

Residents speak their minds in city questionnaire

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When Gothenburg city officials decided to survey residents about a variety of controversial issues, they probably didn't anticipate the strong response.

Over 500 questionnaires were received from about 1,800 that were sent out in utility bills earlier this month.

City administrator Bruce Clymer described the number of responses as amazing.

Officials found out that there are some strong feelings about the questions asked.

For instance, 89% of those responding feel the sale of alcoholic beverages should not be extended an hour to 2 a.m.

A majority, 60%, don't support the sale and discharge of fireworks over the New Year's holiday as is now allowed by state law.

Residents are also satisfied with the daily time limit set for the lighting of fireworks around the Independence Day holiday and for the days allowed for the sale of fireworks prior to the holiday. Fireworks can be sold 10 days prior to July 4 and can be lit until 10 p.m.

In addition, a majority of those who returned a city questionnaire are not keen on a second viaduct in the city. A total of 66% of the respondents are opposed or strongly opposed to a second overpass.

Whether the results of a city survey will be followed by local city council members remains to be seen.

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Council member Jim Aden said he heard several people say they

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