means mistreating our town, than those in need finding a place to rest. There is no easy solution for this, and the city has already been doing a great job (important to acknowledge progress)!
1	the city should not have the right to tell people where they can sit as long as they are not creating a disturbance
1	I would like to see less homeless people on the streets but they need somewhere to go. We certainly should not be harassing them or penalizing them for their misfortune.
1	Why is the city having to ask these questions. Are they so out of touch that they do not know right from wrong. The city should be taking care of the tax paying citizens and business not catering to homeless who are here taking advantage of the freebies given to them.
1	We make a lot fewer trips patronizing down town because it has become more unpleasant, obstructive, and unappealing for family members and friends that are visiting us. When we have visitors, we go to other down towns.
1	Criminalizing people for not having a place to sleep/live is wrong. It's a way for the system to keep these people down instead of helping them get the resources they need. Fort Collins needs to be better than these oppressive politics!
1	The city should not regulate sidewalk behavior in any way. This is an obvious and disgusting attempt at further criminalizing homelessness and trying to push away a problem rather than solve it.
1	By trying to hide our transients we are perpetuating the idea that we don't have those problems. I have come across many an educated citizen who have a 'Disney-esque' view of our town, that it is perfect with no poverty or problems. I have even encountered police officers who deny that we have certain crimes here. I am not sure of solutions because I don't understand the root of the problem. Who are the people we are trying to push out? Are they amenable to solutions to their issues? Do they have addictions that need to be addressed? I do know that just pushing them out solves nothing. I also know that keeping them out of Old Town only moves the problems elsewhere and will we then have restrictive ordinances city wide and how will they be enforced? Already, the number of people pan-handling in south Fort Collins, along the Mason corridor, has increased since the building of the homeless apartments south of Harmony. This is a city problem not a downtown only problem.
1	One reason we moved here is because we liked the new smoking regulations. There was too much smoking in Loveland and made it difficult to enjoy downtown events. Every time we are in downtown Fort Collins there is someone smoking and we have never seen anyone be asked to stop.
1	This is not the solution to the homeless problem. The problem is the affordable housing shortage. Invest in low income housing and it will help!!!
1	I own a business downtown and live in Old Town so I am downtown at least 6 days a week and the homeless problem has become detrimental to my business and downtown in general. My wife and kids have been aggressively panhandled and they have seen and heard intoxicated behavior in the middle of the day. Time for it to stop.
1	Invest in long term programs to benefit these individuals rather than trying to "sweep" them out of downtown. Criminalizing the homeless isn't going to do anything to solve the problem. This isn't Disney Land, people work and live here. I would also like to see designated smoking areas in safe, well lit places set up. I work down here and the closest legal spot for me to smoke is not safe as a young women alone. And sneaking into dark alleys is no safer.
1	I know the trucks and Subaru's are not a sidewalk issue, but I would like to see more enforcement on those people causing noise disturbances, excess exhaust, and speeding through a place where people are walking through the streets all the time. They mostly do it Friday and Saturday nights, and I think because there are so many of them they use that to their advantage, but they are causing so much noise and making the streets so unsafe its ridiculous.
1	Everybody needs to sit and lie down. Just because some people are not fortunate enough to have a place to go during the day does not mean they should be penalized.

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**Count Response**

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1	I do not own a business downtown, but I do own a business in mid-town (where I see my fair share of homeless and transient people hanging around). I find it appalling that the City of Fort Collins would even consider this sort of regulation. What an embarrassment for our city. We have many needs as a community, including additional resources to help lift up our homeless/transient/mentally ill neighbors. Regulating our sidewalks and benches is not one of them. Shameful.
1	I work downtown and am harassed frequently. Many times I'm asked for my takeout food as I'm headed to my office. I'm very worried about my safety. I have to walk by large groups of men, some of whom stare at me while I walk by, some of whom have yelled at me, others who have made comments that made me worry for my safety. When I have to walk through the alley between a Tony's and Stuff to get to work and there's either somebody passed out or a group of men hanging out there I have to make the decision of whether I'm late to work because I have to walk around the block, or if I'm going to walk through them--they reek of pot and alcohol. Even some of the men I work with have told me about out right aggressive behavior. So while I want everyone to be treated with compassion, I want to feel safe in the area where I work.
1	I believe pan-handling should be prohibited or educate the public regarding how giving money to pan-handlers encourages this behavior instead of encouraging to get a hand up and seek services to find housing and jobs, health care, etc. If possible, do a study where a tracing device is placed in bills handed to pan-handlers to see where it is spent....liquor, marijuana, other drugs, junk food....maybe then people will understand that it is not helpful to give panhandlers money.
1	Do not sign an IGA with the county about jail beds! Stop criminalizing people who are homeless or who are extremely poor. I don't think people lying on a bench or the sidewalk in Old Town is a problem. We have laws already prohibiting urination, defecation, littering, blocking doorways, or blocking sidewalks. Please don't pass more laws. Use the money for lockers, more day shelters, more housing. We can do better than this.
1	Do not regulate it or anything else without having a plan for them. Your only idea to push out the people with low income or homeless problems just proves the higher class and specifically YOU don't like the "negative view" and discriminates against anyone and those that have a current financial problem. Fix the problem, don't just criminalize it to make the higher class happy.
1	Please do something about the transient population. I do not like to take my kids downtown because I never know what kind of people we'll run into. People that choose to live on the streets do not deserve a free ride, being able to lay & sleep wherever they choose & beg for money.
1	I believe that these nuisance behaviors should not be handled though laws and prosecution, but through building relationships with folks (like through the Street Outreach program). Providing day shelters and short-term storage space/ lockers would also be beneficial. Let's try to help people and give them alternatives rather than trying to legislate the problem away.
1	New rules and regulations might be useful but will they be enforced??? Where will the chronic transients relocate???? Before enacting new rules, let's enforce the no smoking ban in the zone!!!!!!
1	Stop band-aiding the issue and find sustainable solutions rooted in the cause-effect relationship at play.
1	Homelessness is not going to go away. The city can attempt to regulate it as much as they want, but all it does is move homelessness to a different area. Instead, the city needs to be coming up with better ways to resource and help the homeless instead of regulating it Out of certain areas.
1	Regulating any of the behaviors mentioned above is unenforceable and ineffective, may involve questions of constitutional protections and certainly will prove to be costly, both in terms of money and of human values,
1	Please focus on real solutions to poverty rather than criminalizing homelessness. Those who use the public spaces in the way you are referring to have no real alternative and are almost always polite and considerate to those around them.
1	Sit and lie bans are unconstitutional and heartless. Try to live up to the faux-progressive values Fort Collins-ites believe they live by. Focus on solutions (affordable/free housing), not further criminalizing homelessness.

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**Count Response**

1	This is a blatant act of trying to criminalize homelessness, and fort collins as a city is better than this. If you want to do something about our homeless population, put money into affordable housing. Do not waste my tax dollars criminalizing being homeless, poor, mentally ill and the victims of trauma. You will spend more money enforcing this than any good it could possibly bring. Spend that money on expanding the mission, creating more resources for folks in poverty.
1	The majority of any issues I've experienced that could be addressed are with drunk people coming home from the bars not the homeless population.
1	This survey is unfortunately asking the wrong questions. Regulating behavior and punishing "offenders" would not have the greater impact of assisting the persistently poor and homeless in Fort Collins. While overuse of public space might seem to be a problem it is really a symptom of the core problem of poverty that should be the focus of proposed initiatives instead of persecutory regulations.
1	Smoking is so bad especially when eating outside and people walk by smoking ruining our experience. Ticket those smoking \$125
1	I frequently go to Old Town and, on occasion, encounter people experiencing homelessness panhandling or sitting/lying on benches. No one has ever bothered me—save for college kids yelling/catcalling, the occasionally intoxicated person walking home, etc. To me, this seems more of a nuisance, but nothing that would deter me from going to Old Town. A sit/lie ban seems like an extreme way to deal with this issue and out of character for our city; I'd rather see the city employ other methods of dealing with the root cause of homelessness in our city than take a reactionary measure such as a sit/lie ban.
1	Please respect the homeless individuals of our community, they have enough hardships. I do not support making it illegal for homeless persons to exist, including treating them like humans who deserve dignity, rest, and respect. Our police forces would be better used maintaining the drunk college kids, rather than further harassing homeless individuals.
1	It seems to me that people who are homeless will be the most affected by such ordinances, and these measures are criminalizing behavior that's hard to avoid if you're homeless. How many homeless people will have an opportunity to fill out this survey, or even learn about it? Being homeless has vulnerabilities, inconveniences, safety concerns, health hazards, and insecurity built into it--why not look at the root causes of homelessness and as a town work to meet those challenges? And if we want to more immediately change behavior, why not use a carrot instead of a stick? There are a thousand better ways to help people back on their feet or give them a place to rest during the day. By the way, one reason homeless people sometimes sleep on benches in the daytime is that at least in the winter they are often moving around at night to stay warm. And it may not be safe to sleep outdoors alone at night so they've gotten no sleep at all. It's not laziness. It's the difficulty of not having a safe, warm home at night. We are more humane than this, folks. Let's get creative.
1	I don't mind the drinking. Friday night go get a drink? It's cool. It's just people loiter and smoke and homeless constantly beg. If they kept it in bars with drinking and the sidewalks for walking I'd be fine.
1	I think that we need to provide additional resources for homeless individuals. The Fort Collins Rescue Mission, while serving its purpose, is not adequate for individuals in need. I know that there is a difference between homeless individuals that need a hand up and individuals that may be homeless by choice or "just passing through." Its really tough-I used to feel safe walking alone downtown at night but now not so much.
1	This is something that needs to be fixed now. No more discussions. It's so time consuming. the businesses pay huge rents to be there.... homeless want to be homeless. they want to sit on nice bench...hell they want to live there. NO WAY.
1	In the grand scheme, it seems like prohibiting these behaviors is both unnecessary and difficult to enforce. It's one thing if people are harassing other people, but otherwise leave people be.
1	I just don't want to be harassed or feel like I have to walk with an escort to get where I'm going. Instead of devoting resources to punish behaviors in our public areas downtown, I'd rather see more resources addressing why we have homeless in the first place and work toward mental rehabilitation, skills, and support that will help a homeless person obtain and keep a home.
1	We have a growing homeless population as well as an increase in panhandling and drug deals and there needs to be a place for the homeless to gather OTHER than in Old Town.

**Count Response**

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1	Again, I, personally, do not have any issue with individuals hanging out on benches or sidewalks downtown. From my experience, those who have issue, are those whose business/es it affects, and/or those who are uncomfortable interacting with people different than them. I think this regulation sounds like another ploy to "kick out" the homeless, and it's utter bullshit. If a business really wants to clear their "own" sidewalk, they can pay the cost, for enforcement and for resettlement of individuals to a different area. That meaning, maybe the business owners of downtown should get together and talk about some ways they can welcome the less fortunate to the downtown area. Maybe build a common area in some other downtown area? Ultimately though, the cost should come out of the pockets of those with issues with people hanging out on benches. The people who have no issue with it, should not have to pay taxes that contribute to bullshit regulations such as this proposal.
1	I used to frequent downtown a few times a week, but the experience is so poor that I only go a couple times a month, if that. Also, please ENFORCE the smoking ban.
1	I haven't found any of these to be a problem. And the solutions presented do not seem to solve the aggressive people problem, which is the one that most concerns me.
1	How about working to find solutions to homelessness rather than criminalize the act of bring in a public space and having nowhere to go or be? I will vote with my dollars and will decline to spend \$ in cities who treat our brothers and sisters as less than human.
1	Biased survey. How do I say the drunks at festivals and fri/sat nights are a problem? How do I say business signs in the right away are a problem? Would this mean the St. Patrick's Day Parade is canceled?
1	I would like to see a campaign where people are encouraged to donate to our local nonprofits that support the homeless instead of giving money directly to homeless and panhandlers. Perhaps there would be fewer panhandlers if fewer people gave money to them. And perhaps Fort Collins would be less of a destination for transients if there was less to be gained.
1	Yes, I do think the increasing aggressiveness of some individuals down town is a problem. If the problem increases, people will go elsewhere to ship and dine. Down town will die as it has elsewhere. I do not know what the answer is. It seems wrong to target one population with laws though.
1	Please don't ostracize or otherwise legally discriminate against the marginalized portion of our community, especially when these ordinances are directed specifically to push the homeless or vagrants out of the "nice" part of old town. Not only are many of these unenforceable, this is just asking for a fight with the ACLU, which will lose all of our money. With growth, comes unpleasantness. If you want the benefits of our thriving economy and a booming downtown, we will all have to find ways to also shoulder the responsibilities of caring for or at least tolerating those who have "disruptive" behaviors in public.
1	Criminalizing homelessness is not the answer, Fort Collins is capable of much more meaningful and effective solutions.
1	Typically, I'm not in favor of additional regulations. However, in this case, the sidewalks and benches are not being used as intended and is hurting the downtown experience.
1	Question 7 is a poorly-worded question because it assumes that people sitting on sidewalks -- or any of the behaviors listed in prior questions -- diminishes my experience.
1	Simply banning spending time downtown will not fix transient and homeless issues. The only real fix I can see is offering alternative places to spend time that are more appealing and making sure to respond to aggressive behavior.
1	"Shared space" implies actually sharing the space, including with persons you might not want around. Outlawing aggressive behavior or public intoxication? Sure. That makes sense. But to outlaw simply sitting or lying with belongings in public space seems absurd. Please do not move forward with this ridiculous proposal.
1	This survey is frustrating in that it seems to present the city's goal as "Let's create offenses with which we can charge people who have nowhere to go and few resources with which to defend themselves. Let's put them in jail or hold them at the police station instead of offering any sort of assistance." Are there not better ways to improve the Old Town and Downtown experiences? Perhaps by making Mountain a pedestrian-only thoroughfare to encourage healthy lifestyles and more shopping?

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**Count Response**

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- 1 Question #7 assumes that the behaviors you identify "diminish" my "Downtown experience." This assumption is deeply problematic. These behaviors evoke compassion, which is vastly more important to me, and my congregation, and my friends downtown, than any "Downtown experience." I suggest we expand the definition of the term "Downtown experience" beyond shopping, to include basic neighborliness. Also problematic is the association of "aggressive behaviors" with sitting or lying down. The proposed ordinance does not meet the standards for justice and mercy. They place the desires of those with means over our most vulnerable neighbors. There are better ways to respond to the our neighbors who are homeless. If we take this step, we will accomplish the opposite of what we hope to do: strengthen the cycles of marginalization and violence that lead to homelessness in the first place. I will resist this ordinance alongside my congregation, neighbors and colleagues in the faith community. I hope, rather, to work with the city on more just and compassionate solutions. Eddy Hopkins Senior Pastor PEAK Community Church -- partner host for Warming Center and Safe Place to Rest
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- 1 We're a downtown business and we deal with the impacts of homeless people sleeping and urinating on and near our business. We don't think that prohibiting these behaviors, and their for criminalizing them, is going to solve the problem. Outreach Fort Collins should be funded to continue efforts to confront the homeless people and help them find a place to go. The city needs to provide a place where homeless people can go that is away from downtown.
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- 1 I don't want the city sanitized of homeless people but would like to freely walk and use public space with them. Please find a way to provide space for all
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- 1 I used go downtown all the time, now I only go there to get my massage every 8 weeks. My massage therapist is leaving the down town area because of the homeless people, college students who ride their bikes on the sidewalk and because the parking has become a nightmare (to make room for the max). I will be less likely to go downtown in the future. I used go down weekly for lunch or dinner. In FY16 I went to dinner twice downtown and none so far in FY17. Something needs to be done about the pot smoking homeless people who are wrecking what used to be a great area. College students are taking over our town. Tony Frank needs to stop accepting so many students, there are people in town who are not students who used to love FTC and are now considering moving because everything revolves around the college and college students. I want to scream every time I see another college apartment complex being build. The new stadium is ridiculous and will impact people negatively. Sincerely, a Pissed off long term resident!!!
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- 1 Only homeless people use the sidewalks and benches for extended periods of time. This regulation not a good way to treat the homeless as it will only move them out of the downtown area and create new problems to deal with. I encourage the city to think of more innovative ways to help homelessness so we can become a leader in this area. In the short term it makes perfect sense to limit extreme miss use of public property like camping out for hours on end and damaging planters. I encourage rewriting current laws that integrate limiting these extreme behaviors but I am not in favor of any regulations that target homeless people.
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- 1 These issues have definitely affected the overall experience of visiting the downtown area in a negative way. Makes you want to avoid certain areas.
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- 1 I rarely go downtown any more because I don't want to be harassed by beggars. They are mean when you don't give them money for drugs and alcohol. Also, beggars, drunks, and and drug users make the environment downtown very unwelcoming. I don't feel safe there anymore.
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- 1 Taking away places for the homeless to rest is not going to help them. This is treating a symptom, not the cause. It's inhumane.
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- 1 "You get what you Tolerate." The businesses and visitors to Downtown or anywhere else in the city should have a pleasant experience and do not need to tolerate drug infused bums. The more you welcome the bums ,the more you will get.
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- 1 Although the panhandling is annoying, a sit lie ban is not truly addressing the homeless situation in our community. Affordable housing is a huge concern in Fort Collins, even for the lower middle class. Maybe the city should focus on solutions and stop increasing the burden on those struggling to make ends meet.
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- 1 I really hope this passes. I would be significantly more likely to frequent and spend money downtown if it does.
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**Count Response**

1	I have no problem with someone sitting a short time with their purchases by them, but vagrants with all of their "worldly" possessions begging for money will cause me not to spend my hard earned money downtown. It is the very same reason why I don't go to 16th St or Pearl St anymore. I will spend my money elsewhere.
1	The people I most often see on benches and sidewalks are those that don't have other places to go. A program to help them would be more beneficial than an ordinance to punish them.
1	The primary reason there is a transient problem in old Town is that transients are being provided services that attract them to old Town. As a tax paying homeowner, I am not allowed to run a business in my neighborhood that would attract lots of traffic into my neighborhood because that would lower my neighbors quality of life. How is running services that attract transients less worthy of regulation?
1	The area is for all citizens to enjoy and while the enjoyment of many should not be infringed upon by others who may be intoxicated, laying down in a public corridor, or making excessive or threatening noises or shouts. Old Town needs to remain kid safe.
1	City leaders, I hope you realise very soon that what you are trying to do here is straight up FACISM and AUTHORITARIANISM.... You might as well come out and say that you wish poor people did not exist, IE, we should kill them, because that's what this means. What you are trying to do also violates the 1st, 4th, and 8th amendment of the US constituion. Criminalization never works. It helps no one. It accomplishes nothing. people will continue to exist, and will continue to need a place to exist. Please recognize that a city is not a business. A country is not a business. Just because some businesspeople and developers think that the homeless are bad, or because some others are scared by them, does not mean they do not have human and legal rights. Do the right thing.
1	I am from San Diego where we have a huge homeless problem, it's getting to be as bad here but I don't know what we can do without getting sued by the ACLU
1	The downtown area is quickly declining in safety and appeal. I lived in California for many years before Fort Collins and I can say first hand that once the downtown area stops drawing customers and visitors it will be taken over by the homeless and poor. At that point it is a situation that is uncontrollable.
1	Again, the city needs to be more creative about combating homelessness than implementing an unhelpful ban. And, it needs to differentiate between lawless thugs and homeless people.
1	If regulated I would like to know what the plan is to find alternate space for the homeless population these regulations would impact the most.
1	Policing this is a waste of taxpayer money both in terms of police time and energy spent and paying for administrative fees associated with tickets or jail time. Further, penalizing people in this way is treating the symptom not the cause of the problem.
1	People should be able to enjoy the outdoor experience, and congregate downtown, sitting or standing. Excess regulation on this is counter to our towns image and history. Lying in planters, panhandling, and smoking downtown, however, are damaging to others property, safety, or health and should be strictly prohibited and enforced
1	Unless the city of fort Collins is going to find new places for these people to sleep, they have no right to make them leave. God help any of you if you were to ever end up in their shoes.
1	I think if the city of Fort Collins can afford to build a stadium, they can figure out some way to help these people, instead of making them disappear. Especially with all the marijuana revenue coming into the state. Help the homeless!
1	The biggest issue is smoking near entrances to bars and drunk people getting behind the wheel or worse after bars close. Noise is huge issue.
1	I feel that the spirit behind these ideas is an affront to the human rights of the people who are homeless. Just because someone does not fit our ideal of a Fort Collins resident does not mean that s/he is less worthy of our care and respect.
1	I think passing subtle legislation that will only regulate those who do not have the privilege of consistent, adequate shelter is disgusting and works against the unique beauty that is Fort Collins. Love is Fort Collins.

**Count Response**

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- 1 Personally it never bothers me to encounter panhandlers or homeless people spending the day in one spot. I have only once in fifteen years experienced aggressive behavior from a homeless person downtown, and I used to live above the Bean Cycle. I think drunk college kids are far more obnoxious and have experienced rude behavior from that population more times than I can count - I would much rather see those people kept accountable.
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- 1 If we are going to spend tax dollars on the homeless it should be for supportive programs, rehabilitation, and homeless prevention. Not more policing. I've talked to many of these homeless folk at length, being that I own a business downtown and frequent the area often. Many of these people just need supportive therapy and a sense of dignity to get them back on their feet. Banning them from sitting down, for any length, is counterproductive to this. It's kicking someone who's already down. I understand the operative to clean up the streets but this is not the way to go about it. Do something productive.
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- 1 I think it is important to keep in mind that we should not discriminate against a group "X" for doing the same thing another "Y" might be doing - simply because group "X" wears crappy clothes, smells bad, doesn't follow social norms. Maybe think, "would I be approaching this group if they were dressed nicely, smelling good?" Just a thought.
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- 1 In the above question about rating my experience, the options don't allow me to rate my experience. Rather it allows me to rate the frequency of an experience although I never have the opportunity to say whether these things were problematic for me or not. So if I say that I see people sitting on the sidewalk, does that mean that you assume that bothered me? If so, then you're collecting information and giving it a context that doesn't at all match my personal experience nor opinion.
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- 1 As a downtown homeowner (and parent of a 1 year old), I've seen this issue become worse by the day. I realize the city (and law enforcement) are put in a tough place as there are limited resources, particularly mental health facilities. Simply putting these people in jail or a local ER appears ineffective and puts police in a bad position. Nevertheless, this issue is at a boiling point and something must be done. More resources need to be directed to mental health. The homeless shelter absolutely needs to move, as this problem is assured to get worse as the hotel and other projects go in. In the meantime, a more robust police presence appears to be imperative. Lastly, the city needs to do as much as possible to inform the public that something is in the works and steps are being taken to correct the problem.
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- 1 Drunk college kids and festival goers have been far more bothersome than the homeless folks in my experience. I can understand the general concern about loitering downtown, in an ideal world it would not be an issue. However, I do not see potential fining or arrest of homeless/transient individuals as constructive or compassionate.
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- 1 Would rather see time spent on finding help for the people that need it so that they have somewhere to sit and be other than the streets. Many other cities have started programs to help provide simple small spaces that are easier to get into than your normal rental property
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- 1 I really do not believe that the solution to the increased activity of panhandling/ camping in downtown is to regulate it and remove/ villainize the people doing so. If you really want to handle the issue, we as a community need to find a way to help these people, so they don't have to rely on the kindness of strangers to help them eat or find shelter. Thanks!
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- 1 The homeless need to be dealt with in a humane manner. Set up a shelter, away from downtown, so they have a safe space without imposing on others.
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- 1 The city should be spending its considerable money on helping the homeless, not criminalizing them. By regulating the behavior of one group of people (because it is very obvious that these new rules would not apply to the "normal" people around downtown) you violate their rights. The ACLU is right to condemn these rules, and I too condemn them. I have lived in Fort Collins for over a decade, and was at one time, homeless here. The homelessness issue in Fort Collins will not be solved by laws, but by compassion. Build more and better shelters. Hire counselors for local homeless people. Create job incentives for city labor positions (street cleanup, landscaping, snow removal, etc.)
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- 1 I have lived here 5.5 years. My enjoyment of going downtown is diminished by the downward trajectory of keeping Old Town a special place. The city can use its resources to discourage "hanging out" and encouraging job programs/placement.
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- 1 Police need to enforce the smoking ban. The city voted and the measure won. There is little if any respect for this regulation and I see people smoking downtown every day.
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- 1 Why can't there be an area where lockers can be placed so the homeless can put their belongs in them?
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**Count Response**

1	Homeless people need places to lie or sit as do other people from time to time. If we don't offer comfortable places for them then they should be allowed on the street.
1	This is disgusting targeting of the homeless population and you all should be ashamed of yourselves for even entertaining this idea
1	The smoking ban has severely decreased my visitation to old town and city parks. I think we need to follow up on that and see what the general feeling is on the ban now.
1	It's the panhandling that I find disruptive. I do not understand why Fort Collins would allow this anywhere in the city.
1	It is unfortunate that we do not have more resources available for people. But it is also difficult to encounter some of the negative behaviors in public places, especially where small children are playing or having trash left out.
1	Do not allow this town to suffer the scourge of transient vagabonds. Being tolerant is really just being an enabler for them to continue their self destruction. Case in point Portland, OR - Terrible drug infested, rioting masses of non contributing "citizens" that will tear your city down without thinking twice about it. Protect your business owners that are risking their livelihoods to make this town great. A broken storefront window may have been the only profit they made for the month. Make any vandalism, punishable for 10X the replacement cost.
1	Begging, panhandling, homeless are destroying Ft Collins. "If you feed the bears they will keep coming back". FT Collins' ridiculous acceptance of allowing sleeping and congregating of the homeless in city parks and open spaces has resulted in the decline of Fort Collins previously perceived image of a clean and prospering city.
1	The problem with homelessness is a real one, believe me I know, I'm from Denver. I've seen the way Denver has dealt with the homeless population, 'out of site out of mind', and it doesn't work. That shouldn't be how Fort Collins chooses to deal with the problem either. Maybe if people in Loveland hadn't voted no on the ballot initiative for a detox and substance abuse facility in Fort Collins the homeless addicts would have a place to go and get some real treatment. Deal with the problem, don't just try to sweep it away.
1	I avoid old town as best I can; I worked there for 3 years and attended school downtown for 6 months, and I was gone as soon as possible. I never visit if I can avoid it.
1	The drunks, druggies, and drifters are ruining downtown. We need constant, aggressive enforcement of strict laws to turn this situation around. Why don't honest, tax paying citizens have any rights? Is it ok if I lay down on the sidewalk in front of the Mayor's house?
1	I would love to see this issue resolved so the vast amount of us can truly enjoy old town once again
1	Please regulate the behavior of intoxicated individuals better. I've had profanities and threats screamed at me in full view of police.
1	Illegal behavior is ... already illegal. Freedom allows individuals to use public spaces as long as they do not violate other individuals' freedoms. Sometimes this means having to tolerate people or behavior that we may not like, but this is at the foundation of our Nation.
1	Thank you for dealing with this recurrent problem. We would visit old town more if this was resolved.
1	Children deserve to feel safe in Old Town. When adults lie down or sit on the ground they're in the children's space. Adults should sit on the benches and not take up all the space they would if they lie down so that a child can sit if tired. The desires of adults should always yield to the needs of children.
1	Regulating where and how people sit downtown is not addressing the underlying issue here. It seems like it would be a waste of resources.
1	These proposed ideas are simply criminalizing homelessness. That doesn't help homeless people to become less homeless, and I feel it will ultimately cost the city more money to manage things in this way.

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1	I find this regulation a direct violation of our individual liberty. There are better ways to approach the increasing amount of homelessness in this town. I for one am disgusted that a regulation like this would even be proposed by our city's government. Its like your trying to say that being homeless should be a crime. Instead of making it a crime to be homeless how about taking the extra money you would use to help enforce these regulations and invest in a way to help our homeless neighbors and citizens of this wonderful city.
1	Please, please, do something about Oak and College area! The bathroom and the public area configuration has turned it into a camping area. I think a re-design would help curb this.
1	As a city, we need to be very cautious about criminalizing any activities that are, at their core, the unfortunate realities of being without a home, food, private restroom or personal resource. Until our city is able to provide spaces for homeless individuals to be during daytime and nighttime hours (spaces to rest, store belongings, address hunger and the need for restrooms), any regulation prohibiting these activities outdoors seems misguided and misplaced. Fort Collins is an "innovation city" - we can do better than this.
1	The ordinance commonly known as the "sit lie ban" is not a good solution for anyone. It seems to be targeted legislation against the homeless community and will increase angst in the the relationship between business owners and the homeless. I suggest the City Council vote this ordinance down and seek better solutions. This is not a good answer for anyone.
1	As a resident of downtown, I want to be able to walk about without concern for safety or enjoyment of the spaces. In a 'residential neighborhood" I would be reporting this behavior and expecting response from police or mental health/social workers. This is now my neighborhood
1	This is designed to do nothing more than target the homeless and transient population. It wastes money that could otherwise be spent in a constructive way. Shame on you.
1	I'm for the least restrictive policies but those that respect public spaces so no one individual can monopolize a public space.
1	I would support some of these regulations if the city of Fort Collins provided some sort of homeless shelter as an alternative. The only shelters in town are run by charities. You shouldn't criminalize something when there are few alternatives.
1	We need a place for the homeless to congregate other than sidewalks. Too bad that park doesn't exist anymore. How about a space nearby?
1	Although I appreciate the city reaching out and getting more information on this topic, your survey seems biased. The introduction paragraph primes the readers brain to approach the survey with a certain frame of mind which can result in a bias in ones answers.
1	Disruptive behaviors from transient individuals, panhandlers, and loiterers in downtown Fort Collins has been a problem for years. Problems have spiraled out of control, to the point that businesses are closing and families are avoiding the area. We need stronger regulations and enforcement against the transient and loitering groups if we want downtown to thrive. A small number of people are having a disproportionate impact on others, and I hope the city realizes it is time to address the problem in a meaningful way. I strongly support stricter regulations and stronger enforcement measures to make downtown safer, more enjoyable, and more friendly for shoppers, diners, and families.
1	Downtown shared spaces are shared spaces. People use benches very briefly and infrequently. If someone is transient or homeless why do I can if they are sitting on a public bench. If I'm too afraid to stand up for myself in a harassing situation I guess I could call the police. I am a professional and positive community member in town but I also had a father who was addicted and homeless downtown and eventually passed away from addiction. Him being able to be in the shelters and on the streets here allowed me to spend some time with him. I can see the humanity in people on the street and I believe pushing them out is not answer.
1	Stop criminalizing homelessness and do something that will actually benefit people in this situation. Your privilege is showing.
1	I feel this will be hard to regulate. I think we need to direct the homeless to another part of town, other than the center of old town. They confront shoppers, tourists and such. It is uncomfortable. They need a safe haven other than the busy pedestrian intersections and the square.

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1	I think street performers should also be included in the exceptions. I think large amounts of personal items like backpacks and sleeping bags should be prohibited on planters.
1	While I understand that there is concern about homeless individuals in the downtown area, I have not had a negative experience with these individuals and I do not believe such behaviors should be regulated/criminalized. I don't think that it serves our community.
1	The city needs to look at permanent solutions for the transient population, not just move them out of old town. Specifically the housing first programs have shown huge success and I would love to see Fort Collins be a leader in northern Colorado and really make efforts at housing first so the other problems like mental illness including addiction can be addressed. Basically immediately. I arrive at work downtown at 6am and walk on my breaks - the problems with the homeless population have gotten worse quickly. I do not feel safe downtown. I have four teens and preteens and I would like them to be able to enjoy downtown with their friends but until it's safe my answer is no.
1	I've lived in a community that had a large homeless population and this is always a challenge and a slippery slope. There is a fine line between protecting the integrity of your town center and creating an uninviting environment. I would definitely pursue the "lying down" ordinance, but be wary of how you handle sitting. You have many residents that truly enjoy simply sitting in Old Town. I would also clarify "personal items". Can I set a shopping bag on a wall or bench when out shopping?...or are we talking shopping carts filled with personal items? You'd be better off defining a vagrant ordinance and call it exactly what it is. Tiptoeing around the subject, in my experience, has only made it escalate. My 2 cents.
1	Why not deal with the homeless issues here in Fort Collins? Work toward reducing homelessness in Fort Collins, like affordable housing! We [Fort Collins] have turned into an elite white community, insensitive to needs of the less fortunate.
1	These proposed bans essentially render homelessness illegal. You will be telling actual human beings that they cannot legally exist in Fort Collins. Instead, invest in resources for the homeless community
1	I personally have experienced aggressive and drunken behavior from individuals that are leaving the bars not from any homeless individuals. Also experienced aggressive behavior from people pushing agendas/petitions/political views. The homeless or transient individuals in downtown have never bothered me once in the 12 years I lived there which is impressive since there is not really anything in Fort Collins to help with shelter and recovery whatsoever for people in those situations.
1	Yes, I would like to not have homeless folks "marring" the pristine city, but frankly, those people live here. How can we restrict personal items being on the sidewalks when they have no storage available to them? Or restrict napping on a sidewalk or bench when we have no all-day shelters where they can sleep. Aggressive accosting? Yes, regulate that--a safety issue. Peeing on the street? Yes, regulate that--a health issue. But simply BEING on the street---the issue is neither safety nor health, but just our wish to not see the homeless. Let's work on shelters, housing, mental health care, instead.
1	The people you are targeting are already disenfranchised and marginalized. How about instead of trying to "regulate" them out of our shared spaces, we try and support their recovery/re-entry into society?
1	I'm not sure the City can legally prohibit people from sitting on benches, regardless of length of time. But keeping belongings out of planters, that seems doable.
1	It seems like a waste of police services to monitor how long anyone sits/lays in public areas. While I dislike the rowdiness of the homeless crowds during the summer I also think its a slippery slope to put limits on usage of public place and to discriminate against our homeless.
1	I'm very concerned with the restroom renovation that is taking place. The facilities should be public restrooms with stalls so they do not turn into a drug haven.
1	We need to be careful that there is clear judgement between someone who needs help or to go to a detox center vs families and people enjoying downtown and needing a rest. This needs to be carefully written. Perhaps damaging property, blocking the right of way, or occupying public sitting area's so they cannot be used by other visitors to downtown is the concern. Safety, quality of life, and availability of public space should be a focus.

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- 1 Homeless people need help not regulation! Take care of each other, and everyone does better. What's wrong with you crabby poo pooers that can't stand to show compassion?
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- 1 Panhandling should absolutely be prohibited, anywhere within city limits (unless panhandlers are registered, tax-paying business owners). Behaviors such as laying, sitting and placement of personal goods are tricky to regulate, but if absolute laws are in place, enforcement officers have the latitude to enforce—or not—based on the spirit of the law. The spirit of the law is that we, the producing members of society, do not approve of our public spaces (which we pay for with tax dollars) being used as homes, and "places of business" (ie panhandling) by those who choose to not contribute to the public good.
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- 1 I see this as a backhanded way to discriminate against the homeless community. Get them better resources and stop penalizing them for existing.
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- 1 Please don't regulate sitting on a bench for over an hour! How ridiculous. What if I want to read a book? Or listen to an audiobook or think? Just enforce loitering. But don't regulate the use of public spaces. If I want to nap on a bench, that's my right.
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- 1 Prohibiting the ability of a HUMAN BEING, yes homeless are humans, to get rest or sleep and criminalizing that ability is a HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION!! expect a lawsuit if any of these ordinance pass.
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- 1 Instead of creating punitive punishments, why not offer actual helpful solutions to the homeless population in Fort Collins. These bans would only further continue the criminalization of homeless people.
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- 1 Police should use existing laws to address disruptive behavior. I do not support dedicating jail cells to homeless/disruptive downtown behavior at the expense of all other crimes. Regulations to prohibit sitting or lying would be difficult to fairly apply and enforce, and a waste of police time.
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- 1 It's hard to feel like we live in a free country when people feel the need to regulate where and for how long you can put your rump down on public property. People are made uncomfortable by many things it appears these days, but I have personally never witnessed any one who was loitering and was dangerous. Most of the shouting I ever hear from upstairs in my office is from folks who appear to be students.
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- 1 Everyone has a right to be downtown. I believe that the proposed prohibitions will target homeless people who aren't doing anything wrong. I do not think sitting on a bench for over an hour is a disruptive behavior, and no one should have to pay a fine or go to jail for sitting on a bench. I also do not feel that people sitting/laying on benches or sidewalks detract from my downtown experience. As a citizen of Fort Collins, and a frequent visitor to downtown, I urge you not to regulate these behaviors.
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- 1 I do not take my girls downtown at night after 7:00 pm for safety reasons, they are 4 and 11. I will not go there by myself after 7:00 pm. I will go with my husband after 7 however I do not feel comfortable. There's definitely been an increase in homelessness, aggressive behavior and drugs. I love Old Town but I stay away.
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- 1 Instead of criminalizing and targeting the homeless with hard-to-enforce and potentially biased laws, the city of Fort Collins should invest in rehabilitation and housing for the homeless
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- 1 Nowhere do you mention who is doing this - the homeless. It's bad enough that they have no home and can't stay in shelters during the day, but to criminalize them for basically existing without a home is shameful. I've had a sister in this position and cannot imagine her being treated this way because of her mental illness.
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- 1 Loitering used to be against the law in businesses and probably residents as well. Fort Collins must provide a space for resting/toilets like low-cost tourists so police can keep an eye for safety but I don't know where.
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- 1 I understand some people need a place to socialize in public spaces. I also think homeless individuals need places to pause, eat, socialize, etc. I feel the best solution is designated places with bathroom facilities, tables, trees, grass, trash containers which are close to support organizations & places to obtain food.
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- 1 I would much rather see us come together as a community to look at the root causes of homelessness instead of punishing homeless people for existing. That's not what Fort Collins is about.
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- 1 The question always comes down to the chronic cases. The ones who don't want any help and don't want to change their lives because of drugs, alcohol or mental problems and I don't know what can be done to solve the problems they cause other than ticketing which is not always a satisfactory solution.
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- 1 Prohibit sitting near a business entrance where you have to try and open the door and step around people, or it makes it easier to touch someone inappropriately.
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- 1 Ticketing and/or arresting the homeless population is not a solution. Consider other, more helpful and precautionary steps to fight homelessness and help underrepresented populations other than spending community tax dollars policing otherwise harmless individuals just because they are poor.
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- 1 I urge the city to address the root causes of poverty and homelessness and put resources toward providing shelter and supports that help people move toward stability. Sitting on benches does not equate to disruptive behavior.
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- 1 Instead of criminalizing homelessness, work to address the issues leading to it. You're just pushing people out without helping them. They don't have homes and this is literally just a way to criminalize their taking up space. Divert attention to addressing the root problem, not the symptom.
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- 1 I think that some of these issues could be addressed by encouraging common courtesy on the part of all.
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- 1 It is repugnant that you all would even consider putting regulations on the homeless population. How about you roll up your sleeves and actually try and fix the homeless problem in Fort Collins. This is what happens when your city population booms and you increase housing costs with no regulation. And the fact that you are more concerned about how the experience of downtown visitors is impacted by homeless rather than the fact that there are homeless people living in Fort Collins really shows where your priorities are. Do Better.
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- 1 Fort Collins' investors and tax payers have gone to great expense to make the Old Town/ Downtown experience wonderful for EVERYONE. That's not to say that people of any sort are not welcome. However, EVERYONE should be held to the same degree of responsibility for making it a wonderful experience and be held accountable for their actions. Truthfully, rather than making more laws, how about teaching people about being accountable for their own actions. MAKE PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE AGAIN.
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- 1 This is a very complicated issue. There have been an increasing amount of homeless people in the downtown area as well as across Fort Collins. However, I only found out about the open house tonight (passed the time it was held). Before I form an opinion, I like to know if this is a public safety issue. If so, what are the statistics? Where is the increased amount of homeless people coming from? Are they transient and coming because of Colorado's marijuana laws? Are there increasing numbers of citizens in need? If so why? If they are allowed to panhandle, sit, or lie down and it might become a safety issue, then I rather have it done where there are lots of people than an area which is less populated, especially if I am walking with my children. If homeless are kept out of the downtown area, where are they likely to go? I believe we need more information on this issue and a focus on solving the problem of why so many people in need and what we can do to decrease the number of homeless and transients in a humane manner.
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- 1 Please step back and look at the decline of our shared spaces for the many to protect the loitering of the few. It is really imbalanced and unfair. The citizens of Fort Collins pay lots of money to build and maintain these spaces for the enjoyment of all. These spaces were never meant to harbor panhandlers, transients and drug addicts. Allowing these people to loiter in the shared spaces does not help them. The more we accommodate such people, the more of them our city will attract, which will only increase the problems and costs for our citizens.
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- 1 Working downtown and having an aunt who owns a business, I have noticed an increase in bad behavior in the old town area. Working at a local bar, we also have run ins with individuals who act aggressively and intimidate workers. Finding a solution to this issue is very important. Thank you.
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- 1 Make the rules strict and then ACTUALLY ENFORCE IT! Best to leave it to the police officer's best judgement... there's a difference between someone taking a break from work reading a book on a bench or working on a laptop on a bench, versus some drunk person passed out on a bench (much more common unfortunately).
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1	Proposing laws like these essentially infringe on homeless people's right to exist. Provide more care and housing options for people rather than trying to force them out.
1	When experiencing downtown Fort Collins I find the most intimidating a nuisance behaviors being massive trucks parading up-and-down college with obnoxious Blacksmoke spewing, then , after 11 pm on weekends I feel the drunk college crowd gets a bit too roudy. Thank you for allowing me to share.
1	You're not going to solve the problem by trying to force the homeless population out of sight because it's inconvenient. It's a waste of officer time to enforce and treats a symptom rather than the actual problem.
1	We need real solutions to homelessness While I understand the issues and the impact on our downtown, the restrictions of benches etc are bandaids. The homeless and transient issues need real solutions.
1	so many homeless people that are smoking (pot too) and drunk is a total deterrent to anyone trying to shop or enjoy themselves outdoors. We use to take all of our company downtown, but now...a little less - especially in summer. But we really miss the musicians!
1	The solution to the perceived "problem" is not regulation, but increased access to services and assistance. Lead with your heart, NOT YOUR FIST.
1	This has been regulated in other cities and it did not work. This is targeting only the homeless demographic and is not going to solve the problem. While I understand we all need to work on solutions to end homelessness, punishing the majority for the actions of only a few is not the answer.
1	Human beings deserve to be treated at least as well as people their pets. There is no mention in here bout the dogs laying, sitting, etc on the sidewalks. Must you embarass us nationwide with this cruel inhumane obviously aimed at people who are homeless drive!?
1	I have significantly reduced the amount of time I spend downtown, due to this issue. I used spend time weekly in old town and felt comfortable by myself walking to parking garage, etc. I don't shop in Old Town much anymore, unless I have someone to go with me. The who experience is changing and it is very unfortunate.
1	I think Old Town should be a place where people feel welcome and no one feels uncomfortable. Being approached on every corner for either money or a cause is too much. Sometimes you just want to enjoy your day away from pressures.
1	A lot of these behaviors need an identifier because they can be broadly applied to many in our community at one time or another. What makes these behaviors a problem specifically - is it repetition? Length of time? Other? Some of my above responses have nothing to do with individuals this survey is targeting. Are there better mechanisms to deal with this issue than setting a policy? Or, is a policy being pursued because alternative options have not had the desired effect? Perhaps this is a slower, more systemic issue that needs to be addressed through alternative means and resources in our community.
1	Why do people feel the need to continually criminalize our transient population? IT IS NOT A CRIME TO SIT OR LIE DOWN ON A BENCH. Do not spend my tax-paying dollars on such a ridiculous regulation. With the expansion and growth of Fort Collins comes the expansion and growth of diverse populations. Do not discriminate against those who look different and act differently than the majority of the white, upper-middle class.
1	Try to assist the homeless instead of just pushing them away. I know the city and police are trying but then again without proper mental health facilities its no wonder we have homeless acting as they do.
1	My kids enjoy going, but I do not take them as often because of the safety issues. It is spilling over to the library as well. Used to go downtown a lot with the kids, but now it is more rare. Not as safe for families anymore.
1	Re: Homeless — Full-time residents of Fort Collins should be given priority over transients as to housing and other assistance. I believe the city should discourage homeless transients. I know citations by transients are ignored. Please research other cities response to transients for ideas that don't violate their constitutional rights.
1	It's not lawful to treat someone like they are doing wrong when they are relaxing in an open space. No matter who they are.

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1	There are occasionally piles of people's belongings on sidewalks but that seems to be more a housing concern than anything else. Not sure that regulating such behaviors would actually solve the problem at hand
1	I don't like how Downtown Fort Collins is starting to become like Boulder's Pearl Street area. Especially in the summer. With people sitting around all day, getting high and generally disturbing and heckling people who are passing by. It makes it uncomfortable to walk down the streets to shops and restaurants. I have personally been heckled. I have had strangers try to talk to my very young children. I have had someone try to get into my car right after I got into the drivers seat, he grabbed the back door and tried to open it. I locked the doors quickly. This happened at 7:30 in the morning, right in front of Starbucks! It's out of control. I support our homeless shelter. But this is not those people who are trying to improve their lives. These are transient "travelers" who are choosing this lifestyle of drugs and panhandling. We should not support them.
1	In order for Downtown businesses to thrive and draw families, the experience must be enjoyable every time. Right now, it can be intimidating and unpleasant due to aggressive and anti-social behaviors.
1	I manage a business downtown. Several of my employees carry knives for protection. What has become of Fort Collins when this is now considered normal?
1	An open, accessible, welcoming community does not target specific groups of people singling them out, marginalizing them, stigmatizing them, ostracizing them. These people have enough problems without having to play cat and mouse with the law.
1	Stop criminalizing poor and homeless people for existing. It's an embarrassment to our city to even consider these ideas. If you want homeless people to have a place to go, spend this money on programs that address poverty, homelessness, and substance abuse. Do NOT waste my taxes on arrest people for having nowhere to go!!
1	This survey was extremely biased, and I think that our taxes should be going towards providing services instead of paying individuals to regulate/monitor the sidewalks!
1	Please try to actually address the homelessness problem rather than attempting to hide them or keep them from doing what they can to get by.
1	Actually doing something about the inappropriate behaviors would be a start. At this point it has become quite clear that repeated warnings are not having any effect whatsoever, especially as it relates to aggressive panhandling behaviors. Pretty soon I suspect, there will be issues of citizens taking matters into their own hands. I personally have nearly struck individuals before, and would not rule it out in the future if something of substance isn't done. I will not allow these few individuals to disrespect me or the people I am with.
1	I think focus on preventing open containers and theft would be better areas to address. Many people are simply without homes, and do not cause harm simply by sleeping in public.
1	Homelessness is not a crime. Unless you are offering suitable alternatives and plentiful affordable housing programs (which is not presently the case) then these proposals are discriminatory in nature. Issuing individuals who are ticketed with fines they cannot pay which turn into warrants and often result in 'housing' in jail is NOT a solution. It costs the city money, does nothing to address the problems of homeless individuals, and effectively criminalizes homelessness - further alienating these people and making it harder to work together on real, sustainable solutions.
1	I have lived in Fort Collins for 15 years and do my very best to stay OUT of old town it is not a place for families or visitors...the smoking, the homeless the crazies, the drugs...just not the place I want to be and its such a shame because Old Town is a pretty neat place!!
1	Between parking and a guaranty of encountering homeless, and/or high and/ or being harassed from the food coop to the silver grill to 10,000 villages to the cupboard to the Aggie theatre to ace hardware, you're expecting customers to swim upstream to commit to shopping downtown. It's NOT EVEN CLOSE TO A PREDICTABLE ENVIRONMENT, other than for sure at least one if not numerous something unpleasant things will happen on every visit no matter what time of day or day of the week. I feel really sad for the businesses. Customers and businesses should receive priority over the street people. I hate shopping downtown until I'm inside a store. resident and downtown shopper since 1974. Do something.

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1	We moved to FC in 1970. We no longer go to old town and haven't for years due to the unpleasant experience created by kids on skateboard, transients, etc. This means we no longer go to the Cupboard, Silver Grill, Bisettis, etc etc. Will not in the future unless the current situation changes.
1	These rules would be difficult and time-consuming to enforce and don't address the underlying issue.
1	I am a 6th generation Fort Collins native and I'm very upset with the homelessness. I used to never see homeless and now they are on every corner. I smell weed, booze and they walk around town stumbling, mumbling and begging for "food" even though they throw the food away and really want money to feed their addictions. I told my husband that I used to feel safe walking to my car just a couple feet away, now I don't feel safe at all to be alone in Downtown and near the Mason Corridor (not a fan of the new max line either) I had my young niece and nephew point out a syringe on the ground and asked what it was. Not cool. Boulder isn't even this bad... also I'm the only one in my family that will go to Old Town now because of this. My Grandad doesn't even want to go to Silver Grill which he has been going to since he attended Laporte Highschool..."If you feed the bears, they will keep coming back" Keep Colorado Wild!
1	Punitive punishment does not help a majority of homeless and/or transients, which I'm assuming is the demographic causing distribution of this survey. Many suffer from mental illness or a need for resources. Fort Collins has always been (I'm born and raised) a place of community, outreach, and resources. Let's keep it that way!
1	I believe there are many other options in dealing with issues regarding homeless/transients. Our police have more important things to do than monitor who is sitting on what bench and for how long. Develop real solutions for this issue - not just forming ideas for making it "appear" that there isn't an issue at all. That's all this is - it's about appearances. Let's take care of these people, not just pretend they don't exist.
1	I believe the way the city treats our homeless is very unfair. Remember many of those people fought for your freedoms. If the city's unwilling to provide places for these people then it forces them to find somewhere to sit. They are human beings just like you although you choose not to admit it. Hopefully you will never be in that position but you never know.
1	I don't believe there is a problem downtown. I also believe this survey is biased as most of the respondents will be individuals who think the downtown is "out of control". There are occasionally individuals who occasionally cause problems, but there is no legit reason to limit the freedoms of everyone behind individual actions. There may be a day where I feel like taking a nap downtown on the ground or on a bench that should be up to me and not the city.
1	Panhandlers or people that are squatting temporarily on sidewalks should be prohibited. Businesses have to pay for "rent" - why do individuals get to plunk down or advertise to "help them"
1	I have worked in downtown Fort Collins for 27 years, and live in Old Town. There has been a noticeable increase in transients, and I personally feel much less safe when arriving or leaving from work. Library Park can also be bad.
1	How about we focus on building a bigger homeless shelter instead of our tax money going to the harassment of the homeless? How about we put the money into better programs and outreach to help the homeless. How about funding for feeding the homeless and clothing them? This proposal is nothing but mean and just made so rich white folks don't have to "look" at the homeless therefore won't have to "deal" with them either. It's sickening that this is even a thing that we as a community are thinking about implementing. For shame fort collins, for shame!
1	Please do not push the poor and homeless in our community further into the edges of society. I do not believe regulating the use of our sidewalks and benches is a good policy or use of our resources.
1	It saddens me that we are here. I have empathy for folks that have no other place to go. But I love old town and the beauty of it. Over the past 20 years a lot have things have changed. But mostly in the past few years. Fort Collins and the county need to get with the current times and actually address the lack of mental health care and the struggles of homelessness. This beautiful town of ours wants to look so pretty, but refuses to actually step up and help those in need of mental health support. Everyone that voted against the mental health proposition shouldn't be allowed to complain about people sitting on benches. It's their fault.
1	You should NOT make laws and or rules that unfairly target the homeless. The city is known for being welcoming and eclectic, don't ruin it.

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1	It's a disgrace that bums who choose the lifestyle can put taxpayers out of public places, enough already. We need to have strict compliance and if they don't feel welcome here, oh well! We've made it much too easy for them to take over public areas including parks. I have PTSD and social anxiety, it scares me to think of going to old town without my husband. I can't go to any park in this city by myself without fear of vagrants. It's a shame. We moved here because of the family atmosphere, not to be held hostage by a bunch of lowlifes. I am encouraged by what you are doing. I hope it helps.
1	Focus on relieving poverty and rehabilitation rather than creating limitations on where people can and cannot sit.
1	Please clean up the shared spaces. Right now they're only "shared" by transients, not by the hard working citizens of Fort Collins who permanently live here, are law abiding, and who pay the taxes for these "shared spaces." Please get these transients out of downtown & urge them to camp elsewhere.
1	Caring is the pinnacle of our human experience. It is the inner gift that we all have. Sharing this gift through the act of goodwill and generosity emulate to the world the makings of principals within any organization, system or individual. Fort Collins will have a much greater success creating innovative safety nets for marginalized and economically distressed communities by harnessing local philanthropic channels than it will creating a chokehold on a community that is already in deep distress. There is a massive opportunity to illustrate the greater capacity of a municipality, while receiving positive notoriety nationally. Fort Collins is poised for this type of effort given its size and also other economic indicators. If we can afford a new stadium and such a level of urban development, we can also take care of our people. Let's be the good example, and not more of what the world doesn't need.
1	I am a buisness owner, however I feel these regulations will be unjustly enforced to target low income people in our community. Perhaps the city should work on employing these folks like Denver did.
1	The water park by the museum is a great little spot, but we often leave far sooner than we would like because of large groups of foul-mouthed individuals who loiter and smoke.
1	I read one article in the paper, says the city is giving open space land to property owners that border Kathy Fromme prairie. I read another article, says the city plans on limiting public access and time on benches downtown. Give to the rich, take from the poor is what I'm reading. There is a huge class divide here, and the city is considering making it more difficult for people who are homeless to rest, or simply just exist in public space downtown, while on the other end of town are handing property owners open space that belongs to the public. You wanna cut down on people using benches to sleep, how about some transitional housing projects and more low income options to give these people real options for where to sleep when they are tired? The city response to people homeless and using benches as their sleeping pad or for their space to be intoxicated in isn't to give people better options and spaces to do that, but instead the city takes away and penalize folks for using the only spaces they have available, public space. The cities behavior is out of hand.
1	Be very mindful of the potential lawsuits from your decisions, focus on: 1. maintaining a 20 foot buffer of no sitting or lying from exits for safety in case of emergencies 2. no sitting, lying, or placing items on planters to protect our nature in the city 3. benches designed with arm rests and placement of planters to prevent unwanted behaviors 4. Provide ample secure lockers large enough for large packpaks
1	I like the method they have been using, sending out social services to assist people and make connections, assistive rather than punitive. Hire more social services if needed, rather than put people in jail
1	The intoxicated/impaired behavior has always been from young college-aged students, never homeless.
1	Until the city makes a good faith effort to address the homeless population here, there should be no regulation.
1	It may be a slippery slope from regulating these behaviors to infringing upon constitutional rights. Let's address the root issue, not just the symptoms of homelessness in our community. If you are doing that then communicate it along with any communication about sit/lay or any other related actions.
1	I do not know how the city would be able to enforce any regulations of time. Solution is to provide more housing and facilities for homeless. ie- public toilets downtown are a MUST.

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**Count Response**

1	Please spend whatever money is set aside for this for human development. If you fix the person you fix the behavior. What if you gave people without a place to go a week in a hotel or the Shambala center and a plan to get their life on track? This would make Fort Collins shine as an example and be a more wonderful place for everyone to live.
1	It is not the place of the city to regulate citizens behavior in this manner. I find this law deplorable, and is not what I want my city to stand for! If the city wants to purpose a tax to build more housing and shelter for the homeless I will happily vote yes. However, this purposed law is disgusting and wrong.
1	Houseless folks need help. Let's put our efforts into creating long term housing sololutions rather than setting time limits on how long they can reside on public benches, planters and sidewalk. That is not a long term solution , have some compassion please .
1	I have noticed the increased transient population downtown in recent years and it has at times made me feel uncomfortable. But so does trying to criminalize poverty and mental health struggles, without offering alternatives. I don't want to waste city money on new regulations, citations and jail beds when there could be a more productive, and perhaps not much more expensive solution, one that is more compassionate and creative. Utah has found providing housing to be cheaper than all the police and emergency service responses to homeless people. Could providing a public gathering space, a building with chairs and soft benches, a trained social worker, bathrooms and wifi-charging stations, fee-based shower and laundry facilities even, be a solution more in keeping with the spirit of our town? Perhaps in library square, walkable from downtown. With that option available to transients and homeless people, I could support passing regulations that limit the occupation of public spaces for sleeping and storing belongings. I understand the expenses associated with building and staffing such a facility, but if we calculated the costs of extra patrols, citations, transporting violators to jail and jail cells, would that not put that building's price tag in a different perspective? Could private foundations and charitable organizations help underwrite such a center? Could Fort Collins become a model for creatively managing public spaces and the rights of people at all income levels to access The Commons? I think we could. We're that wonderful of a city.
1	Please clean up the trash downtown and send a loud message to all those that impose their ill-natured behavior into the lives of others and detract from the safety and well being of the city by unnecessarily consuming public service resources.
1	I think the behavior of transients has caused many like me to avoid downtown, especially in the summer. It is my observation that the truly homeless individuals are not nearly as disruptive as those considered transients.
1	Something needs to be done about the influx of transients finding thereselfs in Fort Collins because it's clogging up police resources, expanding a growing drug problem, and taking away from the overall enjoyment of the great town we have.
1	The real issue is obnoxious or aggressive behavior, and allowing businesses to keep loitering away from their entrances.
1	Overall the City does a good job Trying to increase regulations or give the police more "power" is not the answer. Period
1	If people are being verbally or physically aggressive or having inappropriate behaviors then they need to be removed from the situation and told to leave but if they are peaceful they should be able to stay.
1	I am going downtown less and less, there are other places where I do not have to be hassled by homeless people. A lot of homeless people could work, but, would rather panhandle and harass. Where do they're rights stop and mine begin? We enable them by allowing them to harass people. Time to get tough, before people stop going down there. I do not go downtown nearly as much as I used to, just do not feel safe. BTW, I am from here.
1	Why the fuck are you trying to make it harder for homeless people? Like, their life sucks as is, help them.
1	Proposals like this are damaging to long-term efforts to find real solutions. They waste resources, and increase alienation, stigmatization, and marginalization of already-marginalized people.
1	Regulating the homeless like this would not solve anything and just waste more money and jailing "repeat offenders"
1	This proposed legislation is a cowardly way of moving a problem out of sight. Sure, vagrancy is a problem. But this isn't anything like a solution.

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1	My biggest issue with downtown is drunk college kids getting too riled up and being offensive. Not sure there's any regulation against them, but it happens infrequently enough that I still like the place!
1	I think we don't need to regulate where people can sit or stand. We need to help others. This is a very wealthy city that is seeming like it only cares about those in its 1%. We need to give back to the community. Let's get people help mentally, physically, spirituality, etc. Criminalizing others just because they are down on their luck or in need of mental health is not the way to resolve "the problem." It is become way too expensive to live in this town. Employers don't want to pay a living wage to employees, college students are ending up homeless just trying to better themselves, and people are losing their homes because they can no longer afford the rent prices that have gone up astronomically. We need to reevaluate the future of this town for its citizens and businesses.
1	The Compassion and Consequences proposal is discriminatory and will not in any way improve my experience downtown. I am offended that the city would pay an additional 100,000 dollars to take jail space away from more serious crimes.
1	This is such a tricky issue. Vagrants should not be able to monopolize shared public space. They should definitely not be able to damage planters and gardens. Businesses shouldn't feel the impact of having them loitering around their entrances.
1	Banning people from spaces does not address the problem but will simply move it to elsewhere in the city. Lets use these resources for a mental health/detox facilities.
1	Thank you for the chance to have input. I believe if you make laws/ordinances... enforce them. Protect and support the wonderful retail efforts Downtown. Please do not tolerate disrespect to the City's efforts to keep Fort Collins exceptional.
1	I am a long time resident of Fort Collins and enjoy visiting downtown. I try to support local business whenever possible. I have never been bothered by the behavior of the homeless. The only inappropriate drunken behavior I have observed is from college students which is why I avoid downtown on Friday and Saturday nights. The homeless have always been respectful and friendly. When my elderly mother had a flat tire downtown, it was a homeless man who stepped up and helped her. When she offered to pay him, he turned her down. To enact legislation to punish a group of people is wrong, discriminatory and cruel. I do not support laws to punish the homeless and believe it reflects negatively on the community. I will no longer shop downtown if these laws are enacted.
1	I think there should be some regulation but I also think that the City needs to address the needs of homeless persons better so they have options.
1	This is an expensive town to live in. Taxpayers are what provide the infrastructure that makes living here more enjoyable. If it's inhabited by transient bums all summer, that's a problem.
1	I do not want to have regulations that risk any further criminalization of the poor. At the same time, I do not believe anyone should outright damage public property that taxpayers would have to pay to repair, such as actual damage to planters. But no amount of sitting or lying on benches or sidewalks is causing property damage. I believe this is largely because 'white and/or wealthy' people are uncomfortable with the homeless population. If people are being intimidating or drunk and disorderly, we'd do a lot better to offer mental health and other support rather than jail time.
1	Would it be possible to provide some storage for them? Prohibiting behaviors downtown must/should include Library Park as it is considered a part of the downtown district. Please do not simply drive these people to that area.
1	Because Old Town is such a tourist attraction, I think the above choices provide fair and equal treatment for all people in the downtown area, while allowing visitors the best look at our town.
1	The city should be used for families and visitors that pay taxes to it. Not for hoarding the homeless.
1	Drunk college students downtown is a much bigger threat or concern to the public, than benches being utilized for there intended purpose.

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**Count Response**

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1	Over the years we have had several well known "characters" residing in downtown Fort Collins who interacted regularly with those of us who worked downtown and frequented downtown. Some were homeless and carried all their belongings in shopping carts. Now this population has grown, and homeless people abound all over the city, not just downtown. Criminalizing this behavior is not the answer and puts the burden on the police, courts and quite possibly landing drug and mental problem homeless people in jail if they ignore court appearances. We need a better long term solution to protect and help these people, such as shelters, drug programs and mental health programs.
1	Homelessness is a national problem and Fort Collins in its growth is now seeing this. Not allowing them on the sidewalks does not fix the problem and I believe they and anyone else should have the right to lay down on a bench, or a sidewalk if they want. Downtown is not just for the shop owners and their customers. Many people love to travel, do you think they avoid New York City or Paris because of the homeless? I would love to see a real effort to help the homeless..mental health programs, realistic job opportunities. Smoking bans, lying on benches ban, calling the police, these do not solve anything.
1	People sitting around or sleeping outside is not an issue that ruins the downtown experience. The issue is people aggressively harassing others for money or catcalling people.
1	I understand that the homeless population can be seen as an issue but regulating their presence downtown is simply a band aid to a large problem. If we provided better services and opportunities to the homeless through our local government, the homeless would be off the streets downtown and into a better life.
1	With the increase in loitering, panhandling, littering, and smoking in downtown Fort Collins, I definitely don't visit and spend money there as often, even though I live very close by. I also avoid certain areas, and am more fearful for my own, my family's, and others' safety. Something must be done!
1	Criminalizing behaviors typical of people who are homeless is not a solution. Clearly they need support, not vilification.
1	Look, you're stupid and annoying. Let's invest in better shelters and areas for people to stay, rather than consequences regarding jail time. Let's make a preventive difference not a punishing difference.
1	A ban for certain time periods would be impossible to enforce. How can you expect to time how long someone or something has been on the sidewalk? Any ban instituted would have to be all or nothing. Very hard problem to solve, best of luck.
1	I have never noticed any disruptive behaviors in the Downtown area by members of the homeless community or anyone else for that matter. Why is this suddenly an issue?
1	We need to find a better solution for homelessness than telling them they are not allowed to sit down for a certain period of time. The tax money that would be used for regulating them should be put towards educating and promoting programs that will actually end the cycle. This city is not affordable for a lot of people that work hard, and punishing those already down for their homelessness does not sound like the correct answer to combat it.
1	I quit going to the library long ago due to transients. Now the idea of going downtown no longer appeals. Anything you can do to get rid of them, their belongings and behavior [needles in planters?!?] is fine by me.
1	Shared Spaces need to be shared among ALL people, regardless of their poverty level or lack of home.
1	Homelessness is not an easy problem to solve. Thinking they might have their own area to gather and sleep etc... but what business would want to be next door? I must admit, as a female, I am uncomfortable sometimes. I wish I had an answer. Good luck!
1	I don't see a good reason for the city to begin micro-managing the behaviors of its residents under the pretense that any of this is "disruptive." As someone who is downtown on a nightly basis I have never once felt disrupted by the place a person chooses to sit or lie down. It's appalling to me that these measures are even being considered.
1	It is absurd to consider doing any of these things. It's very clear you only care about certain people in the community. Instead, why aren't you figuring out how to help those people? That would be a much better use of time and resources.

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**Count Response**

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- 1 I am 52 yrs old and grew up in Fort Collins in the Lee Martinez neighborhood where I still live. I have also lived in London and NYC and have had plenty of interaction with the populations that you are attempting to address. I have not personally encountered any difficult situations with panhandlers or the "homeless" downtown. I have certainly encountered aggressive, obnoxious behavior by drunk college students or visitors/tourists in the evening hours downtown. The behavior that I've witnessed has not include people lying or sitting on the sidewalks or planters, it's about being surrounded by yelling, screaming, brawling children who are encouraged to behave this way in our heavily pro-alcohol culture. I tend to avoid downtown Fort Collins in the evening because of this type of behavior. These issues need to be addressed at a much deeper level will certainly not be solved by not allowing people to sit or lie on sidewalks.
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- 1 Of all the problems facing Fort Collins, this is a petty fight to pick and any ordinance is sure to be challenged in court and overturned, costing us millions of dollars in fees and time. Rather than do this, encourage people to converse with each other and treat each other respectfully. If someone sitting on a bench for an hour prevents another person from coming into a shop, then you should get better customers. If someone is camped out in an entryway, politely ask them to relocate so doors aren't blocked. If they're there to avoid inclement weather, maybe offer them a warm drink or umbrella. Aggressive panhandling is not the same as sitting/lying on a bench and can be dealt with using harassment and assault laws. Use money we would spend defending this ordinance to pay for two or three walking police officers exclusively to respond in Downtown. I am far more likely to skip going into a building due to a collection of smokers standing 5' from the entrance than because of a person sitting on the sidewalk next to a building. Smile at the person, you might just make their day.
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- 1 In the past our family spent far more time downtown than we do now. Because the behavior has shifted from a family friendly environment to one that has become "hit or miss" we've opted to spend time and money in other areas of Fort Collins as well as Loveland and Windsor.
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- 1 Shared spaces should not be used for living They are places to be used occasionally for citizens to enjoy the outdoors for short periods of respite. They are not bedrooms, living rooms, nap rooms. They should not be overtaken by transients so they are unusable/uncomfortable for taxpaying citizens.
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- 1 These attempts, much like the arbitrarily enforced smoking ban, are transparent attempts to criminalize homelessness in downtown, a proposition that's horrifying and morally reprehensible. I do not support my taxes being used in such a transparently discriminatory fashion, and think this whole thing is loathsome. Do we really need to whitewash Fort Collins any more?
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- 1 How are you planning to regulate this? Will pictures be taken of behaviors like lying on sidewalks and then come back in an hour?
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- 1 Can I sit on a bench for more than one hour if I buy something in an Old Town store that day? Can I put my purchases on the ground at my feet if they are in clearly marked packages from Old Town stores? If you see a dog with a broken leg, do you punish it for having been so careless as to break its leg, or do you take to a veterinarian to get treatment? It's cheaper to give people homes than to punish people for being homeless. Don't rent jail cells. Put homeless people into homes.
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- 1 Admittedly, this is a difficult issue. I do think that the old Jefferson Park provided a place for the transient population which is needed. Perhaps a place that is less comfortable such as concrete- This would be easier to maintain and perhaps less of a draw to the downtown area. I have not ever been treated aggressively by panhandlers so I hope that enforcement by police continues. How sad we must be dealing with this issue. I believe that not dealing with it will lead to decreased business activity and less enjoyment of one of the pearls of Fort Collins. I do know individuals who prefer not to frequent downtown now. I empathize with businesses that are having difficulty maintaining free passage around their business and must cope with urine and feces around their property.
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- 1 Please do not regulate these shared spaces. It would be inhumane to deny people the right to rest and sleep.
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- 1 We (you) have a responsibility to protect and serve these underprivileged members and visitors of our community. These regulations are not the answer.
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- 1 Downtown Fort Collins is not only home to a series of panhandlers, it is home to our City's many wonderful performers. While the limitations described in this survey may address the transient problem that Downtown Fort Collins is currently facing, I fear these new regulations would also deter those same performers and musicians which brighten the atmosphere and unify our town.
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**Count Response**

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- 1 I understand the dilemma of trying to provide for the cities citizens, businesses, and the disadvantaged homeless. However, forbidding people from sitting on sidewalks and benches for extended times does not solve the homeless problem in Fort Collins. This law targets homeless people in an attempt to remove them from downtown. This appears to be a law to move the homeless from downtown so people do not have to see the homeless. This reinforces ignorance about the homeless problem instead of moving forward trying to solve this problem.
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- 1 I live in Old Town West and walk almost daily to some part of downtown for errands, business, recreation, etc. Please preserve it as a pleasant destination for families and all who want to abide by the courtesies of a civilized community. Please promote this regulation as an equal opportunity quality of life issue that applies across the board to anyone who violates it, regardless of tax-paying, or home-owning or home-renting status; gender; race; sexual orientation; or socioeconomic class. And please monitor smoking, and please enforce the smoke-free code for Old Town. Thanks!
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- 1 It is not a problem. Please no more regulations on others. The weary need rest, and of course this is directed toward the homeless population. I have never once lacked a place to sit in Old Town when I wanted to. Anyone who complains about this is worried about image, rather than being compassionate. Why create a problem where there isn't one?
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- 1 Instead of chasing people who need assistance out of public spaces to make them more comfortable for people is privilege, maybe we should use this time to strategize on how to help them.
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- 1 Having been raised in Fort Collins and also having graduated from CSU, I can safely say that it is an amazing town. However, after having lived elsewhere in the US and in Colorado, I have come to find the one major flaw in Fort Collins: the lack of diversity. Transient populations are a part of the diversity this great city lacks, and while, yes, I always feel safe in the Fort, I now realize that I was raised in a plastic bubble. Now that I have experienced life in many other places, I understand how uncommon Fort Collins is in its homogenous nature. While I wouldn't expect anyone to start trucking minorities in just for the sake of diversifying the place, I would expect the "liberal" community of Fort Collins to welcome populations who represent all walks of life. I'm ashamed to see that anyone from my great city is even contemplating setting limits on how long a human being can rest on a public sidewalk or bench. I do hope someone will eventually burst that plastic bubble and allow the Fort Collins community to start growing outside of the predictable and sterile environment it has grown so used to.
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- 1 As a community we should invest more in supportive services for the temporarily homeless and in treatment for the chronically homeless. I empathize with their plight, but allowing activities such as panhandling and sidewalk camping enables destructive behaviors and makes others in the community feel unsafe.
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- 1 I personally have had very little trouble with homeless people downtown. I have had polite encounters with numerous individuals. I think a sit and lie ban is targeting a particularly vulnerable set of people and I find it to be discriminatory and cruel and avoiding a solution to the actual problem of houselessness.
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- 1 I HATE going downtown. It is no longer the jewel of Fort Collins but instead is an eyesore and a health hazard. There are a few certain business I insist on doing business with because there is no substitute, but otherwise I avoid the area and choose to conduct my business and be entertained elsewhere. This has got to stop!
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- 1 I understand this is a difficult issue, but something needs to be done because it is getting out of hand.
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- 1 Please stand up and fight the ACLU. They should not be given free reign to turn our city into a mecca for transients.
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- 1 Rather than making a law to prohibit behavior and specifically target the homeless, let's provide a resource for these individuals in the downtown area. The Fort Collins community has enough wealth to put on many wonderful community events free of charge. We have a community of well-educated, caring citizens. We can SURELY come up with a better solution to the lack of resources for the homeless than a law that will jail and fine them. I understand businesses do not want people loitering outside, which is completely understandable. However this legislation does nothing to address the source or needs of that community. Please Fort Collins, let's use our brains, our resources, and our creativity to come up with a solution that will help empower homeless, meet the needs of local business owners, and keep the public happy and safe. Also- I personally find the intoxicated PAYING patrons to be more violent, disruptive, and obnoxious than the individuals sitting on the sidewalk.
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- 1 Allowing "outdoor decks" such as the one placed at the Drunken Monkey has added to the "junkiness" of downtown. It is bad enough the sidewalk space is lost, but tables and chairs are a lot more attractive than that deck. Size and appearance of patio space needs to be revisited, for future businesses. Also, would visit downtown more often if the on street behaviors were better controlled.
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- 1 We know that the problem during the summer are the transients, those that are NOT homeless, and choose to wander around the country homeless that are more often than not, involved in unsavory behaviors and crime. Fort Collins needs to adopt a "move on" policy regarding transients. If not we could more likely see the problem that Seattle faces, 3 miles of lawless transient camps that are essentially "no go" zones, with limited access the no go zone to only with heavily armed law enforcement.. My opinion is that the longer Fort Collins does nothing about this growing problem, and does not take a stronger law enforcement policy stance regarding the loitering issues downtown, and across the city,, the worse it will get for residents and visitors. The only one to blame in that instance would be the city itself.
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- 1 I would prefer to see additional services, including daytime shelters, for the homeless in place of an ordinance that criminalizes poverty. I would rather see the city address affordable housing by eliminating "U+2".
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- 1 I would not support a ban on smoking in designated areas in the downtown area as many who work downtown and still chose to smoke should not be discriminated against.
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- 1 Tough to regulate the property on planters. Easier to just remove the property as part of "litter". City may have gone overboard on planters. Suggest "trial regulations " with data collection which assess effect. ie one year, sunset regs and then evaluate data. Revise and pass new set.
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- 1 Tough decision, but I don't want to live in a City that just "sho's"away the unsightly things about society so we don't have to look at them. Regulations don't solve the problem, they just give it to someplace else. Having built a business in old town across from what we affectionately refer to as "hobo park" for 11 years, I can't say I've ever felt in danger and you'd be hard-pressed to find someone who's spent more time in the area over the last decade.
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- 1 We need to have a place for these people to go to. Close their park and then want them to disappear. That's not how it works.
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- 1 We should help the homeless find jobs rather than telling them where they can and cannot rest their heads. These regulations would treat a symptom, not the disease.
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- 1 This is a city. With every city, there are all walks of life, including homeless individuals. This is just what happens with population increases- you can't have growth without a growth in all facets (including in the homeless population). I grew up in the Chicagoland area and have zero issues seeing people that are down on their luck- it's reality. People who want to see a prim and perfect walking/shopping/dining space in Old Town are really just arrogant and should move to gated/golf communities so they can be sheltered the way they want to be. Of course violence is never acceptable, but I regularly visit Old Town with my young children and have not once witnessed a scuffle. I'm sure things happen, but the issue is not as wide spread as some make it out to be. Signed, a working professional and mother in Fort Collins
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- 1 I don't believe that criminalization through sit-lie bans is a productive way to address the issue of homelessness. The City should show some compassion for its least fortunate residents rather than treating them as something undesirable to be put "out of sight, out of mind".
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- 1 As somebody who actually cares about this community, we as a collective of citizens of Fort Collins will not allow this kind of fascist behavior by our local municipality. If you don't like the homelessness going on and the people who are less fortunate than others, maybe you guys should revisit your model on how to help these people instead of find ways to write more tickets and fill your pockets with the money of the less fortunate. So you guys can go ahead and try your best to apply these rules but I am an active member of the society in Fort Collins and I have a collective of over 300 people and we will literally change ourselves to these benches and you will have to Cut them out. I'm pretty sure we have bigger fish to fry like creating affordable housing for people in this town, and fixing the social services that I honestly don't really even exist. I can't believe I'm a resident of a place like this this completely changes my view on Fort Collins you guys are disgusting.
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- 1 Although I do recognize that there is a homeless population living in old town, the majority of the time they do not bother anyone and are not a nuisance.
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1	I think of sidewalk use as being primarily for pedestrian use. I would only regulate lying or placement of personal goods in the case where it inhibits egress or reasonable passage. There have been sidewalks/crosswalks that are unpassable due to petition gatherers, protesters, transients or sign flippers. Sign flippers are the one of the worst, although not really a "Downtown" issue, since they also can impair driver visibility and pose a hazard to both vehicles and pedestrians. All of these folks need to share the sidewalk.
1	Please help this community become a safe and clean place to live and work. Please regulate the negative activities of the trouble makers.
1	Understanding that homelessness is an issue and something that people need help overcoming, the city should better enforce the areas that homeless can sleep. Many mornings there have been homeless people sleeping in the stairway of the parking garages or entryways of businesses in the early morning. This creates a very uneasy feeling as a female walking alone not knowing how the situation may be for the individual.
1	I have not been to the downtown area for 2 yrs. It is so unsafe to be there with all the aggressive homeless people there. I use to go downtown every weekend to shop, but not any more.
1	Spending city resources sanitizing the homeless and indigent from the downtown area will displace them to other areas and foster a climate of loathsome intolerance among all parties. We all need to learn to use public spaces together. I believe that policing activities participated in by only the homeless and indigent amounts to socioeconomic filtering of the downtown area, and flies in the face of presumed community values such as tolerance, equality and equanimity .
1	I am less concerned about these behaviors for myself than how I see it impacting others. Visitors to town is a good example, you can tell. Reaction ranges from simple avoidance to obvious nervous looks. I've also seen plenty of single women cross the street nervously. My biggest concern is aggressive behavior. I work right above the square and probably once per week there is someone yelling, often including obscenities, right here in the square. I don't think this applies only to homeless\transient individuals. If any one were acting that way I would expect it to be addressed.
1	The thought that the City of FC would put time and money into the regulation of its benches in Old Town is disgraceful. Keep your bubble safe. Don't show any signs of reality in Old Town. This is disgraceful.
1	Please use growing plant monies toward more edible foods, provide storage spaces & public electronic charging areas. Provide these items in old town area & near by parks or rec centers. Decrease criminality.
1	I believe that the downtown area needs to better regulate actions of harassment or violence from individuals coming out of the bars in Old Town, not regulate non-violent and passive individuals and actions such as resting on benches or public sidewalks.
1	There is no shortage of space for everyone. So by regulating, what are you really trying to achieve? Eyesores? Being scared of people who look homeless? This is nothing more than a discriminatory and waste of time/energy attempt to make certain people feel more comfortable.
1	If someone lays more than an hour, they probably need help. So, this would be an opportunity for law enforcement to see what may be needed. With no regulation, law enforcement is only seen as harassment, losing the potential to direct help for someone with no clue.
1	If the city is not willing to house safe places for people, then we need to let the people be where ever they want to be.
1	It is uncomfortable walking through the groups as well as just a few men hanging around. I am speaking for myself and my 14 year old grand daughter. The men rudely stare at us and sometime make remarks. I try to avoid the shops where they are. Feels creepy.
1	Fort Collins is a place of acceptance for all people. We will not attempt to gentrify our downtown in such a way that it is only in habitable by the upper class. These proposes laws are a direct attempt to further marginalize those within our community who need help the most.

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1	Downtown is a space for everyone. The world is a space for everyone. Drunken college students scare me away from downtown sometimes. People in their hurry and rush not watching out for one another makes me feel unsafe downtown from time to time. Homeless people engaging in basic human behavior of having possessions and resting does not frighten me. It does make me sad that we live in a land of abundance but so many people have less, so much less than they do not have shelter or vehicles to store the excess they cannot carry. So many of us have houses, sheds, garages, and cars full of possessions we do not even need for basic survival, yet we seek to regulate and restrict others' possessions who have so much less and simply need a place to exist. I do not see anyway that regulating and criminalizing poverty is helpful to the downtown atmosphere.
1	My wife and I do not come to old town at all because of the transient issues. Not a safe place for seniors.
1	The solution to this issue is not one of "out of sight, out of mind." Removing people from view does not remove the people, nor HELP the people that need help.
1	This is an ill conceived, unenforceable and simply unkind ordinance that does not reflect the values of the citizens of Fort Collins.
1	I have stopped going downtown because of some of these activities. I will not go back until changes are made. It is just not worth it... I can count at least 15-18 other people doing the same as I am..
1	The paper says these individuals are criminal who are repeatedly arrested. Who is responsible for them being back on the street and not in jail? Stop letting criminals out of jail
1	Preserve the safety and uniqueness of our wonderful Old Town! Also, please check to see if their dogs are up to date with their vaccinations!
1	Homelessness is a symptom of our city's economic conditions. Housing prices has skyrocketed, resources are limited. How about working with local companies for job retraining programs. Our local government seems to want to ignore the glaring issues that cause the homelessness and just build build build for the permit and tax money. Use those funds and marijuana taxes for our vagrant population and schools. If a lot of money is spent on planters, sculptures and the cosmetics of this city, then money can be spent on solutions. Stop trying to turn this city into Hipsterville and stop the gentrification. It's becoming nauseating. I pay my taxes so start working for those who have lived here longer! I miss former Mayor Ann Azari who really cared for the people of this town
1	Penalizing traveling and homeless populations is not good for Fort Collins. While I appreciate business owners want a solution where they and their customers don't have to experience aggressive behavior, but approaching these issues from this position does not seem like it will result in what they want. These bans or time limits have been used in many other cities and rarely have the results intended while having many other negative outcomes. Punishing the members of our community most in need creates a terrible cycle where we push those with financial troubles in to tougher situations while most likely taking up resources from the city. I hope we can find alternative solutions to the underlying issues in Fort Collins that plague our homeless population.
1	There has to be. Solution to this problem before you guys make a new law no make it even harder for homeless people. There's a homeless man that sleeps at the park right by house I take him stuff sometimes. He has nowhere else to go people should show compassion instead of ignore!!!!
1	I understand the want and need to keep Downtown Fort Collins both enjoyable and safe. However I believe safety should be the highest priority, seeing as enjoyability is a matter of personal preference. If I decide that I would enjoy taking a nap on a bench in Downtown, then as a member of this community I feel I should have that option as well as any other member of this community. Safety is a more definitive concept, and I do not see the correlation between sitting or sleeping and a threat to safety. I am more interested in addressing the issue of aggressive behavior and discussing direct solutions to that issue, including access to mental health services.
1	The general law abiding public shouldn't feel pressured for money etc. I am aware there are many people in need and I have great sympathy for those people and that should have help. For those that refuse to work we are creating a no win situation.

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1	Stop criminalizing homelessness. You are just giving people tickets they cannot afford. We already have laws on the books to prevent littering and physically aggressive behavior. You are wasting our tax dollars by ticketing the homeless. This survey was biased in its set up. I do not find people resting in Old Town to be disruptive.
1	Many of these people are filthy and disruptive. The shelter is Too Close to Old Town encouraging vagrants to spend idle time in the business district
1	If planters are meant for plants then obviously there shouldn't be any sitting, lying, or storage of personal items. I have read something about these regulations could be discriminatory of homeless; however, to me it seems as if these behaviors are central to downtown and it is obvious how they affect the general public's enjoyment of the area. As well as their ability to feel safe. There must be a way to strike some sort of balance
1	I think we should be allowed to lounge and relax while downtown. I know this is a personal attack on the homeless population but it seems like by giving them tickets and fines, we are not helping them in any manner!
1	Congregating at corners, in the summer time it get so congested at the cross streets. STOP PERMITTING SO MANY DAMN BARS !!
1	It is sad that Old Town is going thru a change - it use to be clean, friendly and free of people sitting and staring at you and your children. It is sad that businesses are having to deal more and more with transients blocking the entrances.
1	While I feel some regulations are necessary, I also have empathy for those that have found themselves in the position to be living on the streets. Perhaps have regulations set to certain times, like the busy parts of the day, as a compromise?
1	It seems like there must be things more pressing than taking away people's right to sit down. Mildly ridiculous.
1	We have lived in Ft Collins for 15 years. I can probably count on one hand the number of times we have visited Downtown in the last 5 years. After searching for the rare parking place, we then have to walk through the haze of cigarette smoke & drunk obnoxious people congregating on the sidewalks & benches while avoiding folks who obviously use the downtown area for their personal housing. Two years ago, we had some out-of-town friends & wanted to take them to Rodizio Grill. The couple got so freaked out by folks who obviously had nothing better to do than to just sit and stare at our company as we walked to the restaurant that they did not even want to continue to Rodizio. They were shocked that there was a strong smell of marijuana in the air. Interesting that some folks have no place to live, but seem to have plenty of money for cigarettes, marijuana, and alcohol. The smoking and folks drunk needs to stop. We avoid downtown at all costs which is a shame since it could be/should be a pleasant place for residents to go to and visit the shops and restaurants, but the city is letting down the citizens by not making & enforcing rules. (By the way, the same goes for public bus stops...we will not ride them nor allow our children to ride them because of the smoking at the bus benches.)
1	This survey seems geared towards regulating homeless people. I have never seen a homelessness problem in the city and do not believe that taking away their options could make our city better.
1	As a native, this kind of bs policing makes my blood boil. Downtown should be enjoyed by EVERYONE, not just those who are tourists or who want to pretend that economics and homelessness and lack of services are not an issue in this town. This is discriminatory and silly and stupid and unenforceable. Shame on the city for even considering such utter nonsense.
1	Instead of focusing on legislation to push transient and homeless populations elsewhere, Larimer county and the city of Fort Collins should focus on supporting those populations in a different location. I work as a case manager with this population and there is 1 permanent overnight shelter in ALL of Larimer County - this includes Loveland, Fort Collins, Berthoud. This shelter happens to be located in old town Fort Collins and shelter rules require them to be there at a certain time in the evening to get admission. Fix this issue and you will not need to create laws to enforce undesired behaviors because they will disappear on their own.
1	I find it simply insane that some people think they can sit or lie down on our streets, benches and planters. We are supposedly a civilized society. Those who sully our town are simply behaving in an in-your-face manner. How about adding dividers to the benches, as we see in airports?

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**Count Response**

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- 1 I used to live in Fort Collins, and now I only get to visit. Instituting regulations which effectively outlaw and punish homelessness does not seem like an effective solution. People don't want to SEE homelessness, and regulating these behaviors wouldn't help the systemic problem, and would only hide it from people who don't want to see it. I'd love to see solutions other than police presence and "move along" policies. Shelters can be a solution, but is that what persons in the homeless population want? Shared public spaces may be what feels safest to them. Has Fort Collins looked into sleeping pods- which can give a safe place for people to rest, and for the public not to be bothered by seeing something they don't want to see? Or perhaps more systemic solutions like tiny home communities like Washington has? Just some thoughts from a concerned observer.
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- 1 Can more affordable housing be arranged so that people can be given a fair chance to achieve housing on their own?
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- 1 Similar ordinances have been deemed unconstitutional (and ineffective) in multiple locations. The PR associated with those areas is equally as negative. If the programs mentioned in the survey (Fort Collins outreach program) were developed in response to homelessness and behavior concerns, should the community investment be to 1) focus on analyzing the impact of this program and other groups 2) if it is working, marketing the program so that the community understands it is working...not everything happens overnight 3) analyzing needs and funding and/or promoting organizations that are working to address the problem already instead of directing energy to an ordinance that has had little (and even harmful) impact on homeless and non-homeless communities? Additionally, we (community, nation..) are at a period of time in which inclusiveness is critical to our well-being. The City has committed to promoting a community where in all people are welcome and feel safe. The implications (and direct information) associated with this ordinance target specific people: people who need to sit and lay. That is the opposite of inclusiveness. I frequent downtown and I understand the pressure to address the issue. However: if an activity has already been implemented, why implement another that not only harms us (homeless people and non-homeless) but undermines everything else apparently being done? I would like to see the results that the City's efforts have had on homelessness already before looking at additional "solutions" that look like "solutions", but are actually just ways to respond to situations for the sake of responding. Can we, the community, be presented with Fort Collins outreach information and how long it's been happening and other agencies that work with the homeless or in the downtown area where the distribution is said to be? Thanks!
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- 1 While it is important to respect out our down town area and keep it safe, regulating the behavior described here would be a waste of resources and time. It would also be very difficult to enforce, which would be another waste. This is our common space and we need to be encouraged to respect it rather than regulated about how long we can sit and enjoy the space.
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- 1 Homelessness seems trendy in FOCO. Please clean up downtown and make this a safe and clean town again.
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- 1 Everything is fine. Extra police force and/or regulations is unnecessary. I'd rather NOT feel like I was living in a police state every time I am downtown. Police make me more uncomfortable than ANY "transient" ever will.
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- 1 We need to provide more safe spaces for those experiencing homelessness to rest both during the day and at night.
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- 1 Create a day site/center where the "sitting/lying/property leaving" population can receive services. I imagine some of the "regulars" are individuals who would/could benefit from a locale where they are not seen as a nuisance. (Or is that too close to what was voted down in November? If so, get it back on the ballot.)
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- 1 Despite claiming otherwise, it's obvious that these rules are being proposed to discourage people who are homeless/transient, street performers, teenagers, and anyone else who doesn't spend much money from accessing and enjoying Old Town. People should be able to hang out in Old Town as they please so long as they are following rules and laws concerning respectful behavior. Old Town has been and should continue to be more than just a place to shop.
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- 1 I appreciate that there are homeless living in the Downtown area. The city needs to be committed to finding solutions to helping these people find there way to housing, food and employment. I feel the transient issue is truly the problem at hand. If it can be determined that they're in our community to take advantage of temporary services or the access to legalized drugs, then I would hope we could increase police presence and move them on.
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- 1 The real issue is what do you do after issuing citations? We have seen people laugh in the face of police, tear up tickets, and go back to raiding hell. We need to combine a serious commitment to help those who want off the street with firm, serious enforcement of laws for those who won't accept help.
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1	I think that the no smoking downtown should not be as big of a deal as keeping transients from loitering around in old town. I believe enforcing this to be a waste of energy when the first priority should be to keeping patrons of the stores in old town feeling safe and comfortable so that they will actually keep coming down and spending in shops. I hate coming to work and having the same man that I pass (almost) every day ask me for money. I work. If he saw my bank account, I imagine that he would not continue, but he heckles me for something almost daily (he is not around every day). I say no every day. He never recognizes that I am the same person. Irritating. I have also seen some that pester tourists and shoppers to a point where I get complaints in my shop, this is too much. I hope that these disruptive behaviors can be curbed.
1	I think this whole idea of regulating these spaces is specifically targeting the homeless, which is absurd. Just because they're homeless doesn't mean they aren't people. They shouldn't be discriminated against. I've never felt threatened by their presence downtown.
1	I moved away from Olympia, WA because the transient population made downtown so undesirable, and I would hate to see that happen here.
1	If the city does decided to regulate sitting in a public space make a designated area where homeless can sit (which I do oppose). Make the area just a little outside the square, and provide resources for the homeless relocating them won't solve anything. Additionally musicians should be allowed to sit and perform. The arts should be encouraged and music is one of the reasons I enjoy old town.
1	Funds would be better spent to bolster programs that get to the heart of homelessness. Mental health and substance abuse programs, supportive housing programs etc. along with more action to ensure that there are affordable housing opportunities in Ft Collins are a much better investment for the community and city. The proposed ordinance criminalizes behaviors that are not dangerous to the general public and gives the impression that Ft Collins would rather sweep away one of the most vulnerable segments of our population than address the deep rooted problems that the homeless face.
1	I don't think we should approach this subject from a regulation/policy perspective. Can we think about solutions that empower us to be creative in developing a solution?
1	Downtown should be a truly shared space, not a space zoned only for certain residents of the area.
1	I am interested in other people's views on the topic. I am conflicted between the competing needs of various people who frequent downtown.
1	Pretty cut and dry to me. Regulate if the person is panhandling and/or has their life possessions sitting next to them. Otherwise leave the person alone.
1	The term "Downtown shared spaces" is interesting. This implies that these are spaces we will all share. To me that cannot be exclusive of certain people, circumstances or lifestyles. These spaces should be welcoming of the needs and uses of everyone, not just those with personal wealth and a place to call home. Having a wide variety of people from all walks of life gives Downtown Fort Collins life and color. These kinds of regulations are not a step toward "shared spaces" they are a step toward exclusive spaces.
1	It needs to be made clear to homeless and wanderers where they CAN go, near downtown. They need to be SOMEWHERE, it's just not fair that so many of us don't even think of the benches downtown/near old town square, as an option for sitting, because they're almost always taken by the homeless. So I would like to see a balance between less loitering but also more services/options for homeless.
1	Sidewalk and benches are not beds. I would be willing to pay more in taxes to create a partnership between shelters and the city that would allow for better facilities to be built for homeless people looking to improve their situation.
1	The city's resources would be much better spent targeting how to help these individuals you describe as "lying" or "sitting" on benches or sidewalks, rather than punishing them.

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1	Is it possible to designate areas of downtown for these activities? Why are these individuals engaged in these behaviors? Are there other issues that could be addressed that would reduce the problem? There does seem to have been an increase over the past year. Is this a homeless issue or are these individuals "passing through". What does the city know about why these individuals are here?
1	Shared spaces means just that, shared, with those who have and those who may not. If homelessness is an issue for city officials, build a new shelter, create a jobs program, support mental health services, determine the root cause and address that. This ordinance is about trying to not see the reality around us. If it makes you uncomfortable, being inhumane is not the solution. Addressing the issue is the solution. And then recognizing that you can't save or control everyone is the next solution. In fact in a democracy, that kind of comes with the package. No to this horrible ordinance!!!!
1	Do not criminalize homelessness! That does not solve anything. How about putting these resources toward mental health care instead? Don't let the DBA push this sort of inhumane treatment of people. I'm pretty sure none of the businesses in Old Town are hurting because of the homeless folks sitting on benches. Maybe if more businesses were like Bean Cycle and let homeless people come in to get warm and feel part of the community, instead of shunned by the community, there would be fewer issues (though frankly, I'm downtown a few times a week and have never had anyone ask for money or be aggressive). I find the pools of vomit from overindulging college students to be a much larger problem than someone sitting on a bench with their backpack.
1	begging and asking for money really makes people feel uncomfortable. A main reason why I avoid the downtown area!
1	I think drunken behavior by bar patrons is a greater issue than that of the homeless people living downtown. I am a timeshare driver and have experienced more aggressive behavior from drunk pedestrians than I have by the homeless when I am a pedestrian. This behavior I clouded throwing rocks and intentionally blocking roadways. Efforts should be made to increase shelter space or designated camping areas.
1	the city has a influx of homeless, deal with and get them of of our town, stop pandering to them, make and enforce panhandling laws and make this a place they do not want to stay in. the legalizing of pot has only made this worse by like 10 fold.
1	This survey reeks of targeting homeless people. You don't ask if sitting on benches or sidewalks is offensive but rather assume it is. And this will cost the city, courts, police, etc. let's give more time and resources to community outreach and solutions!
1	I live at 334 e oak. I frequently have transient/homeless drinking, smoking, yelling that they are going to murder someone, chasing me to beat me up, peeing in my yard, sleeping on my porch, leaving their belongings on my property and trash in the parkway, congregating in a mass so large that I feel scared to walk through them on the sidewalk on my block while trying to take the family out to dinner, excessive staring at my while I am on my porch, this list goes on and on. I have taken the time to attend our neighborhood meeting and write the council members. We are trying to work and raise a family and don't have time to continuously fight this uphill battle. While writing this I have seen four individuals carrying all their belongings to and from the library and one has been hanging about the park smoking with his belongings. It has gotten so bad this last year that we have finally decided for the safety of our family to move to a safer community, Windsor. We thought this was our forever home but times sure do change. I'm looking for are to feeling safe while being on my front porch. Feeling safe opening the drapes (we no longer open our drapes). Feeling safe watching my son play in the yard. For those who are very supportive of the homeless/resource resistant group, I wonder if they get to go home to a place that isn't inundated with all the issues. Ask those who actually are being affected every day how we are doing. Not those who don't have the reality of living with it. The plaster at the Mennonite church, where does he live? I called to speak with him one time and for turned off by they way he handled my call and decided not to pursue a meeting with him. It saddens me to leave this place I once thought of as paradise. I wish the City well in their decisions and policies they are making. Please consider those of us who are too busy raising families and making a living to be able too make it our full time job to be politically involved always on this issue. We can only do what we can. I am hopeful someone will be looking out for our best interest while we are busy being productive members of society.
1	Downtown used to be nice. Now it seems that the overall general behavior (not just from homeless persons) can be suspect. Maybe I am just more sensitive when I have my kids with me. We have decided to frequent Downtown less and spend our money elsewhere.
1	It seems like the city of Fort Collins is increasingly trying to make it illegal to be homeless in our town. As well it would seem silly to put into place an ordinance that would be extremely hard to properly enforce 100% of the time.

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- 1 Regulating the use of public space is a way to discriminate against the homeless and transient population. Fort Collins is better than that. I'd much rather see those resources directed towards programs that help the homeless find work or housing. We do not need more police or regulations that ban the most vulnerable of our population.
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- 1 Criminalizing homelessness and "being a college student" is not going to solve the problem. The city will spend so much money on policing this issue, but it won't fix anything.
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- 1 I just really hope that this area gets cleaned up soon. I hate not feeling safe just going to dinner or dancing at the bars with friends. I don't feel unsafe inside of the places I go to . Only outside .
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- 1 As a human, you're born into this world with nothing and you'll leave with nothing. In the meantime, your right to govern a space on the planet is superficial. All humans have a right to exist and it is not your business to tell someone else where they can or cannot do so.
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- 1 I support regulation of resting on sidewalks, benches and planters downtown on the assumption that there are other places (e.g., a few parks) homeless can people can rest in. Otherwise I don't think it is in the best interest of anyone in the community to criminalize resting and sleeping when there is nowhere else to go. It would make it even harder for the homeless to find jobs when they are perpetually sleep-deprived or fined.
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- 1 Homelessness is not a crime and is a rather unfortunate product of our broken culture and socioeconomic system. I believe that unless you are offering suitable alternatives for these individuals who don't have a home and plentiful affordable housing programs (which is not the case in Fort Collins by ANY means) then these proposals are discriminatory in nature and I'm fully against them. Research shows that when you EMPOWER and create opportunity for these individuals to become functional members of society, they enjoy giving back and most take the opportunity to rise up to getting off of the streets. Research also shows that issuing individuals tickets and fines they cannot pay (which turn into warrants and the \$150,000 budget for 'housing' then in jail) only perpetuates the cycle of poverty and insinuates more crime as you further demonize someone just needing a lot of compassion and help. These policies are criminalizing homelessness and that's just not okay. I would like to see the City take that \$150,000 to create economic opportunity for these individuals... to create micro businesses or financial support systems that contribute to society to help these individuals be able to afford housing and safety for themselves too. I believe the city does this for MOMs getting back in the work for each-what if we did this for the homeless? What if we mobilized more restaurants to turn over their "trashed" food at the end of the night to these wonderful homeless people? What if we encouraged each other to have discussions and connections with these amazing spirits that have been through so much trauma and decided to give them Compassion and opportunity to be seen-not as a criminal but as a human in need of guidance and opportunity. Very few people are born with drug dependencies or the intention to be homeless. Criminalizing their unfortunate circumstance is cruel and would really make me think about where I keep my business and taxes going to as I don't want to put my money into a city that berates and harms people who are already at their darkest hours. \$150,000 could put these people in HOUSES for a year or MORE instead of jail. Let's work for PROGRESS.
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- 1 These are inhumane proposals that violate the basic rights of your citizens and members of your community.
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- 1 The transient visitors to FC have had an extremely negative impact on our city. Failure to implement and enforce rules makes the problem worse and doesn't assist the transient people with getting back on track. Every summer, it seems like the problem gets exponentially worse, I hope that effective solutions are found.
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- 1 While I understand that there are some problems, regulation and enforcement should be limited to health and safety issues, not loitering issues. Keep people from harassing others but don't tell them they can't exist or have their personal possessions there. I once had a couple ask me for my leftovers as I existed a restaurant in Old Town. It was a great reminder of how fortunate I am.
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- 1 We need to get the public to NOT donate ANYTHING to these people. There are plenty of service agencies where they can get assistance. need "Do Not Feed the Bears" signs!
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- 1 I believe our current, on-the-books, laws are sufficient to prevent disruptions in our common downtown areas. People who are homeless are typically not disruptive. Indeed, College students are more disruptive than the homeless..
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1	Downtown Fort Collins is for people of all classes. Some people may need to use some of the space we share for more pressing needs such as sleep/other issues. I would only act upon those who seriously impede business and cause a threat to people visiting, living, or working downtown.
1	the homeless issue is a complex issue, and the removal of the Jefferson Park could complicate the downtown issue this summer. I love our open community, and hope that we can find a better solution to the homelessness than just kicking these folks to the curb. I would love to see the courtesy patrol that will be policing this issue, actually take one extra step to try and help solve the problems the homeless folks are dealing with-if there vets, lets get them to a facility to help with housing, mental health issues. If they are suffering from mental illness, taking them to a facility that can diagnosis and help with the immediate needs for help. If they are drug or alcohol addicts, taking them to a facility to start to work on addiction. These suggestions are expensive and programs are not free, but we need to have these programs in place before we can solve homelessness in our community.
1	It is inhumane to enforce limitations like this. Be better than the rest of the world and show more compassion towards the homeless population.
1	Instead of regulating homelessness, try combating it in meaningful ways. Open more resources / shelters. I would gladly pay more in taxes to assist.
1	I think the sit/lie ban is discriminatory and would not change the fact how people who are homeless would still need to sit down. I've never had a negative experience with the homeless in Fort Collins and I think this ban is an example of how this town wants to maintain its white priveledge as it continues to become impacted from csu and over industrialization.
1	We don't frequent the downtown area as frequently with our children because of the loitering and panhandling going on. I don't feel comfortable having my children around those that seem to be under the influence of something and acting erratically. If this were more regulated, my family would definitely spend more time and money in the downtown area!
1	Build it and they will come...promoting free needle program in FC has had unintended consequences. Not good. I will go to Windsor for my boutique shopping and dining because I feel safer and not intimidated by street people hanging out on sidewalks, public restrooms or public parks.
1	I feel this is specifically targeting the homeless population, being homeless is not illegal. I will not support any laws that would further the hardship of our most vulnerable counterparts.
1	The physical location of people is rarely an issue. Public intoxication, harassment of passerbys, and similar are the real issues. Rather than enforcing the adjacent issues of where people happen to sit, enforce the actually disruptive behaviors.
1	Downtown shared spaces, are just that, shared spaces. I do not expect or think it would be necessary for the city to regulate how long I am allowed to walk around and shop or how many restaurants I should be allowed to eat at. Therefore, I do not believe the city should regulate sitting or lying on sidewalks, benches, or planters because those are just other ways in which individuals use and enjoy the downtown area. My purpose is no better than someone else's, even if that person's purpose is to rest because they have no other place to do so.
1	I've noticed during weekends and after big downtown events, there is often a lot of vomit on the sidewalks. Sometimes it's there for days before getting cleaned up. That's obviously not very appealing for visitors, so it'd be great to see a faster clean-up, especially during event/festival season and weekends. Thank you!
1	Sidewalks and benches are designed to be used by humans, therefore there should be no time regulations on these. Planters are designed for flowers, therefore humans should not be lying or placing their belongings in flowers.
1	City public spaces should be comfortable for Fort Collins residents and visitors, more than for "travellers" who may have made a life style choice to not work. Truly needy people should be helped as much as possible.

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1	What makes me feel unsafe are the drunk men attending CSU who are sexually aggressive and use homophobic comments. I have never been intimidated, harassed, or felt fearful due to someone from the homeless community. Fort Collins is already a clean and nice place to live, people sitting on benches and sidewalks are not changing that, it is a normal symptom of a homeless problem. Invest my tax paying money into homeless shelters, health services, and education if you want to fix this problem.
1	It's shared space. So long as no one is being violent or presenting an active danger then they should be left alone. Legislation should not be made based on the aesthetics of the privileged. The down and out people this kind of legislation would affect have a hard enough time just trying to survive. If you want to pass laws to address the issue, try programs to help them rather than criminalize them.
1	While I understand we have a growing homeless population in need of services, I feel the city's energy and resources could be better used in assisting people rather than criminalizing or regulating how long someone sits on a bench. This is hacking at the branches, not getting to the root of the problem. I love Old Town. I hope we can find a wise solution.
1	We should be combining our efforts to help homeless individuals, not regulate their behavior. While Fort Collins does a lot to help struggling individuals and families, we are in a good enough financial position where we could be doing more to rehabilitate these individuals. Most of them did not choose homelessness. We as a community should rally around these community members and help them get back on their feet.
1	Like I said, I understand homelessness is a real problem, and I don't have a problem with the homeless population. It'd be rude and pretentious of people to be angry with homeless people just for being homeless, but there is a great lack of respect, specifically with the younger homeless population, in downtown. As a petite woman, I am on guard in downtown and have to frequent the parking structure after work and I'm always on guard and prepared to defend myself. I don't remember Old Town being this way 6-7 years ago. I think it's important to find a solution to help the homeless population, whether we need to build more shelters or fund more resources for them, which I would be open to, but it's also important that there is security coverage in the area, especially at night time.
1	I think moving the homeless shelter would make a big difference in improving the atmosphere in old town.
1	I find it hard to take my children to library park or walk around in old town without being harassed or them seeing or hearing vulgar behavior by transients. I'm confused as to what we are doing with our homeless population?
1	This "no sit" policy unfairly targets the Fort Collins homeless population. Even if it is effective in "cleaning up" our already beautiful downtown area, it would sacrifice the community values of our city.
1	Pushing our homeless neighbors out of old town doesn't help them or our community. Work on housing solutions would do much more for us all than these proposed bench bans.
1	Our downtown is vibrant and diverse, some homeless people are present but I have never had any bad experience. Regulating their presence is against what Fort Collins is about, an open minded community that care for each others. A regulation on benches will just push homeless people away but won't fix the real problem of why they live in the street.
1	Nothing is going to happen until the city condemns the shelters on Linden and builds a new facility far from downtown.
1	Please do not criminalize homelessness in Fort Collins. We are better than that. If we want to work towards eliminating homelessness, we should support evidence-based interventions that have been proven to reduce it.
1	If these issues are related to homelessness then the City should look at other ways that help people survive homelessness rather than punitive regulations.
1	It feels cruel to people who are struggling to survive on the streets to not allow them to rest in these public spaces. Homelessness can happen to anyone, and we should remember that these are people just like us.
1	The Fort Collins Rescue Mission needs to go, if they truly want to help these transients then send them out to the farm where they can work and clean up their lives.
1	I frequently meet downtown for business and pleasure. I've never felt uncomfortable or in danger.

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1	I think this is the most ridiculous waste of time. I am in old town several times a week and I have never been harassed, it's a public space and it's clear that this is being targeted toward people who are homeless....or is this really about drunk college students? Honestly it's an embarrassment that the city is trying to rid itself of people they just don't like.
1	I am against any regulation which could be used to prevent any legal activity by an individual or group
1	I want respect of the homeless and respect of the businesses, residents and visitors. This is difficult. I feel the solution lies in providing places for homeless to go during the day, safely and securely holding their property that is free and easily accessible and mental health facilities providing ongoing health care for homeless. The homeless should not be allowed to wander anywhere downtown. They should be given a place, funded by the city and county, to gather during the day and store their property. They should be given resources and help whenever possible. Stop criminalizing the homeless and treat them respectfully. AND educate the homeless on what they can and cannot do in public space, where they can go and the rules.
1	The proposed regulations on uses of sidewalks & benches disproportionately affect the homeless population, one of the most targeted populations in our community. I think the city of Fort Collins would do better to invest in shelters, aid, and affordable housing than to further criminalize this marginalized group. Let's make our community more welcoming, not less.
1	Spend your time and money helping people who are without a place to go rather than pushing them out to be homeless somewhere else. Regulating how long people can sit is not fixing the problem.
1	Consider focusing your efforts to reduce the number of homeless individuals downtown on developing more low-income housing and implementing evidence-based programs that support people with substance abuse/addiction problems. Criminalizing sitting or lying down in public treats only a very superficial symptom of homelessness and likely wouldn't survive a lawsuit brought by the ACLU, like so many other Fort Collins laws aimed at the homeless population.
1	I've lived in Fort Collins since 2001 and have been employed in Oldtown since 2009 and have seen the number of homeless increase not only in Oldtown, but midtown and even off I-25 & Harmony. I have had mostly positive interactions with these folks and think patrolling Park and city benches is a gross misuse of City council's reach and a waste of my taxpayer money. In addition to a waste of law enforcement's time. I respect that time the council spends on city matters for very little pay. I'd rather pay the council more than waste a dime on this sit-in ban.
1	Do not further criminalize homelessness. We are an economically diverse community, and we need to stop pushing homelessness and extreme poverty into the shadows.
1	I think regulating this is a step in the right direction. There are too many people that have no respect for other people's property, and it ruins the appeal of old town.
1	I believe that homeless and needy need a place to go but I don't think that impeding foot traffic or access to stores and businesses is where they should be. A designated area for loitering in the city would be appropriate.
1	Make downtown a safe and comfortable place to be again. I am scared to leave my car parked in places. Imagine how visitors to our beautiful city feel. I also see people "living" in Porta potties on trails. Scary if you are alone.
1	My family no longer frequents downtown due to many of these issues. What used to be a fun place to visit has now become a place to keep our kids away from.
1	It looks like you're targeting a symptom and not the problem. Here are some goals that would be a better use of regulatory power: 1) More/better drug programs for people with abuse problems. 2) Providing somewhere for these people to sleep (since they obviously have to sleep somewhere, pushing them out of downtown and into neighborhoods isn't actually going to help anyone). 3) Jobs for these people. Even something simple like minimum wage to go pick up trash or work on beautification projects around FoCo. Pick them up in vans, take them to do a job, pay them in cash, drop them back off. This has been very successful in other cities. It directly benefits them and the city and (since this is what you actually care about): It's relatively cheap.
1	I don't see a viable way to regulate and enforce this kind of rule without blatant profiling. Please address the issue of how the city would go about enforcing these rules.

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1	Figure out a way to separate the transient, drug and booze using community from the homeless. There is a difference and the transients make it such that I don't take my family downtown. There are programs to help the homeless. Buy the mission and move a shelter out of downtown so it isn't so attractive to "come visit" Fort Collins. I think the City is getting played by a group that just doesn't want to work. They don't have a right to leave needles on the trail, use restrooms as hotels, etc.
1	Asheville new Orlesns Boulder San Francisco are ruined for the majority visitors by a tiny minority of vagrants. There is a confusion of what personal freedom is. I want the freedom to be able to walk around downtown without being harassed
1	This is not just a Downtown problem. I live midtown and now transients are riding the buses and doing the same behavior at Drake/College and Horsetooth/College. Regulating just downtown will only move the problem. Ordinance should cover all of the City otherwise you are just moving the problem. I've walked downtown in the morning and people are laying in entrances to businesses before they open. We really need to take control of this situation and allow police to enforce the laws we pass. We don't want to encourage this behavior and lifestyle.
1	These are alarming suggestions, and it concerns me that this came to me via the DBA. I do not share many priorities with the DBA in terms of what benefits our local citizenry.
1	Legislation does nothing to eliminate the problem as the problem transients have nothing to do much less pay a fine!
1	See previous comment. If the complaint is people don't have a place to sit because the benches are being used then the solution, it seems, is more benches. But I haven't heard that being the issue, so the real complaint is the "wrong" kind of people are occupying them. DO NOT REGULATE.
1	Plenty of cities have learned to tolerate the presence of homelessness, vagrancy, addiction, and mental illness in their commercial areas. The proposed ban on sitting blatantly targets homeless people, an already-marginalized group, and is a thinly-veiled assertion of classism in this mainly upperclass, white neighborhood. Shuffling these people out of sight does nothing to solve their problems, which is what the city should be focusing this time and energy on instead.
1	If you move these people out of downtown, then where will you regulate next? As obviously these questions target the homeless. Please work on a solution rather than punishing those who can't afford this expensive city.
1	Homeless people should be welcome unless they are disruptive in ways that are already illegal. It doesn't make sense to regulate sitting and lying on benches.
1	Do not criminalize poor people. FIND HEALTHY SOLUTIONS in line with the values of a caring community. Please.
1	If there are poor homeless people downtown, they should be helped with services, not prohibited from living.
1	Regulating behaviors in old town will not solve the problem of homelessness in the area, and it will be targeted solely at those that are perceived as "unworthy" or "less than" us. I have a hard time believing that if I had lunch with a friend and was having a great conversation that lasted a few hours on a summer day that I would be approached by a police officer and ticketed for loitering. YOU WILL NOT SOLVE HOMELESSNESS BY HIDING THE HOMELESS OR FORCING THEM TO LEAVE! We cannot choose to see homelessness only when we want to. It exists every day for anyone without a home, and most of us are only a couple of paychecks away from being in a very similar situation.
1	I don't beleive we should be regulating against people simply based on their circumstance in life. I understand that there is a resource resistant homeless population who choose that as a lifestyle; however, for those who are there became of mental illness, job loss, or other mitigating circumstance in their life, this is discriminatory toward their trying to get by. Further, citations for homeless people only worsens the cycle that keeps them in that circumstance. Fines which they already cannot pay for will only create a negative feedback loop that leaves them destitute. Lastly, the Department of Justice has also stated that "sit/lie" laws are unconstitutional under the Eighth Amendment leaving the city exposed to liability.
1	Instead of trying to limit time a person in an already tough situation sits or lays, why don't we try harder to provide ways to get everyone in a permanent home.

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1	These regulations whether implicitly or explicitly target the homeless population. Given the person's circumstances you are putting undo burden upon them with no other options. You could designate a rest area for them, or lockers, or something to alleviate the problem beyond legislation if you want to truly alter the behavior of those individuals sitting or lying for extended periods of time because walking all day is not always an option. Provide a solution beyond penalizing a behavior. Provide a solution that helps their situation and you might be surprised. If they don't take care of what is offered, then you can remove them from that area. But the current prohibitions seem like a step in the wrong direction.
1	The increase in homeless/transients has really has diminished the overall downtown experience in the last few years. Downtown used to be a vibrant, family friendly place but not it's not as much. Too many transients just sitting around or sleeping.
1	The shared spaces are just that, "shared". Certain people seem to think it is ok to occupy said spaces for hours or even days.
1	I think the roots of homelessness are deeper and more complex. Please don't play whac-a-mole with superficial behaviors in ways that invite legal turmoil. Surely there are smarter and more effective/efficient ways we could lure homeless people out of Old Town to areas where we and they are more comfortable. (But it will take money!)
1	If you're going to make life harder for homeless people by taking away public spaces for them to utilize. Then you have to have some sort of program to treat and prevent homelessness. Maybe educate the homeless on how they can become financially independent?
1	I answered that I visit Old Town 1-2 times a month, because the only other choice was a coupla times a year, and that's not accurate, either. It's more like somewhere in-between.....I don't visit as often as I'd like because, eventho I haven't been verbally or physically accosted yet, I see an increase in the numbers of people loitering and yes, sitting and laying in all manner of places, all hours of the day and night, Mon - Sun. Because of this, I thoughtfully determine more and more if I want to subject myself to the possibility of negative interaction, and much of the time now I determine I do not want to risk it.
1	I think the City of Fort Collins should do everything in its power to help people who are homeless rather than making these individual's lives even more difficult through regulations and restrictions.
1	While I support finding options to regulate some of these actions, I feel like a bigger issue is to address homelessness in the downtown area. If you take away options to sit/lie/store personal items, there needs to be a viable alternative for homeless individuals.
1	I think it is absolutely sad how Downtown Fort Collins has come into its own rules since all the buy outs of the buildings in the past few years. It feels like one person is cleaning house. It used to be a great place for everyone to coexists. All I see is a huge line drawn now and how "certain demographics" are an "inconvenience" to the horrible way downtown Fort Collins direction is changing.
1	I have never had a problem with anything mentioned above nor have felt the need to avoid a business due to any of the items above. We should not criminalize sitting, lying down, or not having a home for that matter. This would put an additional burden on some of the most vulnerable people in the community. Some of the people passing through town are younger folks in a transition period of their lives. A criminal offense lessens their chances in life. We should look more at what we can do about the problem of homelessness and not criminalize a symptom. What can we do to assist folks with disabilities (mental and physical) or drug and alcohol addictions. I know this is not an easy problem to address.
1	Homeless people existing does not diminish my experience. Living in a town that criminalizes homelessness does.
1	I've been in those people's shoes, literally, for two years. Arresting the homeless does nothing. What are you gonna do? Fine them? Yeah, that'll work! Oh wait, they're dead broke. I'd gladly fork over a buck or two in taxes, to see the city do something besides powdering it's nose, trying to prove to Denver that it's worth something besides Micro Breweries, a decent college foot ball team, and a bunch of drunk college students.
1	This is clearly targeting an already marginalized group in our community that needs our support, not our penal system. Find a better way, as in creating common space (like FoCo Cafe) where people feel warmly welcomed and can mix with our community.

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**Count Response**

1	We have small children and are less inclined to visit downtown with the current scenario in downtown (the loitering, sleeping on the sidewalks, conglomeration of multiple people who make the streets their home and sometimes the inappropriate talking/approaching/aggressive behaviors.) I feel it is certainly worthwhile to attempt to address/limit these issues to allow the downtown culture and businesses thrive.
1	The downtown experience has improved because of more police officers patrolling the streets. Thank you.
1	Downtown is beginning to feel unsafe. I have out of town guests that used to love coming to Old Town but felt threatened and are now driving to Centerra. This is an issue that needs addressed
1	This is a direct attack on the homeless/transient population. I used to live right next to Safeway and had no problem walking by the homeless people who would aggregate on the East site. The most problems I have ever had in old town were drunk guys. Even once being followed home to my apartment. If you want to stop disruptive behavior have more police officers around when drunk college students are out. If people have a problem with someone sitting on a bench all day, maybe they should take a minute in their shoes. I have also never felt like I couldn't find my own bench. Also panhandling is not disruptive behavior, it is only considered disruptive because someone is uncomfortable acknowledging that people have hard lives out there.
1	Please don't criminalize the most disadvantaged in our community. Unhoused citizens need a place to store their limited belongings (esp. cold weather gear) and deserve to be able to sleep without fear of arrest.
1	I think a better response to a problem (or perceived problem) of people lying or sitting in unwanted areas is to provide more areas where this is okay. For example, put more benches in a garden area, or have designated lawns where it is okay for people to sit or lay down and rest. Allocate funds to meet people's needs instead of to punish behaviors and enforce laws that could be discriminatory.
1	As any good parent knows, more rules do not change behaviors. Only when our city addresses the root of homelessness (livable housing, mental health and drug treatment facilities) will we see positive affects for the entire population of Fort Collins.
1	FC is a wonderful city and place to live. Not trying to be difficult but the number of transient people that occupy predominantly public spaces like sitting and lying around is a little unsettling for my wife and kids.
1	This is a despicable way to treat a vulnerable homeless population. The city should focus its efforts on helping these people not criminalizing behaviors they must engage in just to survive, like sleep. A shameful display from the city government.
1	These aren't solutions to the problem. Provide spced for those who don't have them. Homelessness and mental illness (including alcoholism) are not crimes.
1	The aggressive and intimidating behavior/intoxication is always on the part of patrons of the downtown bars, and never on the part of anyone who seems to be transient.
1	Regulation is NOT the solution. The people who use the downtown spaces add to my sense of community in Fort Collins. The only intoxicated people I have seen in downtown Fort Collins are patrons of the bars in the evenings.
1	PEOPLE NEED TO STOP SMOKING POT IN PUBLIC. THE LAW STATES ON YOUR PORCH IS THE ONLY PKACES OUT DOORS
1	If these ordinances are passed, I stop my visits to Old Town entirely and encourage all of my friends, family, and colleagues to do the same. I do not support the criminalization of homelessness in any form, and am not fooled by the city's rhetoric in stating that this is not unfair targeting our community members without homes.
1	Rather than criminalizing the housing problems here in FoCo, the city should focus its efforts on addressing the underlying causes. Lack of affordable housing it a huge one, as well as lack of access to mental health treatment. A sleep/laying ban cost Colorado Springs over \$23,000 from 2010 to 2014 (per DU study), and this money could have been better spent providing solutions for WHY people are sleeping/laying in public. I want to live in a community that uplifts it's fallen, not one that punishes people for struggling. It is not a crime to live, and that is what these policies would be punishing. This money would be better spent on services that assist the homeless population.

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1	The idea that there will be enforcement of a sitting ban is a joke, since we don't even enforce no smoking. The press narrative should be focused on homeless families, or unseen homeless children who couch surf. Not the idiots who are pooping and yelling about how love Trumps Hate downtown. Take the lead, be the light in the whole issue, not just 10-30 people in downtown!
1	Many of our customers complain that they are bothered on their way into our stores by the behaviors. I don't like cleaning up their messes or otherwise being forced to look at their messes if it isn't cleaned up.
1	your regulatory proposals are misguided and aimed at criminalizing behavior associated with poverty. the behaviors that are problematic when i am downtown are ones engaged in by intoxicated people coming in and out of bars, not by people using public sitting spaces.
1	This is a tough topic. The government's job is to keep people safe so some regulation may be necessary. However, great caution should be exercised in spending lots of money on this and reducing liberties in public spaces. Are there situations where new regs would hinder well-meaning and law abiding citizens. For example a group of men hanging out together while wives shop or teens chatting in a safe common place? Food for thought.
1	Downtown Fort Collins is a place I no longer take my young kids. It feels dirty and unsafe. Also things I don't want my kids to see until they are old enough to discuss. I'm a native and downtown has really become an embarrassment. Beyond time to clean it up.
1	Get more enforcement and visibility down there to get people moving along and not loitering. I'm tired of the whining and complaining. Eventually old town will have no one down there and that is coming. All the concerts and Bohemian money won't draw people to a bad area of town. It used to just be at night that you had to avoid old town, but now everyone knows it's bad almost all the time! It is so sad. I just want to move someplace where we stop catering to the whiners.
1	80% or more of these individuals have chosen this lifestyle... Frankly, I don't want our police going around with a timer as it doesn't solve the problem... Make it uncomfortable and they will move on... They use MAX to work south side corners. The same individuals are seen month after month...
1	Work toward a solution to help our homeless community members instead of making them illegal. They're human beings.
1	Homelessness is an issue in an of itself and there may be already guidelines in place. I would love to hear about that. My granddaughters always worry about people that look homeless and asking for help. I would like to educate them on what's being done that really helps.
1	Please focus on affordable housing options, a rehab center, and expanding homeless assistance before you seek to criminalize homelessness.
1	Instead of trying to regulate things like this, the city of Fort Collins should try to develop more programs to help the homeless. Taking away the park on Jefferson where many homeless people gathered will cause them to move into the downtown area more. Making more laws that discriminate against the homeless is not the answer.
1	i have never felt at risk with the homeless patrons of the downtown Fort Collins area and would hope criminalizing homelessness does not go into affect. We need to help our homeless neighbors and do our best to support them through their struggle
1	Owned 2 businesses downtown in the 70's-80's. Daughters lived downtown 2010-2013. Increased negative behaviors/loitering have forced many of us to not want to go downtown any more. It is a burden on local business owners & residents. Without regulations, the future of a vibrant downtown will be affected. Downtown is a retail center and should be preserved as such. There are services for the homeless so no need to be begging. If they want to lay down on benches, go to a park.

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1	I was an Intern for the Social Sustainability Office at the City of Fort Collins in 2013 and my goal was to research alternative to criminalizing homelessness. At the time, our initiatives were progressive and I was immensely proud of our work. I am now a graduate student studying the creation and enforcement of anti-homeless laws. It is upsetting to look back at the place I once lived/worked to find this unethical law-making. I strong believe that anti-sleep/laying laws may placate business owners and some members of the public, but it does not address root problems of homelessness. I ask you to think, if you were homeless, at your "rock bottom", and were looking for a place to sleep, would you support the this ordinance?
1	I live in the old town area and I frequently walk into town - maybe 5 times a week - typically between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm - there may be more issues at night - but during the day - I see no issues in old town.
1	I live in Longmont but choose to go to Ft. Collins for my shopping rather than to Boulder or Denver. This ordinance is sad news and is the reason I will start putting my money elsewhere.
1	I recognize that this a delicate balance, but visitors have expressed to me their feeling of discomfort and feeling unsafe in our downtown. I won't go down there alone after dark.
1	Many people in Fort Collins don't have a place to live and so don't have a place to lay their head down at night. Let's come together and find a housing solution that works for them!
1	The lying on sidewalks and benches need to be prohibited entirely. Trying to somehow manage whether an hour has passed since someone laid down on a bench or sidewalk would create all kinds of additional enforcement problems
1	People should not be penalized for surviving. These regulations directly target the homeless population in Fort Collins. How does someone patrolling the downtown area differentiate someone like me sitting for an hour on a bench, versus someone sitting on a bench because they have no where else to go? Resources should be used to get better resources for this population.
1	There is a problem of homelessness in Fort Collins. That is the problem which the City should be addressing, not the relatively benign symptoms of that problem which this proposal is designed for. If the homeless were not forced out onto the streets during the daylight hours, it is likely that virtually none of the symptoms would exist.
1	Please remember homeless are humans with families somewhere that love them. They are the result of a society with an issue and can not just be moved out of view. I am sad a new mental facility was not approved.
1	For the new public bathroom, to encourage they are used for their intended purpose and to keep people from "over staying their visit" play an annoying soundtrack in them like "Pop Goes the Weasel"
1	It seems to me that providing more resources for homeless people and transients is a better use of the city's time and resources than regulating sitting and lying down in public spaces.
1	It is shameful how society is always targeting the sick and poor and wanting to remove them from sight rather than help... I am willing to bet that most of the individuals who complain about this behavior also voted "no" on a mental health institution that could help many of these people. We call ourselves a Christian nation yet when it comes to the core values of "feed the hungry", "shelter the homeless", "cloth the naked", we turn a blind eye...
1	The downtown has - unfortunately - evolved into a "be aware", and fearful environment as the evening moves beyond the midpoint. The transition of cultures between family and aggressive characteristics is becoming more apparent with the threatening behaviors of small groups or individuals who choose to exude a sense of fear and confrontation. During the day the same groups of "aggressors" are becoming more and more bold and diminishing the enjoyment of those who wish to not engage or be tolerant of such behaviors.
1	Criminalizing homelessness is not an answer. Provide more outreach, more homeless shelters. The money you'd spend on jailing or prosecuting these harmless "crimes" should be used on helping homeless instead.
1	Regulations don't work. There is probably a reason people are sitting or lying down. Some people are simply waiting, others are drunk. Drunk people need help. They don't need to be arrested.

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1	We all know this is more about hiding the homeless problem in Fort Collins, and about businesses not wanting to deal with this at risk community. You cannot regulate people out of existence. Services and support, not regulation and punishment!
1	I appreciate the need to balance personal/individual freedom to access and use public space and and resources, and the community's/public's desire to have public space and resources available for all to use. I feel that, if individuals use certain public spaces (e.g., benches, portions of the sidewalk and planters) for personal use for long periods of time, that use can act as a deterrent for others to also use those spaces and resources. Therefore, I believe the city government, as an extension of the community/public will, has a reasonable right to attempt to ensure reasonable equal access to and use of public space and resources. To accomplish the idea of reasonable equal access and use, I feel it is reasonable to require individuals to not "over use" these resources in away that might deter others from using those resources or make those resources less available to others. Though somewhat arbitrary, the limit of 1 to 2 hour of use seems to me to pass a "reasonable man/woman" test...in that a "reasonable man/woman" would find that using a public bench or sidewalk for up to but not more than and hour or two be a reasonable request and imposition on individual freedom to promote/allow fair and equal access and use of those public resources. In simple terms, asking me to share the bench after an hour or two of use so someone else can use it does not seem unreasonable. Also, it might help decision making and public understanding if the City had a "statement of use" Policy, that indicated the general intent for use of benches, sidewalks and planters (e.g., enjoyment by all but not for lying down resting, or long-term individual use). Perhaps posting such a policy (if appropriate and approved by the public/city) on small signs on or around these public resources would help community understanding compliance. Thank you for reaching out to the public to help inform your decision making. I know there is no easy answer to this issue and the idea of reasonable equal use and access is an indirect way of addressing the concepts that have been called "vagrancy", "loitering", etc.
1	The intoxication I see downtown are not from transients or the homeless community but from large groups of young men and women, some of whom seem to be college students, some seem to be from the larger region, some seem to be Foco non-student residents. I wonder how the city council will want to regulate them?
1	Rather than new regulations, please consider rigorously enforcing existing ones: Public intoxication? Harassment? My concern is security, and an unpredictable person who is standing is a significantly greater threat than one who is sitting or lying down. At the Old Town Library, semi-violent or unpredictable behavior often affects my family's sense of security. Please address threatening rather than passive (sitting or lying) behavior.
1	I live near Old Town, my husband works on Oak Street and we are downtown at least twice a week running errands or enjoying social events. We have lived/worked in the area for 10 years. We have never encountered any issues with aggressive behavior nor have we had any problems with people taking up space and making our visit uncomfortable in any way.
1	There is never a place to sit in the evenings downtown FT Collins. All the benches are full of people that have claimed and camped out on the benches. They oftern have hordes of friends with them whom smoke and curse loudly. It's turning downtown to look like a vagabond city and not so much as a pretty relaxing place to go. I understand there is a growing homeless population but they act like they personally own the benches and the fresh air we breathe.
1	If there is to be equal enforcement of any/all of these measures implemented, then maybe I can agree to them. However, it seems as though this will be aimed primarily at our homeless population; I doubt I would be asked to move on from a bench that I've been sitting on for several hours. Be smart. Don't get this city sued (again); you will lose and it will be the taxpayers footing the bill.

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- 1 I think it is disingenuous to suggest this measure is not about homeless people. In the case of a homeless person, when it comes to sitting and lying down in public spaces, it may not be possible to distinguish criminalizing a persons behavior/conduct and criminalizing their status. This is analogous to a 1968 U.S. Supreme Court case about public drunkenness: "the deciding opinion made the distinction between criminalizing public drunkenness, and cases in which such conduct is unavoidable — saying that if an alcoholic is powerless to prevent themselves from being found drunk in public, he or she should not be punished for it." I lived downtown for 5 years and never had a conflict, confrontation, or felt intimidated by a homeless person. Drunk people coming out of the bars, yes. I'm also skeptical that a fine will be a successful deterrent of the these undesired behaviors. A study of the Sit/Lie ban in San Francisco found, "Repeatedly citing individuals who cannot pay fines does not break the cycle of repeat offenses..." Additionally, if things like sufficient free locker space do not \*already\* exist when something like this is implemented, then vulnerable people have no reasonable way to comply with the "personal belongings" restrictions. For example, if they received a Sit/Lie citation and needed to go to court for more than 1-4 hours, they would put their belongings...where? If you do proceed with this, which I hope you will not, I think 2 AM unnecessarily late for the sit/lie curfew begin time. UNLIKELY EFFICACY In considering a proposed Sit-Lie ballot measure in Berkley, California, called Measure S, Berkeley Law Policy Advocacy Clinic did a study about the efficacy of Sit-Lie measures. "We surveyed community organizations, municipal human services and economic development agencies, business groups and police departments in more than a dozen Sit-Lie jurisdictions, including seven in California." The researchers concluded: "Proponents of Measure S make empirical claims about the economic and service benefits of the ordinance. In this study, we tested these claims to see if they represent proven or promising practices. Although more data are needed about Sit-Lie ordinances nationally, our findings suggest that the benefits of such laws are neither proven nor promising. Berkeley voters may support or oppose Measure S for other reasons, but there is no evidence that it will increase economic activity or improve services to homeless people if enacted." \_\_\_\_\_ Ultimately, I think there is a significant difference between something which is unpleasant or undesirable and something which should be illegal. I do not think sitting or lying down in public spaces should be illegal. \_\_\_\_\_ Additionally, I have concerns this proposed regulation could be used to limit freedom of speech and expression.
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- 1 It's embarrassing to bring visitors to what should be a gem and it's uncomfortable to me and I find I avoid just wandering around and do what I need to do and leave. I'm fearful. And annoyed and I don't want to be approached while trying to enjoy my day. I rarely go downtown any more.
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- 1 There are visual pollution laws in Fort Collins, such as not allowing businesses to display more than three colors on their signs. There are too many municipal ordinance signs popping up everywhere. For example "no \_\_\_\_ in planters," "no smoking \_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_," "no bicycling," "no skateboarding," "no parking for more than 10 minutes," etc...
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- 1 i strongly encourage looking at the root causes as opposed to regulations. if there is a transient/ homelessness issue in fort collins regulating behavior will not help. look to help those facing these issues and focusing on things such as affordable housing is a MUCH more important use of resources
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- 1 A man was sitting by a business with feces and urine coming out of his clothes onto the sidewalk. We didn't know who to call since the police didn't show up after we called them. The man appeared to be ill or intoxicated. It should be posted who to call to report and some kind of time frame when someone will come take care of the person.
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- 1 I feel the draw of homelessness and drunkenness issues are the result of the marijuana in Colorado. I don't think the services that are available for these people are utilized to their fullest mostly because it's money that's being sought rather than food or shelter.
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- 1 I'm concerned with the way that questions #3 - #6 are worded. The survey is written in such a way to make you think we're talking about homeless folks. ...I see significantly more "Aggressive or intimidating behavior" and "Intoxicated or impaired behavior" from individuals inside and outside Tony's and Rec Room than I have from homeless people.
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- 1 We need more police officers in this town. We are growing fast (TOO FAST, really), and it is crystal clear that even traffic laws (speeding, running red lights) are not being enforced properly. Nowhere is this more obvious than in downtown Fort Collins.
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- 1 People are not an element for diminishing consumer experience. The are just like you and me and need respect and compassion not regulations. The proposition is un-christian and absolutely disgusting
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- 1 Exemptions for sitting and personal items should be made during parades so people can setup lawn chairs.
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1	Regulating whether people are sitting or lying in shared spaces is a violation of people's rights in public spaces. In a community where so much land is private, and the cost of owning private property is so high, we need to keep public spaces public for ALL. Let's not make sitting and sleeping against the law. Instead, let's keep our police force's focus on preventing and correcting behaviors that are actually dangerous.
1	We are proud of our city and feel the newer issues faced with the transient population should not keep us from enjoying the downtown area. Will turn into the 16th street mall if we are not careful. Let's be proactive
1	It's gotten to where i don't want to go in to Old Town now. I work in Old Town and i am there almost daily. The amount of people laying or sitting on the sidewalks with their belongings, sitting or laying round the benches. I don't want to sit or walk by them. I get asked for money or cigarettes. I have been yelled at, cussed at. I am tired of hearing them argue with each other or bad mouth and flip off the police because they stop them and talk to them. Something needs to be done. I don't even want to take my young son there anymore. Especially, the library.
1	I've been a business owner in the downtown area for 6 years and have been slowly watching our quaint little area slowly deteriorate. I understand with growth there needs to be adjustments made. I hope with time we can keep up with the growing amount of individuals who are not a benefit to our community.
1	I would like to see a greater police beat presence during the day, not just at night on the weekends. That interaction between beat police and the merchants could greatly enhance the overall health, vibrance, and enforcement of current or pending laws. It also helps build community.
1	Banks are made for using. Better Ft Collins attends to truly important things: Take care of the poor, schools, ensure health care.....
1	The homeless element and negative behavior in the downtown area has clearly increased over the last couple of years. The family friendly environment that the downtown area has been is degrading as a result. The city clearly needs to regulate the area to reduce the problem, as it runs the risk of making shopping, dining and walking significantly less desirable.
1	Sidewalks are a TRAVEL path for everyone, & they were not made to be a resting place for anyone or anything. Benches were made for EVERYONE
1	I feel sorry for the homeless. I do not know where the answer to the problem is. I just know that I feel uncomfortable when downtown and I see so many people laying around, sitting in business doorways. Fort Collins is, as we all know a beautiful city. But the situation does detract and make us sometimes feel unsafe in our beautiful city. I know at night I won't go downtown.
1	Regulating folks behavior in a public space is super weird, unless those folks are causing actual harm to people, but those are regulated by different sets of laws. This is a weird survey and if people are deterred from downtown because people sit or lie on the benches, they should go to a different downtown.
1	Before we consider regulation in regards to these behaviors, we should first consider where we can funnel resources to provide alternative means of shelter for these folks. The closing of Jefferson Park left many of them without a place "out of the way" to sleep. It would be worthwhile to have multiple conversations with the community surrounding just this issue (I know we have had some already) but we should all be working towards a feasible solution that doesn't criminalize folks sleeping, especially those folks who are not otherwise disturbing downtown patrons.
1	We need more affordable housing to help the homeless instead of hiring more police officers to write tickets. criminalization of homelessness is inhumane please do not move forward with these efforts.
1	I really don't know how to regulate. The homeless/transient issues are now affecting my neighborhood in the College/Harmony area. I understand Ft Collins is a sanctuary city for the homeless of southern WY and Northern CO. I truly struggle with becoming more tolerant of different lifestyles or regulating as my answers say. Some of these are mental health issues. I'll take time to weigh the issues presented more thoroughly.
1	These regulations would send the message that Fort Collins is not amenable to the transient lifestyle and will not tolerate hoards of people lounging about old town. This behavior carries with it panhandling, drug use and otherwise undesirable behavior.

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- 1 Fort Collins is heading down a well trodden path. Merchants and upstanding citizens complain about undesirables and the town does everything legally permissible to run them out of town. Even during the great depression, the unemployed down and out were viewed as undesirable and chased around the country. Sometimes a particularly repressive town forces undesirables out, usually it is less successful. There is only one certainty. Those who need help don't get it.
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- 1 I have had many instances of homeless lying on benches outside my store, entering my store looking for a restroom, and asking my customers for money.
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- 1 I think that everyone has a right to exist as they please, but there are days where the "problem" seems like it is getting out of control
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- 1 who will police all these regulations? Don't allow this in our business district and it will be easier to enforce no tolerance for it.
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- 1 Clearly this legislation is design to keep homeless and transit peoples away form the the old town area of town. While it is clear that there is a homeless problem in this community i.e. there are homeless people who don't have any other place to go, making them move away form the picturesque downtown so that more privileged citizens don't have to see them is not a legitimate response. Nor will it create lasting change.
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- 1 I think it's a massive shame and a dissapointment that these kinds of laws are even being talked about. Money doesn't dictate the rate at which respect should be given, and it makes me sad as someone who has grown up here to think that my city cares that little about its fellow person to demonize and try to just ignore or chase them out. We're growing as a populous and it's a blessing, act like a city and succeed or fail as a small town whose segregational tendencies are a disgrace and a cultural step backwards. Plus how exactly is this going to be regulated? By cops who have much more important things to do than waste their time harassing the homeless? What a mess. Please respect your fellow human.
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- 1 Increase police patrolling the area, put up some permanent "no loitering" signs. The homeless do not pay taxes, and should not be given more consideration than those of us who do. We choose to live and work here and deserve a clean, safe downtown area.
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- 1 This is a solution looking for a problem. Let's not waste any more taxpayer funds defending against ACLU lawsuits.
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- 1 Instead of being concerned about visitors' "downtown experience" being "diminished," the city of Fort Collins might do well to focus on housing and rehabilitating as much of its homeless population as possible.
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- 1 Our interest in dealing with aggressive and disruptive people should not lead to laws that target people who are doing no harm to others. Most of the people who live in Fort Collins live fairly comfortable lives. We should not be aiming to make life even more difficult for those less fortunate than us.
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- 1 My main concern is for business owners. I don't want to discriminate against the homeless/transient population, but I want to respect the business owners' needs.
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- 1 Keep illegal camping in surrounding area in check. Most homeless people are thieves and drug addicts, they should be treated as such.
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- 1 The biggest difference last summer from other summers is the level of aggression from panhandlers. I've been called out while walking with my kids and in-laws. A guy swung a skateboard at me for not giving him 65 cents (kids were not with me at the time). Also, people are spending all day in one spot, preventing public access to areas. I support assisting locals who are homeless, but vagabonds are taking advantage of this climate and creating an unsafe experience for citizens.
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- 1 I can see that some of these behaviors could be disturbing or irritating, but I am nonetheless loathe to impose regulation. I think we should look first at the reason(s) for the increase in such behaviors, including Fort Collins being known as a haven for the homeless, and Colorado for marijuana accessibility.
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- 1 The benches and sidewalks are public property. I'm all for the smoking ban in Old Town because we can't avoid breathing the air, but regulating where people sit/lie/stand/whatever goes WAY beyond what is reasonable. If you don't want people to sit on the benches, remove them! This is regulation directly against homeless people and it is WRONG. These people do not diminish the old town experience in any way.
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- 1 Every effort should be made to provide alternative housing space to homeless population. Tiny house community with communal services? I do not know, but aggressive and continued presence in the downtown area is indeed a serious problem and makes visitors feel vulnerable.
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- 1 As a business owner in old town, I can personally say this growing presence of the homeless population and harassment is effecting the businesses and bringing in many concerns from my clientele. Parents not wanting to bring their kids to the fountains during the summer with the drunk passed out laying on the benches, with the harassment from them as people walk by to shop and enjoy the old town experience. It's all being lost by this community of beggars and drug addicts polluting the charm of what us business owners have worked so hard to create in this community. It's very sad.
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- 1 The Mission is a wonderful and much needed resource, but can we figure out a way to move it out of Downtown?
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- 1 The problem is there's no enforcement out an about making sure any actions are being held accountable. I don't feel safe downtown and this isn't how a world class city should feel like.
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- 1 I have no idea how to handle the panhandler situation. I used to live above Go Lite, and there were frequently intoxicated homeless people out there, but honestly I don't know where else they would go. Perhaps we put more efforts and energy into supporting the homeless shelter and providing avenues of income for the homeless. I don't know, it's a tough issue.
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- 1 I don't see the extreme behaviors other residents seem to be suggesting are happening, and I don't want our city to overreact.
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- 1 No matter how you "pretty it up," any such legislation would be aimed at the homeless. Last I checked, being homeless isn't a crime. While homeless persons should be accountable to the same laws as the rest of us, limiting their options even further does nothing to solve the problem, and will only encourage further desperation and likely provoke even more illegal acts as people struggle to survive. Don't spend more money on almost unenforceable laws; spend more money developing realistic and viable solutions to the epidemic of homelessness.
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- 1 These proposals all seem incredibly hard to enforce and likely to incite some sort of lawsuit. When they are enforceable, I'd assume it's at the expense of time and resources of our law enforcement, which is better spent elsewhere. Also, regardless of the fact this is targeting "behaviors" and not "homelessness," the majority of people who will be cited for these infractions will be homeless. Why not put all of the money that will be spent on enforcing these ordinances and fighting lawsuits against them into something that could actually help their situation -- housing, intensive case management, mental health treatment, etc.?
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- 1 While I respect all people, the actions of a few can greatly diminish the enjoyment of the city by many others. My family is reluctant to walk around where there are multiple homeless people, as we do not know whether the encounters will be safe. This is part of what drives shoppers to the suburbs.
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- 1 This appears to be very specific and discriminatory toward the homeless, and more specific to a very small percent of the homeless.
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- 1 I believe regulating these behaviors is going down a slippery slope. It already seems clear what is acceptable and not acceptable behavior. Outreach Fort Collins needs more support--it was just implemented last year. I haven't seen anyone out patrolling the streets from Outreach Fort Collins since last summer. Make it a year-round project. Additional police presence downtown will help the situation. A police presence is impactful. Hopefully the city council understands the multiple reasons for homelessness, and the difference between homeless and transient. The equation for finding positive solutions to this must include mental health support, which needs to be increased. I don't believe putting transients in an overcrowded jail for lying on the sidewalk is going to solve anything.
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- 1 If you're going to regulate, provide multiple alternative options for homeless persons for housing accommodation.
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- 1 I have sometimes avoided bringing out-of-town guests to certain parts of downtown because of the homeless issue
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- 1 Outreach to people who have been forced to be begging or homeless as contrasted with those who have chosen to be homeless.
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- 1 Homeless individuals have so many challenges already. Denying them a place to sit is cruel and targets people who already feel persecuted with many suffering from mental health issues. Let them be and instead spend our tax dollars on finding housing for the homeless.
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**Count Response**

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- 1 The regulation of people sitting/laying downtown feels like a waste of resources that is not addressing the root cause of homelessness. As a city we should put our time and effort into helping these individuals improve their quality of life, not arrest them for sitting in a public place.
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- 1 How about secured weather proof storage lockers for peoples belongings. with some sort of guidelines of course. I can imagine potential problems with this idea but it may be worth exploring.
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- 1 I am in Downtown in the late evenings for drinking, going on ghost tours, and spending time with friends. I am comfortable with all the people I have interacted with during those times.
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- 1 These people are people, and they need help, not to be made illegal. I work with many of the homeless in Fort Collins and they struggle to get by. Some have been living on the streets of Fort Collins for years. Let's focus on how to help rather than how to make their lives more difficult.
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- 1 Public and shared space are for everyone. However, these are a few people that are very much aware of the disruptive behaviors they display. There must be a quick and meaningful consequence, otherwise these behaviors will not diminish.
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- 1 Public spaces are for the public. The government shouldn't get to make rules that limit personal freedoms because someone is houseless.
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- 1 I don't take my children downtown anymore, ever. The last time I did, vagrants were having a fight and yelling obscenities, fell down in front of us, they didn't apologize when we had to stop short and wait for them to get up and move, they smelled horrendous and were clearly intoxicated and filthy...and then in another area, on a sidewalk, we walked past vomit, in another there was fresh urine all over the brick wall, running across the sidewalk, into a gutter. It was really gross and disturbing. It was near The Cupboard. I feel bad for the business owners down there, but I'm done dealing with it. My kids were grossed-out and a bit frightened. I'm a Fort Collins native and I'm disgusted and fed up. I almost never go to Old Town anymore and I used to a lot. I'm sure summer will bring all the transients back, to hang out and smoke dope legally in our beautiful weather...and vomit, urinate, and fight.
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- 1 There are city codes already in place to deal with disruptive / aggressive behavior. Downtown should be open to everyone, including those with out housing.
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- 1 I agree more with the diversion approach of Outreach Fort Collins than with the series of ordinances proposed by this survey. Tighter restrictions on the kind of non-threatening behaviors in which the homeless/transient population engage will just result in more arrests. This may work out well for Old Town stakeholders who don't want to deal with icky homeless people, but it's a burden on the already overcrowded county jail, a third of whose population is already made up of homeless individuals.
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- 1 My out of town guests used to love going to Old Town. Now, we go to only the businesses we want to shop at, no longer spend an afternoon eating, window shopping, etc. due to behaviors. A few weeks ago on the front page of the Coloradan you had the picture of the homeless couple on the sidewalk in front of First Bank. I happened to see them one afternoon swearing at and belittling a couple who did not give them money when they asked. Totally disgusting.
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- 1 I think as long as you aren't blocking or impeding the way completely, it's not a problem. I wish there were better places for homeless people to sleep though.
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- 1 SHARED spaces means that anyone can share. I think these regulations (unless directed at drunken or aggressive behaviors) are discriminatory, unfair, and uncompassionate. Are we a city who tries to solve the problem, or just regulate the often unavoidable behavior of the homeless (unavoidable behavior meaning their very EXISTENCE with nowhere else to go)??? I am ashamed of Council. Find places for these people to sleep. More resources for food and housing, as well as employment for those who CAN work. These people could be your own siblings, children, parents. Quit trying to regulate. Negotiate more and better solutions for most of these unfortunates.
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**Count Response**

1	I hope there is a way to balance-keeping the culture of downtown with innovative alternatives for individuals dealing with homelessness, drug use and mental health issues.
1	There are many, many transients downtown almost all the time. However, I have never been accosted aggressively, not once in hundreds of trips downtown. I have noticed some transients yelling incoherently at times (though not directly at anyone), which can be intimidating. Please be very careful if you create laws or ordinances that target the transient community but infringe upon the liberties of citizens. Panhandling is not a crime.
1	No lying on planters for more than one hour. You didn't list that as an option. But if you regulate sidewalks and benches, you need to regulate planters equally or else the transients will just move to those.
1	Is there a way we can deport chronic offenders? Can their punishments for violations be cleaning up all the cigarette butts in town, painting over graffiti, picking up litter, washing walls where people pee, and replanting planters? Or fixing our tail system, pulling weeds, etc.
1	People hanging out all day or night on sidewalks, benches, planters need to have somewhere else to go with their belongings, etc. how about a designated area/site just for them and their belongings? The downtown area certainly has some options available to relocate people to another facility/space who obviously are homeless/transient.
1	We have paid the enormous property taxes for 26 years, and feel our rights are trampled on for the few who pay no taxes, cause trouble in Old Town for business and patrons, take over our Library, and show little respect for the laws in place. Our complacent behaviors as good people have resulted in being intimidated by the new culture of travelers and those needing true assistance/mental health concerns. Please do not let this town become known as a haven for this culture. Justin Smith got rid of the Rainbow Problem by Red Feather Lakes with use of the law and police presence. I applaud the end of "Needle Park", and look forward to the new restaurant. Prime \$\$\$\$\$\$ economic Old Town space should not be used for the Mission, this close proximity increases the issues. They could get more space for their buck at a less expensive site.
1	Smoking ban not being enforced. Homeless/travelers and their gear clogging benches and sidewalks needs to stop please.
1	This is a difficult issue as evidenced that the Council has been seeking a resolution for two years. This ordinance will not solve the problem, but only drive the homeless from the downtown area to other areas of the city. I applaud the Council's community outreach and encourage you to keep looking for a solution that will respect the dignity of everyone.
1	better/actual enforcement of smoke-free zone. Don't need to issue tickets/citations, simply forcing the offender to extinguish/discard/waste a cigarette would be penalty enough
1	The homeless or transients take up ALL of the bench seating. They have taken over downtown. I have lived in FOCO my whole life and used to love down town but my young family never goes any more because the homeless or transients. This has become WAY out of hand and needs to be addressed. I am completely disgusted with what Fort Collins has become.
1	I hate the littering more than anything. I feel like avoiding downtown when I am approached at every corner for money. This is usually only a problem in the summers.
1	The most disruptive behavior I've experienced is crowds of drunk college students. Which is understandable. Homeless people don't bother me. I think that instead of regulating homeless people out the area, try providing for resources, shelters, etc
1	These proposed prohibitions would simply serve to criminalize homelessness and would do nothing to actually address the issues that people are experiencing. If the city is serious about addressing this issue, they need to come to the table with a serious proposal and not one that would result in violations of civil rights based on socioeconomic status.
1	Criminalizing homelessness does not solve homelessness. City council needs to redirect its efforts to helping those in need and regulating the systems that cause people to end up on the streets (unabated rent increases, for example). We will be a great city when there is no more homelessness here, not when we hide the homeless in prisons.
1	Shared space needs to be respected. Many that use these spaces do not realize that the hard working tax payers in this city pay for that. Property tax is not cheap here and it is bothersome so me others abuse my tax dollars. I would love to see productive solutions to these issues and am willing to help.

**Count Response**

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1	Your ideas are promoting positive change. Instead of worrying so much about what the homeless do, it would be better to actually aim to help them get out of homelessness. It is such a shame that people discriminate so strongly against minority groups. These Fort Collins residents are a part of our community and deserve the rights of every other individual. If you consider that ideas, you will realize that these people deserve more than discrimination, fines, and jail time for a situation that is sometimes outside of their control. There is such a stigma against these people and this needs to change just as much as their situation. I hope that this helps you to understand how these actions you would like to take will affect the community.
1	I have never felt like my experience downtown was diminished by the homeless population of Fort Collins, and I am against regulations that appear to target this group of individuals.
1	i am a retail business owner in the heart of Old Town and, yes, I see homeless human beings around on a daily basis, but I DO NOT support any sort of ban. Our community needs to find humane and realistic ways to address the very real needs of our fellow citizens who are living in dire circumstances. The most disruptive behaviors that I witness are by intoxicated adults coming out of bars in the evening. I think our outreach team should be empowered (and expanded, if necessary) and we should continue looking to other communities (not Denver!) who have created some effective ways of housing the homeless and then addressing their needs.
1	This is about making our homeless less visible. The idea is despicable. Additionally, the city will lose a challenge by the ACLU (again) and have to pay a large amount of money (again) that should have gone to solving issues related to homelessness in the first place. Provide a shelter with enough beds and expand section 8 housing. Provide a day shelter and this "problem" will resolve itself.
1	Regulation is clearly just to target the homeless population in Fort Collins. If Fort Collins truly wanted to help homeless people, they would focus their energy just on improving shelters and resources and not on regulation.
1	Don't penalize the homeless by banning acts such as sitting or lying in the ground. There are much better ways to use resources than this.
1	When I have been downtown in daylight I have not had problems, but I do see homeless people holding cardboard signs at intersections. There must be other resources for people in those situations.
1	Please come up with a better solution! Pushing people around town is certainly not a viable, long term solution.
1	This all pretty much sounds like a way to get rid of the homeless downtown and if that is the case I think these proposed regulations are absolutely disgusting. Please do not attack the homeless with arbitrary regulations, they have it hard enough as it is.
1	It is a shared place, and this means homeless have access to it. If they are damaging property (i.e. lying or sitting in planters) or if they are blocking foot traffic, this needs a response. If homeless are sitting there, others need to get over it- maybe it will encourage voters to vote for the mental care hospital next time. If this regulation does go in to place, police will also need to act fairly by reacting to other populations sitting on benches, pavement, etc. This would make it harder for people to enjoy sitting and chatting for a couple hours on a park bench.
1	My family and I used to frequent Old Town, but we stopped going at nighttime due to the drunks and fights/bar room brawls. These were young adults, not homeless/transients.
1	These proposed ordinances criminalize homelessness. The city should be far more creative about how it deals with the homeless. How about developing economic and social strategies that help more of them get off the streets? More shelter beds would be a start. Also job skill development and mental health care services would go much further than criminalizing sitting and lying in public.
1	If you don't make a welcoming environment for homeless and transients, their population will go down?
1	As a mom, there have been many times I've enjoyed sitting downtown while my teens venture around or my youngest jumps through the fountains. Regulating this would be hard to police and outright sad.
1	Do not criminalize poverty. Rather than waste taxpayer money on harassing our most vulnerable citizens, invest in real solutions to end homelessness.

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**Count Response**

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- 1 Let's call this what it is: an attempt to illegalize being homeless in the Old Town area. Instead of focusing on pushing our homeless populations further into the margins, let's please focus on reaching out to them and finding them options for housing or assistance in whatever area they may need. I encourage the city to increase the number of homeless liaisons/outreach professionals and take a serious look at how to actually tackle the problem of homelessness at the root as opposed to making it illegal for them to be in our public spaces altogether.
- 1 Make sure there are appropriate and comfortable places for homeless people to spend their time during the day, and these types of regulations will not be as necessary. Developing the small park they congregated maybe wasn't such a good idea.
- 1 It would seem simplest to adhere to the principle of the sidewalks, benches and planters being used only for their intended functions. Sleeping (being unaware of surroundings, even due to substance abuse) in any public area is a hazard (tripping, animal interference, etc.) to both the sleeper and the passerby.
- 1 These ideas are clearly targeting homeless and transient populations. These would be a waste of time and resources to enforce. Alternatives to support our homeless populations need to be addressed instead of these ridiculous proposals.
- 1 If any of these strategies are meant to in some way 'control' the homeless population in Northern Colorado or restrict their access to Old Town Fort Collins, it would be more prudent to research and implement a method of improving the lives of our homeless neighbors rather than excluding them from the center of our community.
- 1 We go to old town as little as possible these days due to the transient population and activity. We spend little or no money downtown anymore. The choice city is no longer so choice. Have lived here over 50 years, is so sad what the town has become.
- 1 I stopped going downtown due to the rif raf that i am exposing my children too. Every time we go down there is seems to be worse. I empathize with the homeless and traveling hipsters, but it's ruining this area of town. Last summer had a wanderer, high on something, playing with kids at the fountain and no cops in site. Arguably he wasn't doing anything illegal so I didn't confront him-not my job
- 1 Do not make our city an unwelcoming place for those less fortunate. Instead of regulating benches we need more resources for the homeless population. Long term shelters, medical, mental health services, etc....
- 1 We have such a great downtown and it looks so dirty with people lying around. However, there needs to be a place for the homeless to go before any regulations take place.
- 1 if transients / homeless folks need a place to go during the day, they can go to a day shelter, or the library - as long as they are not sleeping there, or go to several locations to sit during the day. I'm not against citizens and visitors of any variety getting to use facilities. But when they block sidewalks, take up residence for the day, get verbally aggressive and leave trash and belongings behind, then it impinges on the rights of others to enjoy and use the commons. I'd really like to see a system of secure lockers that people could rent for a modest fee. Most folks are getting some sort of soc. security or disability payments. This would allow more people to use the shelters.
- 1 As a new resident of Fort Collins and a new employee at CSU, I appreciate the character that is provided in Old Town. The panhandlers can be a nuisance but are generally nice and respectable AND they do bring a certain vibe to Fort Collins. I say that rigid, impermeable ordinances are not the way to make downtown more enjoyable. Let the police follow a community policing efforts using their best judgement and discretion in dealing with the behaviors identified above.
- 1 It may be uncomfortable or hard for some to see a person who is homeless but I don't feel it is hurting anyone. As long as a person's behavior is not dangerous to themselves or others, not aggressive or abusive, I don't feel people with their belongings sitting on benches or the sidewalks is disruptive. They are people and deserve to sit on a bench just as much as anyone else. As a visitor downtown I can choose whether or not to engage or give money, etc. That's my decision and I feel comfortable making this choice when downtown. I feel that this type of regulation could easily lead to discrimination, something we as a city should be working against, not trying to create more of.
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**Count Response**

1	This seems like a proposed regulation against the potentially homeless or otherwise compromised as well as perhaps potential protestors, etc. These are public places and these kinds of proposed regulations are exclusionary and unfair, I highly oppose such proposed regulations. Thank you
1	I avoid going downtown these days because of the growing number of panhandlers. It just makes me feel unsafe and uncomfortable. At night, it has become so crazy with drunk people that it just isn't fun anymore. I used to love going downtown and would always bring out-of-towners.
1	It is sad to see our downtown area turn into a home for transients. I do not care to go downtown anymore because of the transients aggressive behaviors and fear for my family's safety. If this trend continues we will lose local businesses and that area of town will become even more unattractive to Fort Collins residents.
1	If people are lying on the sidewalks because there are not enough benches, we need more benches. If people are lying on the sidewalk to sleep because they are homeless, we need more homeless shelters, daytime as well as over-night.
1	Homeless people are in a harmful cycle of financial crises, with often added emotional or mental health issues. Please do not place a further hindrance on them just because they are choosing to take up space in a certain place downtown. They deserve more than that. Plus, I am much more frightened/intimidated by drunk downtown patrons on any given night than homeless people in the area.
1	I have no problem sharing spaces but there are no less than 8 organizations in town to help homeless and they need not block paths & sidewalks by their person nor their belongings anymore than anyone else with their belongings. The extra trash from petitioners, homeless, and street performers are not becoming to Downtown Fort Collins.
1	This survey asked about how frequently I have seen people sitting or lying on sidewalks or benches, but did not ask whether or not I find this to be problematic, which I don't. Also, you asked how frequently I've witnessed drunk or impaired persons in an area filled with bars. Given the number of bars, there will obviously be many people every night (especially on the weekends) who are drunk or impaired. Please don't criminalize homelessness or make it so none of them can lay down to sleep until 2 am.
1	we now have a law that says women can go bare breasted in Ft Collins. This is much more disgusting than any behaviors i have seen downtown, ever! What ya gonna do if a semi naked woman lies on a bench or sits on the sidewalk for any length of time? Where will your desire to "regulate" end????? You have trouble enforcing no smoking bans- how the heck are you going to enforce this?
1	Downtown shared spaces are public places. Limiting the use of these spaces as proposed will without doubt target a specific segment of the public population (homeless individuals). This targeting is unacceptable. To be clear, I am not comfortable with panhandling activities that occur downtown. However, I respect the rights of other individuals to occupy these spaces. Additionally, I have not experienced any form of aggressive or unwelcome behavior that warrants these sort of regulations. Frankly speaking, the individuals who will be targeted by this action are less aggressive than the average bar going college student (such as myself).
1	These would be petty and parsimonious regulations that directly target those who are most in need. Spend your time and effort actually helping them instead of just making their lives harder because you're afraid of them.
1	I think the city needs to clean up downtown. I know some people are down on their luck and there are resources to help them. According to our sheriff, many of these people are choosing that lifestyle and refuse to go to shelters, etc. because they are doing drugs. Many of the people I see are very young people capable of working. Just because they choose a lifestyle doesn't mean that I have to fund their lifestyle or feel uncomfortable/not safe downtown. Until things are improved, I know we will not be frequenting businesses and restaurants downtown. We've heard the same from our friends. There are many places in midtown and southeast Fort Collins that are happy for our business.
1	Allow the homeless shelter to expand and provide a way to give people jobs who do not have other means instead of allowing tax payer dollars going to more jail time and court fees. I grew up in Fort Collins and we can do better than this.
1	Redirect the resources that would be used to enforce the proposed regulations to helpful programs: shelters, counseling and a detox facility.

**Count Response**

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1	When I saw the term "disruptive behaviors" in the invitation to take this survey, I really hoped that you were not referring to homeless people. I have never experienced "aggressive, intimidating behavior" in Fort Collins, and while I'm sure that it occurs occasionally, the frequency of such encounters is quite rare compared to many other places where I've lived in the country or visited throughout the world. Moreover, the adversarial and disciplinary tone of this "outreach" program is offensive and counter-productive. Many of the people in question are also residents of and visitors to our community, and we would all be much better served by increasing housing affordability, addressing food insecurity, and expanding other social services. I am wholeheartedly against a regulatory and punitive approach to addressing these challenges, and I would be ashamed to live in a community that adopts such an approach.
1	Perhaps our city could look at other locations that have dealt successfully with panhandling. Those who pursue this lifestyle are obviously rewarded or they wouldn't continue to do it and the problem wouldn't continue to grow. Adding overpriced public restrooms are not the answer...
1	I don't believe that the behaviors described have diminished my experience of downtown spaces as implicitly implied in question 7. These behaviors are a component of being in a society that doesn't provide the support needed to address the problems. It is also a part of our shared experience of living together. We don't need to sanitize our experience of downtown. I'd like to see other alternatives explored and continued by the city. Targeting specific segments of our population with the more draconian measures is unethical and I do not support the effort being pushed by the downtown business.
1	Provide better homelessness services, facilities, support and health care so these people can live in more humane conditions and find solutions. They need our help, not laws restricting freedoms to an already strained and marginalized population. Pro-life stances should start with caring for the most vulnerable.
1	None of the proposed regulations will address the causes of disruptive behavior - mental illness, drug use (including legal ones), and extreme poverty. The groups targeted by these proposals are mobile and will simply relocate to other areas of the city (likely south), likely necessitating regulations and enforcement there. Existing ordinances, i.e. the smoking 'ban' are not enforced, though the criteria for action is visible/objective and specific. Enforcement actions based on time/use policies are inherently subjective and much more difficult/resource intensive. Will the police foot presence in the Downtown area be increased? At whose expense?
1	Please treat our homeless brothers and sisters with dignity, but make Old Town safe and enjoyable for all of us. Thank you.
1	I think survey's are a great way to collect data, but the framing of these questions is quite bias. Please note that just because I have seen people on benches, that this does not mean that I view this as a problem in any way.
1	I lived in the lofts on oak and college for years and was often uncomfortable taking my dog outside because people were sleeping or crowding around the grass and planters where the dog bags were. Almost once a month we dealt with cops and late night disturbances of people passing out or causing a scene in that area.
1	I realize that hauling the disruptive off to jail or fining the impoverished is not productive. Persuasion to move on--and enforcing some kind of "keep out" for 90 days policy might help.
1	It is a shame that I am hesitant to take my children downtown due to the current environment. Businesses have invested so much in making it a center of our community and there are so many elements that are meant to draw families to the space. It seems that relocating the homeless shelter would bring the largest effect along with a community commitment to provide a hand up instead of a hand out.
1	Making homelessness illegal isn't solving the problem, just giving them jail and court consequences, which also isn't helping. Can we investigate providing regular shelter (giving the homeless a home, even a small studio apartment) which may help them get back on their feet versus as a society pushing them further and further down? It's a vicious cycle for the homeless, and one I'm not sure I could get out of on my own if ever faced with that. Doesn't California have a policy that works that we could investigate as seen on the site"Adam Ruins Everything"?
1	I am appalled that we have people laying on the sidewalk, on any grassy or landscaped area (I'd like regulations for that throughout the city!). We apparently need locked "sharps" containers because of the amount of needles being found in planters, sidewalks, parks, etc.

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**Count Response**

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- 1 I have never had a problem downtown caused by any of the above reasons. I feel that the proposed regulations would only be more harmful to Fort Collins.
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- 1 We want solutions. This is not a solution, it is an act of aggression. If you want to stop certain behaviors you must look at why those behaviors exist... for example, not having a home. Nobody is sleeping on benches because it's comfortable. Criminalizing their actions will antagonize them, not make them stop. And let's imagine for a minute that this isn't about homeless people: "I got arrested for lying down on a bench" sounds pretty draconian to me. I realize that real solutions may be more difficult to enact, but that's no excuse.
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- 1 The homeless population is an issue that needs to be addressed. I've been harassed downtown when I'm with my wife and mother by panhandlers trying to get a rise out of people.
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- 1 Jefferson Park is gone and the people without homes have no where else to go. I have never been bothered by the sitting or panhandling downtown. Treat them with dignity and respect and they are very friendly. Of course, deal with anyone's rude or illegal behavior downtown but if not causing trouble leave them alone.
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- 1 The homeless problem has gotten worse every yr, I understand they need somewhere to go. But loitering is not the answer. Can you offer jobs on a daily basis to clean parks up, river up, things like that for min wage or a daily wage?
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- 1 It is truly a shame what the legalization of MJ and the ACLU have turned FC into. I'm embarrassed to be a native, and to watch the COFC do nothing about it.
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- 1 I don't think it is a good idea (or possibly legal) to not let someone sit for a long period of time if s/he isn't messing with people. Just sitting or lying shouldn't be illegal or targeted.
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- 1 As regulations become stricter in the smoke free zone downtown, these problems are simply pushed out more towards residential areas. It's complicated and I don't believe simply outlawing laying down or sitting will do anything expect make people move slightly to another area where that isn't prohibited.
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- 1 This is horrific - please do not "regulate" people who are sitting and resting. The city removed one of the main places many homeless had to sit and rest (the park by the mission) and so BIG surprise they are sitting and resting in other places. How about instead of regulating we actually HELP them with rehab facilities? This is a good town full of good people - let's care for one another rather than kick each other off benches.
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- 1 Please expand any efforts to connect to the individuals or groups who are the focus of this issue. Try to explain and get compliance around the issue of disruptive behavior and its long term affects on the personal freedoms of everyone. Bigger picture: we all need to look for permanent solutions to the core issues of this population. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.
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- 1 Sharing requires mutual respect and behavior disrespecting the space of others has become too much of a norm that's accepted. This said, homeless folks may need designated space to rest and get the help they need.
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- 1 The community should do more to help the homeless and should NOT create laws that take away civil rights.
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- 1 If our City is insistent in allowing our downtown, and other city areas to go downhill with beggars and drunks running tax paying, hard working citizens out of these areas, open up the lawn of City Hall to house these people and get them out of the other areas. It is bad enough having all of the bars with the drunks and then having to step over their puke the next day when walking to a store or a restaurant. When you get rid of the hobos, start working on cutting down the numbers of bars and crime that happens at night in old town.
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- 1 We need the services in place to deal with the homeless population before any of this can be inacted. It does not make sense to simply push people out or give police another reason to arrest people. The issue is what to do for these people.
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- 1 I don't feel safe in downtown. I stopped letting my kids go to downtown after my 16 year old daughter had an older homeless man flash her his penis in an alley. Oldtown use to be so nice and I use to take all my visitors there. I can't do that anymore. I'm embarrassed to show my guests oldtown Fort Collins.
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**Count Response**

1	I have mixed feelings about this. Folks that are disruptive or homeless obviously need more help than these regulations can provide. Regulating what people can and cannot do on the street seems extreme. I don't feel like Old Town needs to be "cleaned up", but I would like to be able to walk down the street with my young children without being harassed for money, then hear swearing behind us when we don't offer money. It happens every single time we go.
1	It is hard to see Homeless in Ft Collins . I wish it were less of a problem . However, we cannot limit access to public spaces , benches, etc. Public spaces are public.
1	Criminalizing homelessness is just another form of discrimination. Investing more energy into providing alternative shelters for individuals relying on sidewalks/benches for rest places seems like a more productive, effective, and socially-just way to go about handling this situation.
1	I've noticed a group of men who congregate at the bus stop on the south side of the Old Town library. Magically, they all disappear just prior to the bus pulling up. It'd be nice if the bus stops were reserved for patrons.
1	Sitting is a natural way for people spend time together in a city without having to spend money. Please do not ban sitting and laying for more than an hour. It is a heinous regulation and an outrageous thing to criminalize in my opinion.
1	like it mentions in this prompt, downtown is a shared space, keep it that way. Don't target the homeless.
1	I used to go to Old Town frequently (2-3 a week), now I rarely go. There's too many people being inconsiderate and messing around down there; plus people stopping trying to get me to vote on this or support that. If I wanted to truly support something, I'd seek it out myself. I do not want someone stuffing it in my face and then being rude when I tell them I'm uninterested.
1	Regulating the activities you suggest is not an effective way to manage the issues downtown. Please brainstorm alternatives.
1	Homelessness is a complex problem. Criminalizing it will just be costly and not solve the underlying problem. Thanks for the opportunity to give input. Tracy Johnson
1	Before creating any new, limiting regulations, I would hope that the question would be asked: "Is this behaviour an actual, real problem? Or are people merely doing things that I/others do not like or approve of." There is a difference between real problem...and I don't like it.
1	City of Fort Collins needs 1. A facility to handle intoxicated individuals instead of sending them to the ER 2. Community food gardens as a way to bridge residents and homeless through useful shared space benefitting everyone
1	Any of the time limit responses will be very difficult to monitor. Either the activity is OK or its not. Benches are for sitting. Sidewalks are for walking or standing.
1	If the goal of this measure is to remove homeless individuals from the space, then perhaps we should look at an alternative location for them (or even fixing the problems that made them homeless) rather than vainly attempting to 'fix' a symptom of a larger problem. Any regulation of these things will be hard to maintain and will simply contribute to a feeling of being 'unwelcome' for those sitting or for those visiting.
1	Homelessness is not a problem that will be solved by placing regulations on where people can sit and lie. I do not wish to see time wasted by law enforcement officers who would have to constantly harass the homeless population in old town. Homelessness is a problem that can not just be swept under the rug. Instead of wasting millions on silly projects such as the utterly useless MAX bus, perhaps the city (which is allegedly very socially progressive and wonderful) can find a more compassionate and humane method of dealing with this particular issue.
1	We used to love going downtown to eat and for entertainment, etc., but we dread going there now as it ruins our day or evening!!!!
1	It's a little intimidating walking back to your car after dinner and having to pass all the homeless people who antagonize over your food and always ask for change. It's also very intimidating when you run into one who is intoxicated and really wants money and follows you to the back side of old town where you parked. I would like to be able to walk back to my car without feeling like people loitering around are going to harass or follow me both of which have happened.

**Count Response**

1	This measure, however you try to spin it, is discriminatory toward the homeless. It would be a better investment of our time and resources to provide for the homeless population than to try to enforce some kind of class elitism. Think give, not take.
1	We have altogether stopped going to Old Town because of these issues. There isn't a time of day I ever feel safe walking around downtown anymore. We just had our first baby, and would love to take her to events downtown, but not until the transient issue is resolved. My daughter doesn't need to be exposed to vulgarity, drug use, and all the other "wonderful" qualities the transients put forth.
1	I don't tend to feel like there is much of a problem with the current downtown homeless situation. I don't tend to find them aggressive and just their presence is not offensive to me. I gather that businesses are having problems with them, and I don't know what the extent of their problems are, but I think there are things that come with being in old town as a business, and having a vibrant old town is better than having a heavily policed one. I remember back in the 80s when there were cruising bans and college Ave was shut down at nights on the weekends and how that made me shy away from old town for a very long time. Just because the general message was "stay outta here", and I wasn't even someone who engaged in cruising.
1	These suggestions seem impossible to enforce. I know I have occupied a bench for several hours visiting friends and watching my kids play. Would I be cited? (Probably not- I'm a white, clean cut mom type). So how do we decide who to cite- quality of clothing, preferred haircut, use of deodorant??? I feel like we should focus on being neighborly while strictly enforcing policies against public smoking/intoxication/aggressive behavior. Hanging out is not a crime
1	These policies unfairly target homeless individuals who have no other place to go. I have never had a homeless person in this town harrass or even really talk to me downtown. It seems these complaints are coming for people who are bothered merely by having visible homelessness downtown. However, homelessness is a fact in our community and trying to make it less visible does not erase that fact. In addition, it puts are homeless population at greater risk since they are more likely to be victims of crime and pushing them out of public spaces increases this likelihood. When I am downtown, I am much more bothered by drunken college students than homeless individuals. I find it very unlikely that college students or other members of the community
1	I find the panhandlers and the artists performing and the homeless just "hangin" create a worthy and engaging atmosphere that contrasts nicely and also complements the high-priced specialty shoppes...It is a community, not just a consumer trap.
1	I think these regulations are against the poor. I've seen well dressed men and women spending hours talking on benches with bags. Are they to be included or is this gentrification at its worst? We need to see the problems people are facing in order to fix them. Do not regulate for the "haves" so they don't have to see the "have nots"
1	These initiatives are clearly targeting the homeless and most disenfranchised in our community. Let's be better neighbors than that.
1	Criminalizing homelessness does not make the problem of homelessness go away. The city needs to be willing to fund better, more permanent solutions that don't punish the most vulnerable populations.
1	I am really concerned about not allowing the homeless to sit, lie, or sleep anywhere. Now resting and personal belongings...omg! Please stop criminalizing!!!! Please find an out of the way place for resting /sleeping! Other cities have done this...Portland I think. The park off bike trail and Hickory would be ideal . I'm testy about this ordinance
1	I have never bared witness to undesirable behavior in old town and frequently visit the area (we live 10 minutes away). I honestly believe the "transients" that I have encountered are among the most polite, respectful people and have never threatened my sense of security.
1	I think the fact that they are called shared spaces means we should share them. It's nice to hang out downtown for any person. I'm not bothered by people sitting there and having never had a negative or confrontational experience with these folks. On the contrary we've had some nice conversations and a few recognize us and always say hi to my son.
1	How about offering panhandlers a temp job picking up downtown area trash. Either pick up trash for money, move on, or stay and quit panhandling.

**Count Response**

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- 1 The 'Appropriate Use of Public Spaces Ordinance' currently being considered only serve to make it illegal for people experiencing homelessness to survive. The ability to rest is vital to survival and everyone has a right to personal property. Homelessness cannot be prosecuted away, and this is a waste of valuable resources that will most likely be used to confiscate survival gear like tents and sleeping bags. In addition, I have several questions for you. What is the city doing to provide common spaces that can be utilized for more than an hour? Will storage space be provided for personal belongings that people cannot carry? What is being done to provide the necessary services to people who have no choice but to live in and store their belongings in a public space? Will the law be applied equally? Will a mother be allowed to leave her stroller next to a bench while she supervises her child playing in a designated area? It seems to me that during that time she would be storing her personal property in a right-of-way. I would like to say that I am I am in support of the 'Give Real Change Program', provided that it actually works towards its stated goals. Denver recently used funds from their Road Home program to conduct sweeps and confiscate people's private property under the guise of its urban "camping" ban, which was a gross misuse of funds intended to administer assistance. While it was chalked up to an accounting error and the funds were repaid, the action remains appalling. Thank you for your time.
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- 1 This proposed idea only kills the ants behind the fridge when we need to clean up the spilled food they're eating. It sickens me to think that I live in a community where we find it acceptable to tell someone who's down on their luck that they can't sit, that they can't be included. What are you going to do next, tell the Mission that they can't be downtown because they don't fit into your perfect image of your perfect downtown area?
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- 1 Please do something as this is now overwhelming not only in old town but elsewhere in Fort Collins. Feels like I live in Denver with the amount of vagrants that are now hanging in all areas of Old Town.
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- 1 I'd love to see more foot-patrol of Police, especially between 10pm & 3am. When "last call" & bars close at 2am, the flow of drunk pedestrians and vehicles is a regular occurrence. In summer months, my building gets urinated on 2 to 3 times a week (I know, because my bedroom window is 2nd floor above a tree). People come to Old Town to drink & party (and piss & vomit) w/ no consequences. I'd like to see more enforcement to help keep things civil and respectable.
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- 1 Until we have adequate housing and programs dedicated to helping our neighbors, our poor in our community-let them sit/lay. Wherever they can find a place to rest. Anytime, for however long.
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- 1 They are shared spaces, and should be open for all people. I expect to see homeless or transient people when I'm downtown, especially at night. It's not a problem for me and I'm not bothered by it at all.
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- 1 I have lived in Fort Collins for six years and never had a negative experience with a person experiencing homelessness. In fact, I have never been bothered by any of these individuals, and have had positive interactions. On the other had, I have experienced harassment and aggression from college-aged men, and had far more terrifying and damaging experiences related to intoxicated college-aged men than anything else downtown. If the city is looking at how to improve Downtown Shared Spaces, the focus should be deliberately on making it safer FOR the homeless population, not criminalizing them for existing there.
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- 1 We must provide the homeless with acceptable sleeping and resting spaces, before prohibiting in the downtown. Disturbing the peace, public urination/defecation, and attacks on people are already illegal and should be enforced.
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- 1 No skate boards on the old town square. They are pretty crazy on the stage area. It's hard to sit at the tables because it's loud and they nearly run you over.
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- 1 The fact that this survey even exists makes me very sad because the homeless in downtown are not a problem. They are humans who needs somewhere to sleep. They aren't bothering anyone, they are simply existing.
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- 1 your trying to control a homeless or minimalist issue with regulations. I agree with them but why a time limit you are putting your cops in a bad position and when it hits the fan you will not support them.
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- 1 Stop trying to hide the homeless; it won't give them a home to live in! We've already taken Jefferson Park away from them, so let's keep our other public spaces PUBLIC!
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- 1 Do not shame or take away rights of the people who have less than yourself. This is oppression and these people have a right to relax downtown as much as anyone does.
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**Count Response**

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1	Transient populations do demonstrate a dedication to making/keeping FOCO a choice city. There is a portion of the transient population that takes as much as they can from our community and makes no attempt to give back to our community or integrate in a productive way. Pillage and then move on to the next town.
1	The world doesn't treat all people equally. These benches are often a survival tool for less fortunate folks that can't afford housing. It's so sad to me that this option is even being considered. Maybe instead we should invest a little more into assisting the homeless out of their situations.
1	Sit/lie bans are a paltry and inhumane solution to larger systemic problems. I want to see everyone in the community valued-- not just those who can live a certain lifestyle (i.e. people shopping in the downtown area). I would be ashamed to be a part of a community who thought this was an acceptable solution to larger issues of mental health issues and substance abuse.
1	None of these activities have disrupted my time downtown. I do not think regulations are necessary. In fact, I am kind of offended that this is even a conversation. I'm downtown a fair amount and have never been disrupted or annoyed by any homeless individual on the sidewalk or benches. They have always been cordial and have kept to themselves, in my experience. Regulating a public space is ridiculous. If these regulations were to go through, what efforts would you put in place to ensure these people have another place to go?
1	During warmer weather I see more people sitting on side walks. Not so much currently. While we should not single out the homeless for action, we should police undesirable behavior (aggressiveness, drug use, etc) and police should have tools to use to enforce rules against undesirable behavior. It seems that there is a difference between the homeless and those who decline services and wish to continue their lifestyle. I am sympathetic to business owners who have to deal with situation daily. Must keep business owners happy if old town is to survive.
1	I do not feel that regulating what people are allowed to do is productive. I think it will target and demonize homelessness. I would like to see more programs to help people get back on their feet, more programs for mental health, and more housing programs. There are cities that have had great success with tiny house communities for their homeless populations.
1	I like the freedoms in Ft Collins. The people I see on the sidewalks and benches are generally friendly and good-natured.
1	Define "planter." How can you submit a questionnaire with such an ambiguous description/noun? Does a planter plant plants?
1	We need to be an open community and there are true personal needs present with some individuals. The city should activity work to get individuals off public streets as a living/sleeping destination. Residents, visitors and shop owners should not feel harassed and intimidated on city sidewalks. Just like a resident wouldn't allow someone to camp outside their door, I don't believe a business should have to allow it.
1	Why make life more difficult for those who already struggle? They must exist somewhere. Perhaps finding a solution that helps them rather than trying to force them out. A facility where the homeless can spend daytime hours safely, nap, shower, do laundry.
1	What the fuck is wrong with you people?!?! If you have a problem with homeless people, then go and help them. Seriously, this proposal is just cruel, inhumane, and a waste of taxpayer money. Shame on you!!!!
1	Please take back our beautiful, charming city from these loitering, vagrant transients who don't care about Fort Collins or the community it serves.
1	I feel strongly that criminalizing the behaviors mentioned above is akin to making homelessness a crime. I don't like seeing panhandlers and it makes me nervous to see groups hanging out with their belongings, but I don't see how making those behaviors illegal will really help. I don't know why planters are singled out, but feel that planters should be kept for the plants.
1	This is a targeted attempt to run the homeless out of town. I feel that any additional regulations mentioned here are only used to the detriment of the less fortunate.
1	summer is when these issues are so critical. I am not out to hurt the homeless population, nor run up against ACLU rights. But when the transients take advantage of Ft. Collins, it is really ashamed that we all suffer, businesses, customers, and tourists.

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**Count Response**

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1	Take your efforts even further...a once great downtown has been broken defeated and molested by poor oversight and management...Kick them out...why is this so hard?...City Council is failing the majority of Fort Collins residents...just get it done already.
1	Transients damage local businesses, tourism, and our city's image. Transients are homeless people by choice and should not be allowed to loiter in any part of our city. These people do not want jobs, but rather freeload off naive people who think they are helping them but are simply exacerbating the transient problem.
1	As a volunteer in our community prohibiting is not the solution. These are human individuals who for one reason or situations things happen. They are our brother and sisters and they all have a story. We need to continue to make our City great and care about all who are here. Whether it is housing,jobs opportunities to help not a hand out a hand up. We are so blessed and our community can really make a positive impact. Let's not look like other Cities with no tolerance. There are solutions. Do not over look the individual that is being effected. Thank You
1	The amount of transients taking up space to sit or enjoy yourself has really gotten bad. Downtown is becoming not enjoyable because you have dogs and people just staring at you and asking for money or food and using up good seating space or walking space with themselves and belongings
1	The Downtown Shared Spaces is for everyone to enjoy, and I should be able to visit and not be approached for money by panhandlers. It is a common occurrence in the downtown area, and actually everywhere in the city. Also, I shouldn't have to step around individuals sleeping on the sidewalk blocking entrances to stores or restaurants.
1	No matter where you go you will see homeless people and weird people. I don't think the homeless should be able to keep their belongings in plain site because then it makes the town look trashy for visitors but this town is so expensive to live in that I think the homeless population is only going to grow.
1	Benches are for sitting, why regulate that? Planters however have plants growing inside them majority of the time and should not be used for sitting, laying or placing personal items because it could ruin the plants growing inside.
1	It is an utter disappointment that the city is considering these regulations when there are clear discriminatory outcomes towards those who are homeless, transient, mentally ill, and poor. We are better than this. We can do better than this.

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**Count Response**

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- 1 The homeless are often mentally or physically disabled, and it is the moral responsibility of healthy citizens to provide a means of support for these disabled individuals, especially if they were disabled while serving our country. That said, why does that support need to reside adjacent to the downtown area, any high traffic retail, or any Fort Collins residential areas? When I encounter beggars, I direct them to the local missions. I am no expert, but would bet the majority of these folks stay within a certain radius of the missions. There is a mission near Mason and Horsetooth, and I've seen an increase in the number of beggars in that area too. If you push these people out of downtown, and they move to the mission on Mason and Horsetooth, then you'll have businesses (new mall) and residents complaining about that site in the future too. These missions should be moved so they are not near retail, dining, or residential areas. During summer, the "homeless" can be seen walking from the interstate, toward the city. The missions should meet these people at the interstate, help them, then direct them toward permanent housing/support services. What about near the Larimer County detention center? It's off the main artery of Prospect road far enough that tourists and travelers won't be disrupted by these services, and away from dense residential. Or the old State highway rest stop area on I-25? Do these folks still ride in on trains? Is that train yard on Vine a source. Put a mission east of there. Why off Linden, or Mason, in the heart of our city? We also need to make vacant buildings and the Poudre River less inviting. I've lived here my whole life, and know there are many homeless that make camp along the river seasonally. How can I feel entirely safe walking along the Poudre trail with my family when an intoxicated homeless person can cross our path at any moment? Clear the overgrown brush and pay someone to remove the camps often. The abandoned buildings/woods near Harmony and Mason must certainly be another draw due to their proximity to the local mission. Make trashcans, dumpsters and ashtrays that people cannot loot and require them downtown and near dense homeless populations. Bear-proof trash cans are required in the mountain towns. If you feed the bears, then they stay in the area, right. Fort Collins has many resources relative to the size of this problem, and we should be able to nip all this in the bud before it grows any bigger. We will lose our best in country designations if theft and assault increase anywhere in this city, so it's not only a downtown issue, and it is definitively an important issue. Regarding citations and enforcement of these new rules, who is going to get these penniless people to pay their fines and which jails are they going to stay in when they are finally, physically removed from an area? I bring this up not because of the added expense of law enforcement or jails, because I am fine paying for those services, but because I feel it is another example of how making rules, alone, will not entirely correct this particular challenge. However, if we enforce these rules, move the support systems to a more strategic location, and eliminate non-ideal sources of food, water and residence, then the program will have the greatest success.
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- 1 The proposal to regulate sidewalk activities is a bandaid fix to a deeper problem. How about a proposal to build affordable housing, supply cheap vocational training, or help write resumes??
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- 1 Calling it 'shared space' is just that. We share it. These laws are singling out the homeless and are very misguided. Giving excessive jail time and fines for this is disgusting...they obviously they can't pay those fines because they can't afford to have a home or rent. Maybe you should change your efforts to reform the housing situation (because even people with good jobs and masters degrees can't afford housing) and/or create a safe place for the homeless to rest and store their items.
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- 1 Consider the traffic outside the Mission. There are people running back and forth, through traffic, without using cross walks to get to the free food. I fear someone will get hurt.
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- 1 Unfortunately, homeless people need to keep their personal belongings with them and they need a place to sit but it would be better if they could sit in another area away from the Downtown businesses/restaurants. I'm more concerned about the transients who I believe have increased in numbers because of the easier and lawful access to marijuana.
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- 1 Men typically intoxicated verbally harass women, even those just walking past. Smoking is really bad, especially for those with asthma. Homeless individuals sometimes occupy space and make it a little uncomfortable to know if they are friendly/safe.
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- 1 Seriously, this is the issue that you've decided you need to waste peoples time with? I just downtown Fort Collins all the time and I've never seen this as an issue.
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- 1 Please focus the city's attention and money on meaningful ways to combat poverty and homelessness in Fort Collins rather than trying to address a symptom of poverty and homelessness with this band-aid type approach.
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- 1 Providing services and places for these folks to go would be my priority, rather than regulating just being there. We already have laws about harassment.
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- 1 Criminalizing homeless is inhumane. It will only create a cycle of increased space in jail taken up by people already marginalized in our system. Let's work together to create a system that supports and helps homeless people on a path to non homelessness instead of throwing them in jail and trying to sweep our fellow humans under the proverbial rug. These are our people.
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- 1 With the volume of folks down town the sidewalks become narrow because of setting folks with their legs out taking up 4 feet. We do not need more folks having to walk in the streets.
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- 1 These negative behaviors are often just symptoms of wider problems in our city and our country, so it seems unlikely that these measures will help all that much. That being said, they are negative behaviors -- blocking through-ways, sitting on planters, storing stuff on public property shouldn't be allowed. If any resident or visitor doesn't respect public property, then there should be clear consequences.
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- 1 I generally believe that our downtown is very nice and the homeless have not harassed me in a way I was scared or would not come downtown. Those that are drunk or inebriated should be addressed with legal means as well as medical assistance. I think we sometimes assume drunk when in reality it is a medical and or mental health condition presenting itself as that. There is no easy answer, but lots of regulation will only fill up the jails and not really address the root of the problem, which is huge.
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- 1 I do not support the criminalization of homelessness. The smoking regulation and policing aggressive behaviors are great, but it is not ethical to use these ordinances as an indirect method of criminalizing homelessness.
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- 1 Being homeless is already criminalized more than it should be. Adding further penalties don't address the problem in a constructive way, and only serve to criminalize the unfortunate and waste money and the resources of the police and judicial systems.
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- 1 Chronic homelessness is a terrible condition, but it should not be made an ILLEGAL one. Please focus more resources on assisting these individuals instead of criminalizing them
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- 1 This has not really been a problem to me or my family and has not effected our visits to downtown. If there is a problem, I do not believe this is the best solution.
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- 1 If you have a problem with homeless people, help them to not be homeless. Don't regulate them out of your line of sight.
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- 1 I strongly support efforts of the City Council to minimize the impact of loiterers and help the businesses in the area retain their clientele.
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- 1 I am disappointed by the lack of compassion exhibited by the City. Enforcement does not fix the chronic problem of houselessness. Enforcement only further hurts the ability of people without permanent housing from getting better living situations. Common areas are for EVERYONE, not just those fortunate to go home at night.
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- 1 I believe we would be more effective by looking at the underlying causes of homelessness in this area; not by silencing those who are impoverished. We ought to consider some of the options that Utah has implemented with success.
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- 1 Please do not waste resources passing some ordinance that will likely be struck down by a federal court. Spend the resources fixing homelessness, not incarcerating and punishing who you believe have become an "eye sore." -An Attorney Who Profits Off of the Mistakes of Local Governments
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- 1 Downtown shared spaces should be for everyone's enjoyment. When the homeless / transient community camp out in them day-in day-out for hours on end, harassing people, fighting, and using drugs openly, it disrupts the enjoyment of these shared spaces for the rest of society. They make it unpleasant and sometimes even unbearable for those of us who are downtown trying to support our restaurants, retailers and business offices. It has resulted in loss of business due to people not wanting to come down here anymore. I understand that people have rights, but should the rights of a small but highly disruptive transient population, who could care less about this community, be allowed to infringe upon the rights of those who actually call this place home? Shouldn't the right of our residents and tourists to enjoy downtown in a welcoming, wholesome environment without intimidation, harassment or fear weigh more heavily? I think that regulating the loitering would go a long way. But regardless, we need even heavier patrols in the area to enforce the restrictions on public intoxication, loitering, harassment, smoking, drug use, etc. Without enforcement, our laws are worthless, as which unfortu has been the case as of late.
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1	We've done this to ourselves with the legalization of pot and flimsy regs on the homeless. Not the town I was born and raised in.
1	This is public space. The city should explore non-police alternatives to dealing with homelessness. Our police have much better acts to engage in than criminalizing homelessness.
1	About one third of homeless people have a mental illness. Larimer county voted down a proposed detox and mental health treatment center on Nov. 11, 2016. Do we want to further marginalize and hobble the homeless by passing a no sit/lie ban?
1	People in this world need help, not more regulations. Please don't fined these people money that they do not have. Please help find solutions to the problems that have left them homeless and fighting addiction. I know these issues are complex and I do not know enough about the kind out outreach the City does for these individuals, but I would strongly hope our City would approach this situation from a place of compassion first.
1	My first comment relates to the wording of this survey. In asking "Are there other behaviors that have diminished your Downtown experience?" (question 7), you are implying that the experiences listed in questions 3-6 have "diminished" my experience with Fort Collins' downtown area. This is not the case. While I have witnessed individuals sitting on the sidewalk and benches, this has almost no impact on my downtown experience, and I feel that question 7 should be revised to eliminate the inherent bias present in the question. In terms of commentary on the proposed "regulation" of such activities, I strongly oppose any such regulation. This city, in pursuit of presenting itself as charming and beautiful, is actively pushing for very ugly legislation. While I know that you may view these laws as universally-applicable, we all know the intended target population. Such laws are not productive, and do not present the city in a very flattering light. Perhaps most importantly, they are a violation of the civil rights of a specific group of already-disenfranchised individuals. Do not vote to regulate downtown areas in this manner.
1	I don't see these as disruptive behaviors by themselves. If someone is publicly impaired, or verbally or physically aggressive (whether or not they're homeless), we can already call police to handle it. I don't think further regulation is needed, and especially not discriminatory regulation.
1	Downtown deserves to be shared by all. Targeting a disadvantaged group will only exacerbate these systemic issues. Perhaps you should reach out and talk to homeless persons to ask how the City might be able to help. Lockers for their belongings perhaps? Open communication with these community members will uncover far more than a general survey to privileged folks in Fort Collins who have access to a computer/cell phone.
1	We should look to solving why these people are on the street instead of paying police officers to 'regulate' public space.
1	Choice City? Yeah..only for a select few...is this really the best way to spend city \$\$? What a joke..
1	I do not think that lying down and sleeping on public sidewalks and benches in our busy downtown area to be appropriate.
1	Homeless people need a place to pass the day and keep their stuff. While I'd prefer that place wasn't downtown, they may stay there to be around people.
1	If you make your town inhospitable to rif-raf, they'll move on to the next town. It's a win-win!
1	Move the "rescue mission" far away from downtown and midtown. Focus on homelessness of FC citizens and residents and their longer term rehab efforts and STOP the indiscriminate efforts of "do-gooders" that result in making FC into a haven for transients and others who come here to use and abuse our city and who have no discernible intention to advance our city and work for a living.
1	The shared spaces are not designated for sleeping and day-long sitting. I am empathetic to those who have nowhere to go during the day, but I think the parks and day shelters should be the primary place for those folks to pass long periods of time. If the Murphy Center, Rescue Mission and The Mission cannot provide enough space during daytime hours we should discuss how public funds can be used to support expanded facilities. I know panhandling cannot be prohibited but I support anything that can be done to lessen the opportunity. I feel intimidated when I'm "hit up" for money, even when the request is polite.

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**Count Response**

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1	The suggested regulations seem to target the homeless population in the area. I am not sure why punishments are being proposed which do nothing to target the real issue (I can imagine they'd prefer to sleep/sit somewhere other than a bench or sidewalk downtown even without the additional "motivation". Wouldn't you?). Personally, I also like to sit/lay down/set things down, and were these to be regulated I would feel unwelcome and less likely to visit. It may also be worth considering that these regulations could alienate those of us who have chronic illnesses and therefore cannot predict how long we may need to rest while out in public.
1	There has got to be a better use for the city government's time than regulating how people sit. How about helping people out of poverty rather than punishing them for it?
1	If people abandon old town to the street vagrants, they will ruin it for all and drive businesses out.
1	Personally, I think that not allowing people to sit on sidewalks or benches is unlawful and frankly, quite cruel. Homelessness is a large issue in Fort Collins, and implementing more fines and regulations on those already in a difficult situation will not solve anything. We should invest in more room in shelters and programs to get people out of homelessness, rather than push the issue off the sidewalks to be dealt with later.
1	I get wanting a positive experience downtown, but legislating away homeless behavior doesn't improve the issue. Providing counseling, substance abuse programs, jobs, and temporary/ transitory housing to get people back up on their feet - will help everyone improve their quality of life.
1	Our business has been downtown for 72 years. I want it to remain a fun and vibrant area that the community wants to frequent. The rights of the homeless should NOT supercede my rights as a resident and business owner.
1	The only annoyance I have found is from drunk people in the evenings bar hopping. Hence why I avoid old town at night and only am there when I have to work.
1	Move the homeless shelter out of downtown. Provide help for the local homeless population and tell the lifestyle bums to keep moving. As in get out of town.
1	I do not visit downtown as often as I once had. In part because of the homeless/panhandlers everywhere. I do not feel that it is not as safe as it once was. I think it is important to note that it is not only the downtown area that is effected. The southern part of town is also seeing a high number of transient. I have been harassed several times (just walking to my car) in the Walmart parking lot off of Harmony and College.
1	I feel there are problems with the homeless and the transients and that makes some people very uncomfortable. On the other hand, I feel civil liberties should not be infringed. Better services are needed to alleviate some of the problems.
1	There should be a city wide coordinated farmers' market evening without competition on other parts of town, with market stalls, food trucks, craft vendors, and music. Modeled after the town supported farmers market evening in San Luis Obispo, CA. This could be an evening for the entire town to come shop, eat dinner, and listen to music weekly. It could be coordinated with the Thursday night concerts and utilize Mountain or Linden streets.
1	I do not believe the city should interfere with people in downtown in this way. You already remove belongings that are left unattended. None of these behaviors should be criminalized. Fines and jail time are ineffective and expensive in these situations. Give the outreach team and enhanced police presence time to work before changing the laws again. Enforce existing laws consistently.
1	Why not focus energy and money on helping people rather than counting how many hours someone is sitting somewhere. "Being" is not illegal.
1	See library comments above. I think, from many observations of apparently homeless folks, esp young men, there are more dangerous drugs being sold downtown. I see evidence of heroin. Also, homeless websites must be scrutinized by city workers to delete such flattering descriptions of Fort Collins as a destination for homeless people.
1	Please enforce regulations!! Downtown isn't a homeless shelter. I'm tired of walking down the street and being gawked at and guys having a group of their homeless friends stare at me while I cross the street. I have a child for propriety's sake.

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**Count Response**

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1	I have been surprised at the number of homeless people I have seen since I've moved to Fort Collins in October 2016. I think More needs to be done and more shelters and programs need to be created in locations other than the downtown to help those in need. I am unaware of the drug and alcohol treatment programs available in Fort Collins and feel like the city really needs to work harder to fight these drug and alcohol problems, especially in areas of interest for tourist and others from out of town.
1	Homelessness is a product of our culture. Herding homeless people around by making it illegal to sit, lie, or store belongings in one place for a certain amount of time is a laughably ridiculous approach. Where do you think they're going to go? Every regulation mentioned in the questions on this survey will serve only to increase the daily burden of an already heavily disenfranchised group of people.
1	I do not enjoy downtown very much any more as the homeless and pan handlers have increased. I wouldn't even consider sitting on a restaurant patio for this reason
1	Could we find a place where these people could congregate out of the main area where people come to shop. Allow them to loiter for a specific time, but in an area not so open to the entire public and in the view of young children.
1	Shared spaces should be shared indiscriminately. Regulations that limit resting in public places are harmful to those who need it most. The homeless must be allowed to live and rest in the spaces they can, or how can we expect them to move forward?
1	Please stop trying to regulate the homeless out of old Town. Help them instead. These rules will just punish them more
1	What happened to the basic laws on loitering? What happened to feeling safe walking downtown, in the parks, at the library, even driving thru sections of our city?!
1	This is infuriating and insulting. Homeless people are not a "problem" to police. Perhaps you should focus on educating the public to issues facing homelessness and being empathetic to the situation/providing resources to the people. Perhaps if the public doesn't like it, they can delve deeper in to themselves and invest resources in to uplifting their community. Do NOT follow Denver's example. The sweeps we conduct are not doing anything to better the issue. They are simply putting people out of sight to make people with money feel better. They are damaging, inhumane, and toxic. Your population needs education, not harming the homeless people that live there.
1	I don't agree with your questions. None of the above questions have diminished my downtown experience even though I see homeless people every time I go downtown. This survey and law is an excuse to discriminate against minority and people who the government see as "inferior" to society.
1	Criminalizing poverty will not solve it, just relocate it to a more ignore-able location. And the drunk people that I see every single time downtown, they are not the homeless that are sitting on the sidewalks, it is the college students and general beer culture here.
1	It is cruel and inhumane to criminalize things like sleeping for the homeless community. This is not the way to solve a homelessness problem.
1	You are trying to treat a symptom, not a cause. Find another way to fix this if you feel like it's a problem.
1	Constant bugging from millennium for gas money. Feel threatened when approached, therefore, I have stopped eating and shopping downtown.
1	The most disturbing behavior is verbal harassment. It would be difficult to regulate speech, but that is by far the behavior that is most disruptive and bothersome and makes me want to avoid downtown.
1	criminalizing the homeless is not the solution. they are humans too. putting them in handcuffs is not going to better them at all. help them. encourage them to find work, and to live their life. if you lost your home and everything you knew and loved, you'd feel pretty hopeless too. the homeless deserve love, just like everybody else.

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1	I'm more worried about the cost of enforcing anti homelessness ordinances than the minor irritation that comes with having homeless people about. Police resources are spread thin and this type of ordinance would take them away from more import work, such as traffic control. Further this type of ordinance will waste city resources through the court system. We should be minimizing the financial burden homeless people present by providing adequate care to get them off the streets. If we had empty space in state run shelters it might make sense to relocate them there, but funding for such programs is embarrassingly low.
1	I work in real estate and know of four individuals who have or are moving out of old Town or old Town north due to increased transient rudeness, and disrespect. Something should be done for our businesses and property owners.
1	Every time I've witnessed intimidating, aggressive, or intoxicated behavior it has been from college students, not from homeless people.
1	Until you know what it's like to be homeless you should be the last to judge. Regulating public spaces will only give them more reasons to lose hope in humanity and choose crime as an alternative. A space should be made for these citizens like they use to have in Jefferson Park. However, I do believe that panhandling and loitering should be banned in the Old Town area after hours. More should also be invested into homeless shelters. This is definitely a tough issue, but this town is blessed beyond measure with resources and compassion so I know there will be a good compromise. Good luck to the decision makers.
1	I don't want to see the homeless population get "in trouble", but it is definitely a problem. I've lived here for 16 years and the problem has simply gotten worse. The city needs a place for them to be-a housing development, mental health and substance abuse care, opportunities to earn food, etc. Also, traffic is a problem. I would love to see Old Town be pedestrian only, similar to Pearl Street in Boulder. There are too many people in the city in general and not enough space. People "cruise" down College Ave super fast and it's annoying and sometimes really scary.
1	Look.....you need compassion for this city to be as great as we can be.....doing this amounts to a load of garbage that targets certain people.....be careful, or you will have more protestors lying o things, than homeless...also, dont get a band aid, get a PLAN for folks who are struggling in our community.
1	More enforcement visibility would be great - encouraging movement rather than citing offenders would be preferable. How else can the city and organizations help these people besides regulating behavior?
1	It has become a turnoff. More likely to go to new mall, to Centerra, or 4th Street in Loveland than to Old Town
1	I wish Fort Collins to be a city and community that is open, inclusive, wlecoming and understanding of ALL its citizens. The fact that we have and can experience homeless, temporarily unemployed, alienated, or ill citizens makes each of us aware of citizens down on their luck and provides an opportunity for us to be grateful and show compassion and empathy for others. When my grandchildren ask me why some people are sad and lonely in our Downtown, I tell them that we give to the food banks, have canned food drives at school and give money that we can spare to help these people who are having a hard time. Making a complex social problem invisible or less visible does not lead to a solution. Do not do this! I am a taxpayer and I vote.
1	If people are bothered by the above behaviors, perhaps the money would be better spent on educating them about how to be more comfortable with people who are different from them.
1	I believe this disproportionately targets people who are living without homes as they are the ones who maybe sitting or lying in old town for long periods of time. I have never had any form of aggression or disturbance from a homeless person who is panhandling and there are already laws/restrictions in place to ensure that homeless people remain passive when asking for help. Pushing the homeless out of old town will do nothing to resolve the problem and will only make them feel more unwanted and marginalized from our community. Making the problem of homelessness less visible to the surrounding community will only create more problems as they will be pushed out to other areas that will also not accommodate them. Old town should be a safe place for everyone!

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1	To be honest, the idea that regulating the amount of time a person can linger in a place is preposterous. People who are homeless are in the downtown area primarily because that's where their resources are. If the idea to push homeless people out of downtown is the goal, then move the resources plain and simple. Is that what makes a world class city? In my opinion: absolutely not. Why are people homeless? Why do transients make Fort Collins a destination? Until those are answered, the decision to put further restrictions on a group of people is ridiculous. If residents don't want to see homeless people, then they need to understand the fact that we live in an expensive place where not everyone who wants to live here can afford to, and that's a problem. Housing is among the root problems, and that should be addressed before panhandling, sitting on the sidewalks, or lingering for more than hour. Have you seen the man without a lower jaw in Old Town? What are his primary goals? Why can't he find a place to live or work? Those shouldn't be his problems, they should be the City's; and that has nothing to do with him lingering but everything to do with how we support him, as a community.
1	Parking is already a deterrent so benches and super crowded sidewalks and items makes it harder to shop. Also is uncomfortable! We say it is for the public but it seems to be less so in the last few years. I do not have a full answer but am certainly pleased you are trying to solve.
1	I feel like approaches suggested here amount to a broom with no dustpan. We need better mental health care options, we need more emergency housing for the homeless, and we need programs to help the homeless find work or training once they have found safe places to take shelter. Laws that permit us to tell these people to go "somewhere else" simple send a problem elsewhere.
1	Focus resources on addressing intoxicated aggressive people. Street bums should be given warning and evicted if they persist.
1	If necessary, review the behaviors and behavior of tourists and other persons during the summer months. The festivals tend to attract disruptive behavior and disregard to current laws and codes in place.
1	Get rid of these transient criminals! Enforce the smoking ban. Enforce littering regulations. Arrest them when they verbally harass women. Stop providing free stuff! I looked up the Facebook feed of the two men I witnessed beat someone violently. They both are from out of state and traveled here from Albuquerque because they heard Fort Collins gives out free food, backpacks, etc. to homeless folks. It's too much! They don't pay taxes. I do. I am not comfortable with my taxes supporting their criminal lifestyles of choice. There is a huge difference between the needy and these criminals. Most of those I see downtown are the latter as evidenced by their harassing and disruptive behavior. I don't usually speak out about these issues but I am fed up!
1	I want the city to support homeless people and transients by having facilities for day use and for overnight. However, I don't think our public spaces should be used for sleeping. I also think people have a right to be downtown without being solicited or otherwise harassed.
1	While we are deeply concerned regarding the number of homeless we seem to have in Fort Collins, I do not see how regulating how long they can sit/lay will help. Where are they supposed to go? If we don't want them in Old Town, or in front of numerous businesses, then we need to provide a place where they can rest and congregate. We can't just make them disappear.
1	Come up with an initiative to reduce homelessness by creating opportunities, not criminalizing their circumstances
1	I recognize our community has difficulties managing the influx of transient populations and individuals and families experiencing houselessness. However, I strongly disagree with the extent of the proposed measures outlined above. In particular, the hourly regulations that have been discussed. There is no magic-bullet solution for dealing with this issue but I believe what is proposed is a step too far.
1	I have decreased my visits to downtown Fort Collins due to the issues being addressed in this survey. It is intimidating to have to walk by groups sitting and lying on the sidewalks.
1	I don't have a problem with people sitting on benches/planters, etc. I do have a problem with public drunkenness, fighting and yelling and creating an atmosphere that is intimidating to visitors in downtown. Please just enforce some basic behavior guidelines that keep downtown safe and accessible!

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**Count Response**

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1	How would all of this be regulated with bikes and bike baskets? I frequently bike downtown and have my bike locked up with a container on a rack. I agree that some issues need to be addressed, but how do we do that as a society and not discriminate?
1	I think it's important to make a distinction between behaviors of the down-and-out homeless (who need our help and compassion), and the transients (many are in their 20s/30s and appear otherwise able-bodied)--it's these transients who create a public nuisance and
1	I have heard of cities that lease the sidewalk space from the businessfront to the street (for a small/nominal amount) to individual businessowners so that they have jurisdiction to keep pedestrian traffic ways open for folks that want to visit their business.
1	I'm not sure if adding regulations prohibiting these types of behaviors will be enforceable. How will you know if someone has been in a spot for a certain amount of time? What if they leave and come back? Are we targeting people who pick a certain spot and stay there all the time?
1	This war on the homeless has to end - we cannot keep pushing them out of their spaces and give them nowhere to go. We have to work together, as a community, to find them adequate housing and space, and work to make them whole again. We cannot ignore them and disregard them and hope they go away.
1	Criminalizing homelessness is a poor way for the city to respond to this issue. I feel that compassion and increased services are responses more in line with the goals and values shared by the City of Fort Collins and its residents.
1	You'll spend all this time scheming how to criminalize homeless, but where are the real solutions?
1	Many times only the voice of the "offended complainer" is heard in these matters. I'm here to say that I never have a problem with anyone who sits, lays, stands or puts their stuff down downtown. If someone directs a comment toward me that I dislike, I just keep walking. It's no big deal. I never feel threatened and no one sitting on a sidewalk ever kept me from visiting a business I wanted to visit. These regulations are a thinly veiled attempt to legalize the extreme snobbery that exists here in Fort Collins against certain classes of individual. We do not need to regulate the public as to where and when people can sit, stand, or lay. As for people afraid of being harassed- that is another separate issue and I believe we already have laws against it. The only thing I might get behind is the leaving of belongings unattended as a matter of public safety (that may already be illegal, along the lines of "no dumping", but I'm not sure).
1	These are unproductive proposed regulations that would take police and other regulatory officials a ridiculous amount of time and energy to enforce. It certainly appears that enforcement will disproportionately affect the city's homeless population. I've been harassed by drunk college kids and have never experienced harassment from anyone appearing to be homeless. Criminalizing people for being homeless is a counterproductive strategy that will waste valuable taxpayer dollars and police time.
1	I live downtown just around the corner from the shelter (Willow Street). In my experience, the individuals who use the services of the shelter are good neighbors. Sure, I sometimes see them lying on benches or congregating around shelter and the small park, but I can't recall a single time that I've been approached for money. Would hate to see them pushed out of the downtown area. The most intimidating behavior I've experienced takes place on the alley just off of Laurel Street west of College (by Dam Good Tacos). There are a number of younger kids loitering there who have approached me for money and who often appear intoxicated. While I would support more policing in this area, I would hate to see broader enforcement of regulations that have the effect of further marginalizing the homeless population around the shelter. Thanks.
1	Creating regulation to deter the homeless seems like a waste of time and money. I would rather focus on assistance for the homeless.
1	I would think that Fort Collins learned its lesson last time it developed ordinances that so clearly targeted homeless populations. It is confusing to me how someone laying next to a wall on the edge of the sidewalk could be "disruptive" in any material way; I assume people find it bothersome because they don't want to have to look at/be reminded of people less fortunate. If the fear is that homeless people resting on benches and sidewalks is unsightly, perhaps more resources could be devoted to serving homeless populations so that they have safe, convenient spaces to rest.

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1	I think there should be ordinances to address these concerns, but there should also be systems in place to help people in need. Before I say it should be regulated, I want to know where these people are supposed to go, and what the penalties are. Perhaps later in the survey this question will be addressed...
1	Provide a sufficient warm comfortable shelter for homeless, and they won't be inclined to use benches for these purposes. Quit closing parks used by the homeless.
1	It seems draconian to have to regulate sitting/lying. If I knew of a better way to keep the behavior from happening, I'd suggest it. Maybe other cities have dealt with similar problems in ways that don't require the prohibition of fairly basic things?
1	Please give your energy and policy on helping the homeless get support and transition housing. Be humane.
1	My wife and I avoid certain corners because of transients. Those business areas must be suffering.
1	The only trouble I've experienced downtown is from drunken CSU students. I really enjoy the current atmosphere downtown and want us to keep (or really increase) the accepting culture in Fort Collins. That kindness is what makes Fort Collins great!
1	I know it is a problem, not sure how severe. If the intoxicated, drunken, panhandling and especially the intimidating behavior that would go a long way and I have seen a positive change recently.
1	Please take the statement from the ACLU seriously about this proposal. Fort Collins is not a place known for "outrageous, cruel, and absurd" ordinances. Thank you.
1	It is uncomfortable to be around the people who look like they live downtown. That's why we stopped going downtown after dark.
1	I really think you need to find solutions that respect the rights and dignity of homeless people, not make more ordinances that criminalize homelessness. Enforce the laws that address the real issues...drunken disorder, aggressive behavior, etc. Increase your outreach program that seems to be ineffective right now. What about designated spaces for extended lying and sitting that are not intrusive to businesses or patrons? Free lockers downtown for homeless people to put their belongings? More public bathrooms.
1	Don't make being homeless illegal. Don't make it illegal to sleep on the streets overnight. What bothers me is when there is a crowd of homeless begging aggressively on a corner. If they are just hanging out, I have no issue. It's when there are a lot of them that makes me feel uncomfortable.
1	If we prohibit sitting or lying down for any length of time, on sidewalks, etc, the vagrants will just get up and move to a new spot when their time is up. I hope you can solve this ! What works in Burlington, VT ? Supposedly Ft C has followed their lead.
1	Q 3 - 7 are biased. They ask if I have experienced certain behavior but assume that this behaviour is unwelcome, rather than a neutral or positive experience. There is also a difference between feeling intimidated and merely feeling uncomfortable because we do not know how to respond well to people in need.
1	There is a larger issue here of homelessness in our community, and forcing the homeless to go somewhere else (not Downtown) will not alleviate the problem. I would prefer to see the City focusing on these issues instead of how to hide homelessness from Downtown. While a large transient population seems to also be problematic (and in my experience is more aggressive than any other group), it can be difficult to tell these groups apart. Let's build a better system for helping our citizens get off the streets and into safe environments instead of kicking them out of Downtown and sending them into different parts of the City.
1	This seems like a slippery slope and an easy way to allow for discrimination in enforcement as well as impeding in an individual's right to peacefully protest.

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1	The city enforces parking rules for cars and they can find ways to enforce the homeless and transients in our town. from taking over the sidewalks and benches. It doesn't make for a happy experience when visiting our downtown to patronize businesses and restaurants to see these people take over the benches and leave their personal belongings wherever they want to. We all need to respect each other and I want to visit a downtown where this visually disturbing picture is taken care of by enforcing some rules for these people. Soon people will stop visiting downtown and shop elsewhere where they are not confronted by this disregard for public places. We have a business where I volunteer and recently had a window broken which was quite costly to replace. Usually it's the late night crowd that does vandalism in the downtown area. They also would do gang graffiti along the public walkway. This repair is always at our expense and insurance will normally pay for this. Whatever needs to be done to curb this activity should be down for our Choice City elected officials.
1	Downtown Fort Collins is a smoke free zone. Nevertheless, almost every time I visit downtown I see one or two people with a cigarette. I think this regulation should be strictly reinforced.
1	The Smoking Ordinance should stop at 10pm. Otherwise those who choose to smoke will begin frequenting other areas with restaurants and bars, such as campus west or the mall, and stop coming downtown.
1	I am embarrassed to bring out of town visitors into old town. They always comment on all the homeless and trash. It was not like this 5 years ago.
1	We should not be dividing people into desirable and undesirable - which is what any sit lie ordinance would do. Do the businesses really want signs limiting how long people can sit and where they can sit? Any restrictive ordinance could make people avoid the downtown area entirely and go to the Foothills Mall.
1	Actually do something useful and tangible about the homeless problem in Fort Collins rather than shifting them around. Don't make up bullshit ordinances about "sitting" or "resting" targeting the homeless without targeting the causes of homelessness. By the way what is the cities long term goals and practices moving ahead concerning this? All I've seen is a ban on sitting, and closing the Mission. I'd love to hear back.
1	Regulations like this would negatively impact homeless people who have nowhere else to go. Without more resources, people have no other choice but to sleep and rest where they can. Since these are public properties, they should be allowed to do as they please as long as they are obeying current laws.
1	The proposed ordinance is a horrible idea. The city should not be regulating this and the ordinance would not be fairly enforced. The resources expended on something like this would be a waste of money and time on something that should not be criminalized.
1	The behavior of transient homeless, mostly young, people has led me and my wife to avoid downtown for most of our shopping and restaurant choices.
1	If downtown businesses are trying to increase foot traffic and decrease loitering, I recommend restarting the Streetmosphere program that Beet Street implemented. Perhaps there is a grant that for which the Downtown Creative District is eligible to pay vetted performers. Or, perhaps the Downtown Business Association would be willing to start a fund to motivate an increase in positive behavior downtown. What positive behavior would they like to see? Not seeing "undesirable people" is not a behavior, and further ignores a greater problem. Individuals picking up trash? Individuals cleaning sidewalks? Individuals cleaning playground equipment? Individuals monitoring and reporting vandalism? Are these tasks that could be organized with an existing nonprofit that specializes in helping people at risk to benefit both the city and individuals?
1	Where is the compassion? And exactly where are the homeless meant to go? How about we address the issues that cause homelessness rather than trying to regulate it away?
1	Please focus more on the smokers, sidewalk bike riders, and people (panhandlers) with dogs off leashes

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- 1 Although I agree that Fort Collins has a homeless population issue I do not believe the sit/lie ban will be an effective measure. We need the city to put these resources into creating an area for this population to stay away from shared spaces. The rescue mission in Fort Collins has not grown to represent the growth that Fort Collins has seen in the past 5 years. Unfortunately, our country has not found a way to solve the issue of homelessness, and I do not expect This committee to take on that challenge. I expect them, however, to challenge themselves in truly looking at the issues at hand for what they are to find the correct long-term solution(s). People sitting or lying down in the sidewalk wouldn't be a problem if they had another place to go. But they don't and if we approve this ban then they will only migrate to other places. This ban doesn't solve the problem. Rise up and figure it out committee, or your community members will call for your removal.
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- 1 Regulating these types of behaviors is transparent. You are targeting poor, transient and tired people for fines and fees just for existing downtown. This type of broken windows policing has been shown time and time again that it does not solve any problem it just tries to hide it. How about instead we get more low income housing and stop demolishing parks for businesses where people can gather?
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- 1 This is the least effective, most inhuman way to handle the problem of homelessness in our city. How despicable. Devote resources to creating alternatives to living in the street-- not criminalizing the poor! The people sleeping on benches are Denver citizens too. We should seek methods to improve their living conditions, not treat them like some sort of burden to other people in Denver. They're human beings, not clutter.
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- 1 Our failure as a community to offer care for those who can not do right by themselves reveals a mean-spiritedness that should make us ashamed. Yes, people shouldn't live on the streets -- but proposing to lock people up in a debtors prison? What is wrong with us if that is the best idea we've got in this town of University scholars, Incubator innovators, RealEstate Developers, and High-Tech engineers?
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- 1 This feels like discrimination against homeless people. Homeless people are people too and should not be ostracized from society. If the behavior in concern is really that "aggressive" then there are already laws in place where a person committing such an offense could be charged.
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- 1 please spend time and resources addressing poverty/homelessness with solutions rather than punitive punishment. drunk consumers out at night in old town are far more disruptive, scary, dangerous, and cause more damage than any person I've ever seen sitting or laying on a bench.
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- 1 This is obviously targeting the homeless population downtown. If the city has such an issue with its citizens seeing or potentially feeling threatened by the presence of homeless individuals perhaps the city should instead consider providing daytime services and/or housing for these individuals. This is not only discriminatory, but a waste of the city's law enforcement resources.
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- 1 Be nice to Homeless people! Educate! Provide help! And provide more safe spaces for people struggling that are away from places like the public library that has a huge homeless population.
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- 1 Guys. I'm frankly surprised we're even having this conversation in a place as compassionate and forward-thinking as our city. Fort Collins should be a leader in addressing the causes of homelessness, not punishing our most vulnerable community members for their own misfortunes. You can look to ANY NUMBER of American urban environments for clear examples of why these types of policies don't make communities better.
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- 1 This input should help change people's minds so that we can help reduce the discrimination and social stigma towards the Fort Collins residents that are homeless. We should create more sustainable and humane solutions that will promote the well being of as many people as possible. People experiencing homelessness count as citizens too and have every right as the law makers.
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- 1 I'd rather the City work with other agencies to help the homeless find better things to do rather than hang around & panhandle.
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- 1 This questionnaire seems to imply that homeless individuals panhandling downtown seem to be the biggest problem, but as a young woman I've experienced far more frustration from men who are more well off. These men are much more likely to shout degrading things at women and/or harass them, making downtown an unpleasant place for women to visit. I would rather see something done about the regular harassment from men than about individuals on sidewalks who generally don't harass women.
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- 1 I would like to clarify that when I answered (honestly) that I sometimes see impaired behavior, I was referring to the fact that I sometimes see drunk college students. Not necessarily impaired homeless people. The homeless people I am thinking of are usually just chilling by themselves. Also, while I answered, "Do not regulate" to the various questions, I do acknowledge that the homeless population might be affecting some people's experiences downtown, however, I have to answer do not regulate because where are they supposed to go? They're homeless and they need to be somewhere. :)
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- 1 Explore housing-first solutions rather than adding more regulations for behaviors that are already enforceable. Civil rights and public space are for all people, not just middle class white people. Being frightened of people who look different from oneself is not a value the city should espouse.
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- 1 The majority of intoxicated or aggressive behaviors I have experienced are not from homeless individuals but from regular citizens after leaving the bars. With such a concentrated area of activity you will never avoid this. Don't punish people who need help just because some wealthy citizens want the problem to go away. I work downtown full time and homeless people come into our store. We treat them like every other customer and they respect our business and our space.
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- 1 I honestly think public drunkenness is a much bigger problem than any of these, and I think these unfairly target homeless people. If any of these should pass, I would hope alternative options would be addressed, like low income housing or government subsidized programs for them
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- 1 I don't visit downtown often because of the undesirables especially homeless. It has got to be controlled. This is getting out of control. Not just downtown but shopping areas especially the north Walmart and Home Depot. I've been approached in the parking lot and so much as threatened. I called police and the store. I refuse to go there anymore.
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- 1 If there are people who need places to sit/lay/sleep, the city should help provide those places for the people who need to use them for extended time.
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- 1 I used to enjoy shopping downtown, but due to several uninitiated interactions with individuals on street corners and the area by the Cupboard during midday times, I now avoid coming downtown unless I have a very specific reason to be in the area and know that someone I know will be with me.
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- 1 In no way do I support criminalization nor harassment of homelessness by police or security forces. I do support development of task forces to study and address services needed by some citizens of Fort Collins and what is necessary for us to become a more compassionate community.
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- 1 Having worked in large communities with similar issues, my suggestion would be a security team downtown. The teams focus would be that of safety and security. Security has more powers than the police when it comes to private property. Plus the extra eyes on the street would be a plus for the community. They can bring an atmosphere of the downtown being safer but implementing programs such as CSU safewalk program. I have heard about some complaints about people walking to their cars at night time and feeling unsafe. A security team could manage CCTV cameras which would be placed in the downtown area. They would help first responders and security members respond faster to emergencies. The camera which is by the Alley Cat seems to be reducing the amount of incidents in that area, so why not place them in other hot spots like oak and college or Linden and Lincoln.
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- 1 As an employee/owner of a downtown business I am appalled that the city would consider regulating a HUMAN right to sit/lay/rest. This absolutely disgusts me to my core that the city is even considering regulating this. Put your effort and money into HELPING others that are in unfortunate situations rather than treating them like a nuisance. If this regulation occurs, I plan on informing all Fort Collins' citizen that I engage with that their city is considering taking this basic right away from PEOPLE and will fight to help those who are being treated like trash by this city. We are HUMANKIND. Be both....be HUMAN...be KIND!!!
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- 1 These proposed regulations would disproportionately affect homeless folks. Contrary to what some of these questions imply, homeless folks are not lazy alcoholics, or addicts. Homeless folks are our veterans, folks who lost their job and home and are struggling with this economy just like you and me. Fort Collins is a more compassionate place than the criminalization of homeless folks. I know business and aesthetic are important AND people are more important. It's wrong to prioritize buildings and looks over people with struggles, emotions, and stories. Fort Collins is better than these discriminatory regulations. Because I believe Fort Collins is better than them, as a resident in Fort Collins who also works here, I strongly encourage not regulating sidewalks, planters, and benches.
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**Count Response**

1	Can't we stop panhandling by requiring an appropriate permit to collect money or an association with permitted event/group?
1	Please do not move forward with this ordinance. I understand that the city has received a letter from the ACLU explaining the egregious nature of these proposed laws, and that they are unconstitutional. I will definitely support the ACLU in their suit
1	It is much more important to prevent homelessness in the first place. Poverty and homelessness should not be treated as crimes and it is our responsibility as a society to not only patch up symptoms by regulations but prevent it in the first place.
1	Have the police use their discretion. If they look like bums, do something. If not leave the people alone
1	To deny our human right to rest makes you a murderer of innocent people. My daughter needs sleep too < 3.
1	We all sit. We all lie. If someone doesn't have money to sit in a coffee shop after buying a coffee they should be able to sit I a PUBLIC communal space.
1	I appreciate that the city wants to improve everyone's experience downtown, but these proposals seem like a way to criminalize homelessness, rather than a way to help people best enjoy shared spaces. The city should focus on connecting homeless or impaired people to helpful resources to help them find alternatives to occupying multi-use spaces in Old Town.
1	You can't regulate people's behavior. Since most of these areas you are asking about regulating comes from the transient population, an approach that addresses the desire transients have about FC should be addressed. We are mecca.
1	Shared spaces are meant to be precisely that: shared. These vaguely-worded, busy-body restrictions apparently designed to keep everyone on a cheerful conveyor belt through the downtown area are just rabsurd. What next, rounding up 'undesirables' for lingering on park a bench one minute too long and shipping them off to a 'workhouse'? We're better than this.
1	This survey is comprised entirely of biased and leading questions. This city is making an obvious attempt to justify unconstitutional rules to criminalize homelessness, old age, disabilities and poverty. As a member of the Fort Collins community, I am extremely disappointed by this blatant attempt to violate the rights of my fellow community members.
1	If the person was not homeless you would not be trying to create this. If I as a CSU student sat on a bench for over four hours and had my backpack on the ground as I studied, would I get in trouble? No. So why are we treating our homeless population as less the human? Criminalizing homelessness does not and will not work. It only continues the systematic oppression of the homeless population. Instead of treating these people as if they aren't fully human and forcing them into worse situations by treating them like criminals, how about you actually talk to people who share that identity and see how you can support them so that they have reliable housing. Only then will the homelessness rates lower.
1	No soliciting verbally or with signs. More police and security. I dont feel very safe walking in old town. Especially once it is dark.
1	The homeless community don't deserve further punishment, they don't even have Jefferson park to sleep at anymore, it's not fair to allow them nowhere safe to stay.
1	Our downtown is for everyone. Everyone deserves to be comfortable. We shouldn't regulate people's bodies.
1	Fort Collins does not "belong" just to the wealthy able bodied residents. The ability to enjoy and spend time in the downtown area should be not be a right reserved simply for those who fit the ideal Fort Collins mold. Regulating this behavior is an injustice and frankly doing so would change my perspective on the laid back town I've come to love.
1	Extremely unconstitutional and disgusting to regulate sitting or resting in a public space. As a resident of Fort Collins, I will work vigilantly to make sure these regulations are not put in place, and if they are, you will have a lot of angry citizens downtown every day fighting these unjust proposals. DROP THEM IMMEDIATELY
1	Criminalizing those behaviors could impact me if I were to enjoy a coffee or ice cream with a friend or my husband while sitting on a bench in Downtown Fort Collins. I'd hate to be checking my watch or setting an alarm on my phone to make sure that I wasn't chatting too long.
1	If regulation occurs I would make sure there is a place for homeless to go so we don't just move them from downtown to nearby areas.

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1	The only problems I've experienced or heard about downtown is kids being kids. Groups of teenagers or college students being loud, yelling, sometimes obscenities, or generally being obnoxious. I assume some of them are drunk, but they tend to pass quickly.
1	Generally we have a good experience when we go downtown. I frequently attend meetings at night and never feel unsafe while walking to my car alone. (I'm female)
1	The City could be a national innovator in dealing with transient populations. The prohibitions in one area are illegal and ineffective. I live in South Fort Collins and the transient population has simply moved to the intersection of College and Harmony. You will just need to expand the restrictions City-Wide and then we will spend money on enforcement that could be used more wisely. Back to the drawing board!
1	Please clean-up the downtown shared spaces. I often do not feel safe with the amount of loitering, trash, etc.
1	The environment downtown is generally pleasant and fine, even if people are sitting/lying on the sidewalks. I rarely notice disruptive behavior, and if Fort Collins wants to keep its reputation as a habitable, kind place to live, then it should not regulate the behaviors of its least privileged citizens.
1	Have business owners put signs in windows that advise patrons NOT TO GIVE TO PANHANDLERS. But instead give an organization name and address where homeless and transients can get help. Making old town less friendly to panhandlers and transients is only way to reduce the numbers.
1	These laws target our homeless population and do nothing to find solutions for this problem. We should not be funding policies like this, we should instead be funding resources for our homeless population. Discrimination is NOT a solution
1	I don't mind the casual well mannered conversation with the homeless not old town but I'm tired of trying to avoid certain areas when I'm with my kids. Old town is not a family place as it is now and that is too bad. There are a lot of fun things to see and do in and around old town and its too bad it is tainted by the few annoying individuals and/or groups.
1	It is not a crime to lay down or to have a backpack. People have the right to rest. This right needs to be negotiated with the right to a clean/safe downtown but overall I find this survey to be discriminatory to people experiencing homelessness. It is not a crime to be poor. If you criminalize any of these activities, the city should provide alternative locations for resting/storing items.

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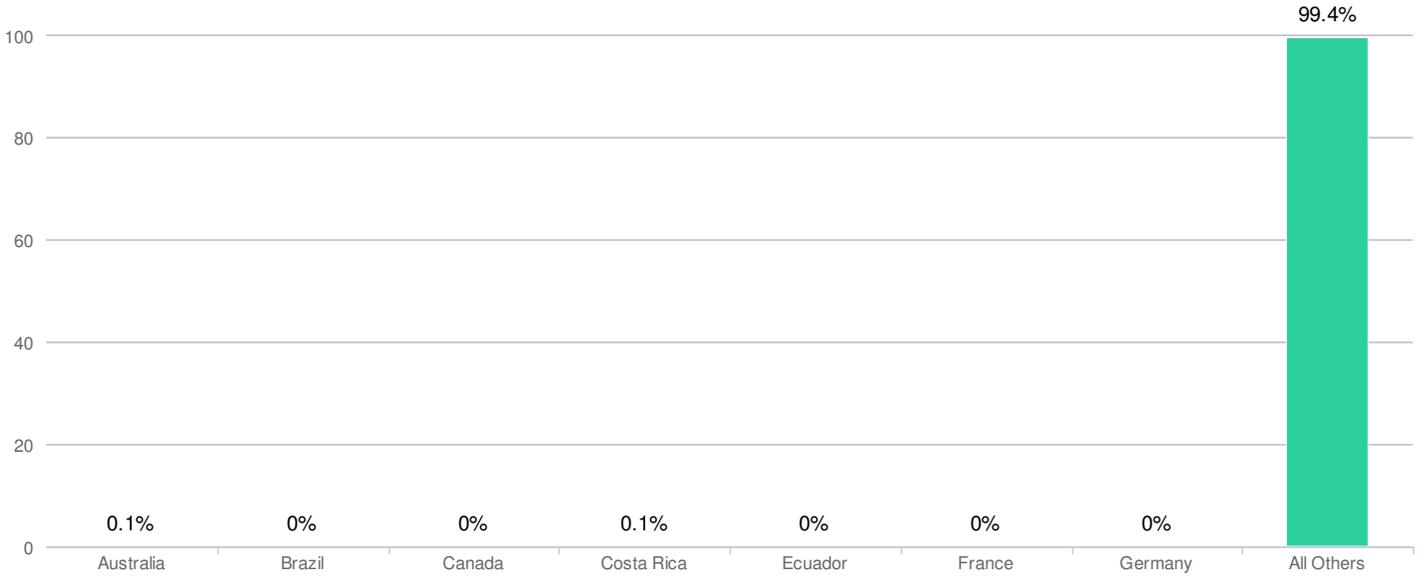
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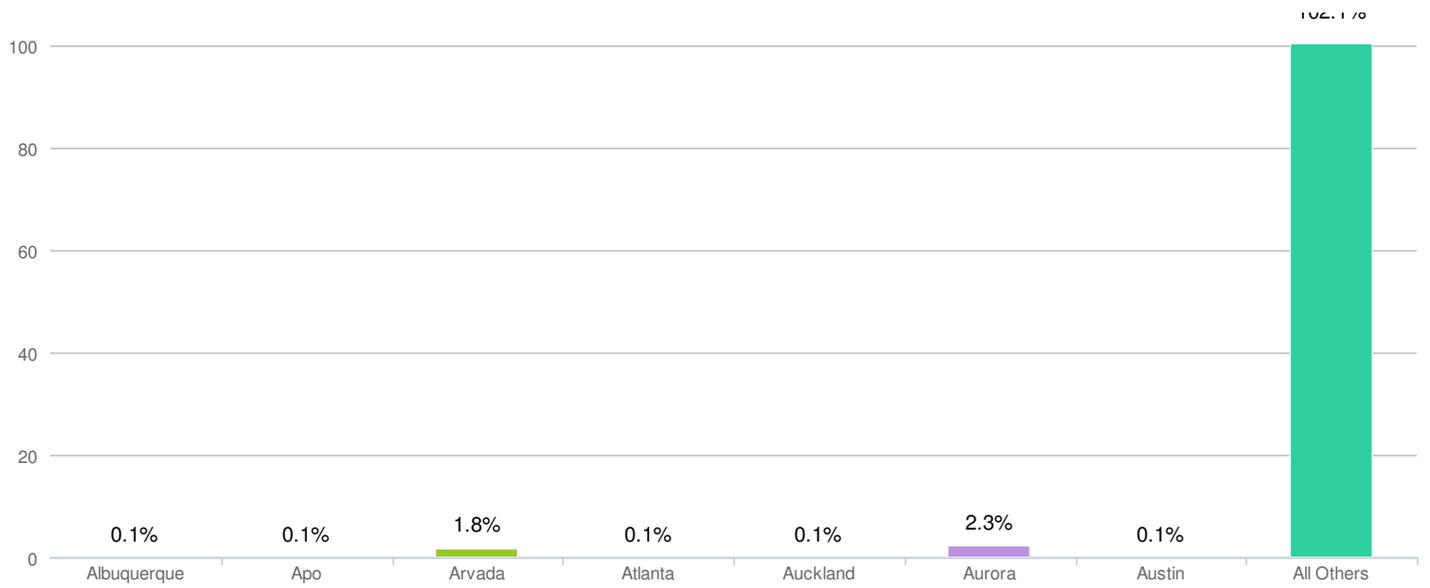
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## Source Countries



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Ecuador	0.0%	1
France	0.0%	1
Germany	0.0%	1
Guam	0.0%	1
Mexico	0.1%	2
Netherlands	0.0%	1
New Zealand	0.1%	2
Nicaragua	0.0%	1
Norway	0.0%	1
Sweden	0.0%	1
United States	99.2%	2,272
Total		2,290

## Source Cities



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Albuquerque	0.1%	2
Apo	0.1%	1
Arvada	1.8%	39
Atlanta	0.1%	2
Auckland	0.1%	1
Aurora	2.3%	50
Austin	0.1%	1
Avon	0.1%	2
Bailey	0.1%	1
Ballwin	0.1%	1
Barrigada	0.1%	1
Berthoud	0.2%	4
Boston	0.1%	3
Bothell	0.1%	1
Boulder	1.4%	30
Bozeman	0.1%	1
Breckenridge	0.1%	1
Brighton	0.5%	12
Bronx	0.1%	1
Total		2,203

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Brooklyn	0.1%		1
Broomfield	1.2%		27
Carlingford	0.1%		1
Castle Rock	0.1%		1
Centreville	0.1%		1
Champaign	0.1%		1
Charleston	0.1%		1
Charlotte	0.1%		1
Cheyenne	0.2%		4
Chicago	0.4%		9
Chino Hills	0.1%		1
Chipping Norton	0.1%		1
Cleveland	0.1%		1
Colorado Springs	0.5%		11
Columbia	0.1%		1
Commerce City	0.2%		4
Compton	0.1%		1
Corona	0.1%		1
Corpus Christi	0.1%		1
Dallas	0.3%		6
Danville	0.1%		1
Dayton	0.1%		1
Denver	20.4%		450
Detroit	0.1%		3
Durham	0.1%		1
Edmond	0.1%		1
El Monte	0.1%		1
Elbert	0.1%		1
Elk Grove Village	0.1%		1
Encino	0.1%		1
		Total	2,203

Value	Percent	Count
Englewood	0.4%	8
Erie	0.2%	4
Estes Park	0.1%	1
Evans	0.1%	1
Evergreen	0.1%	1
Fairbury	0.1%	1
Falmouth	0.1%	1
Flagstaff	0.1%	1
Florissant	0.1%	1
Fort Collins	51.6%	1,136
Fort Lauderdale	0.1%	2
Fremont	0.1%	1
Garland	0.1%	3
Glen Carbon	0.1%	1
Glendale	0.1%	1
Golden	0.2%	5
Grand Junction	0.1%	1
Greeley	1.3%	29
Grenoble	0.1%	1
Guaymas	0.1%	1
Hempstead	0.1%	1
Henderson	0.1%	1
Homer	0.1%	1
Honolulu	0.1%	1
Houston	0.2%	4
Indian Hills	0.1%	1
Indio	0.1%	1
Johnstown	1.2%	26
Kaneohe	0.1%	1
Kansas City	0.1%	3
Total		2,203

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Kent	0.1%		1
Lafayette	0.1%		2
Langenfeld	0.1%		1
Laporte	0.1%		1
Laramie	0.1%		2
Las Vegas	0.1%		2
León	0.1%		1
Liberia	0.1%		1
Littleton	1.9%		42
Logan	0.1%		1
Longmont	1.1%		25
Los Angeles	0.1%		1
Louisville	0.5%		11
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Marathon	0.1%		1
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Melrose Park	0.1%		1
Meridian	0.1%		1
Mesa	0.1%		1
Milliken	0.1%		3
Milwaukee	0.1%		2
Minneapolis	0.1%		2
Modesto	0.1%		1
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Montrose	0.1%		1
Morrison	0.1%		1
Mount Horeb	0.1%		1
		Total	2,203

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Mount Vernon	0.1%	1
Naperville	0.1%	1
Nashville	0.1%	1
Nederland	0.1%	1
New Cumberland	0.1%	1
New Orleans	0.1%	1
New York	0.2%	4
Newtown	0.1%	1
Normal	0.1%	1
Northfield	0.1%	1
Nosara	0.1%	1
Nunn	0.1%	1
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Olsburg	0.1%	1
Omaha	0.1%	2
Oregon	0.1%	1
Oslo	0.1%	1
Palm Beach Gardens	0.1%	1
Palo Alto	0.1%	3
Parker	0.2%	4
Philadelphia	0.1%	1
Phoenix	0.2%	4
Pierce	0.1%	1
Pike Ntl Forest	0.1%	1
Plano	0.1%	1
Portland	0.1%	3
Prior Lake	0.1%	1
Quito	0.1%	1
Rapid City	0.1%	2
Reno	0.1%	1
Total		2,203

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Rialto	0.1%	1
Rifle	0.1%	1
Roseland	0.1%	1
Royal Oak	0.1%	1
Salem	0.1%	2
Salida	0.1%	1
San Bernardino	0.1%	1
San Diego	0.1%	1
San Francisco	0.1%	1
San Jose	0.1%	2
San Pablo	0.1%	1
Santa Clara	0.1%	3
Sarasota	0.1%	1
Seattle	0.1%	1
Shawnee	0.1%	1
Silverthorne	0.1%	1
Spring	0.1%	1
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Tauranga	0.1%	1
Timnath	0.1%	1
Toronto	0.1%	1
Torrance	0.1%	1
Tucson	0.1%	1
Tustin	0.1%	1
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Valencia	0.1%	1
Vinhedo	0.1%	1
Waco	0.1%	1
Washington	0.1%	2
	Total	2,203

Value	Percent		Count
Wellington	0.3%		6
Westminster	0.4%		8
Wheat Ridge	0.2%		4
Windsor	0.8%		17
	Total		2,203