



AGENDA

Rogers Planning Commission

August 3, 2026 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. APPROVE AGENDA

Council members may add items to the agenda for discussion purposes or staff direction only. The Council will not normally take official action on items added to the agenda.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

These items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed elsewhere on the agenda.

3.1 Approve Minutes from July 6, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting

4. JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION - CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

4.1 2050 Comprehensive Plan Discussion

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.1 Consider Amendments to Chapter 125 and Chapter 10 – Keeping of Animals, Including Backyard Chickens

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

7.1 Past Planning Commission Items Report

8. ADJOURN



STAFF REPORT

ROGERS PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Date: August 3, 2026

Agenda Item: 3.1

Subject: Approve Minutes from July 6, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting

Prepared By: Alec Henderson, City Planner

Overview / Background / Analysis

Approval of the minutes from previous meeting.

Staff Recommendation

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 6th Planning Commission meeting.

Financial Impact: Not applicable.

Source Fund: Not applicable.

Budgeted? N/A

Supporting Documentation

A. July 6 2026 Planning Commission Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

With Chair Lohr and the Vice Chair both absent, Commission Member Hunt volunteered to serve as acting chair. By voice vote, the Commission elected Commission Member Hunt to serve as acting chair for the meeting, all ayes.

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Rogers was called to order by Acting Chair Hunt on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 7:00 PM at Rogers Community Room, 21201 Memorial Drive, Rogers, MN, 55374 and online in the Teams application.

Commissioners present: Aaron Sattersten, Todd Kussman, Adam Hunt, Patrick Ruppe, Nick Auman

Commissioners absent: Clark Lohr, Peter Mullin, Sarah Larson, Sean McDermid

Staff present: Alec Henderson, City Planner; Zachary Gatton, Planning Intern

Council Liaison: Amy Enga

2. APPROVE AGENDA

Commission Member Kussman moved, Commission Member Sattersten seconded a motion to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Approve Minutes from June 1, 2026

Commission Member Ruppe moved, Commission Member Sattersten seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1 Consider Amendments to Section 125-84(i) related to Swimming Pools, Hot Tubs, and Spas.

Staff Presentation. City Planner Alec Henderson summarized the proposed amendments to Section 125-84(i) of the Rogers Zoning Code, set forth in Ordinance No. 2026-13. The amendments bring the City's standards into conformance with the Minnesota State Building Code and broaden the section to cover hot tubs and spas in addition to swimming pools. Barrier and gate standards are aligned to the building

code, including the four-inch sphere opening limit, a maximum two-inch gap at the ground, and a twenty-inch minimum distance between the pool side of the barrier and the water's edge. An automatic cover meeting ASTM F1346 may be used in place of a safety fence, and a hot tub or spa with a lockable hard cover meeting that standard is exempt from the fencing requirement. The setback is restated as a single five-foot standard from side and rear lot lines rather than five feet layered on top of other required yard setbacks, which had caused confusion in the field. Exceptions for above-ground and temporary pools and removable ladders are clarified, the maximum barrier height is reduced from eight feet to six feet to match the City's general fence-height standard, equipment location and lighting standards are simplified, and duplicative provisions are consolidated and renumbered. Henderson characterized the changes as clarifying and conforming in nature.

Commission Discussion. The Commission raised no questions or concerns regarding the proposed amendments.

Acting Chair Hunt opened the public hearing at 7:05 PM. No members of the public appeared to speak.

Commission Member Sattersten moved, Commission Member Kussman seconded a motion to close the public hearing. Motion carried 5-0.

Commission Member Sattersten moved, Commission Member Ruppe seconded a motion to recommend approval of Ordinance 2026-13, Amending Sec. 125-84(i) Swimming Pools, Hot Tubs, and Spas, to the City Council. Motion carried 5-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Consider Site Plan Request to Convert a Single-Family Residence to an Assembly Use at 13620 Brockton Lane N.

Staff Presentation. City Planner Alec Henderson presented the site plan application from MN Sikh, represented by Gurdeep Singh, to convert the existing single-family residence at 13620 Brockton Lane to an assembly use. The 4.28-acre parcel is zoned R3 (Medium Density Residential) and lies within the Grass Lake shoreland overlay district. The applicant proposes to remodel the interior of the existing home to accommodate one weekly service of approximately three hours on Sundays. Exterior improvements include a 25-stall parking area with three ADA-accessible stalls, an updated driveway connection to Brockton Lane meeting the 24-foot minimum width, an accessible ramp and route, and a biofiltration basin for stormwater management. The proposed improvements total approximately 18,034 square feet, which exceeds the ten percent minor amendment threshold and requires full site plan review under Sec. 125-27, with Planning Commission review and City Council approval. Henderson explained that the remaining parking area is proposed to remain gravel on an interim basis, with paving phased through a Site Improvement Agreement, and that connection to

municipal sanitary sewer and water is proposed in conjunction with the Hennepin County CSAH 13 (Brockton Lane) reconstruction project anticipated for 2027. Staff recommended approval subject to the conditions in draft Resolution 2026-65.

Commission Discussion. Commissioners asked about the existing septic system. Staff explained that the existing system is non-compliant and that Hennepin County requires a timeline either to connect to municipal sanitary sewer and water where service is available or to replace the system. Because municipal service is available to this site, the applicant proposes connection in coordination with the 2027 CSAH 13 reconstruction project. Staff noted that absent municipal service, an assembly use of this type would require a commercial septic system. Commissioners asked about expected occupancy; staff indicated anticipated attendance of approximately 25 to 40 people, with parking provided for 25 vehicles. Regarding phasing, staff explained that the remaining parking area must be paved within one year of the certificate of occupancy, with the City Council able to grant an extension upon written request, and that interim dust control is required until paving is complete. Staff and the applicant anticipate a second phase involving a new construction building should the assembly use grow in demand, at which point more permanent site improvements would be brought forward. Commissioners also asked about turn lane requirements; staff reported that Hennepin County did not require a turn lane for this change of use, and that access would be evaluated again as development occurs to the south, including the possibility of a consolidated access point.

Commission Member Hunt moved, Commission Member Sattersten seconded a motion to recommend approval of the site plan for MN Sikh at 13620 Brockton Lane, subject to the conditions identified in draft Resolution 2026-65. Motion carried 5-0.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

6.1 Past Planning Commission Items Report

Staff reported that the Twin City Hose site plan at 20615 Commerce Boulevard was approved by the City Council on June 9, 2026, and that construction is expected to begin in the coming months.

On the community solar gardens text amendment, staff reported that the City Council discussed the item on June 9, 2026 and tabled it for a work session. At the June 23 work session, the Council indicated it is not in favor of amending the code at this time, citing concerns related to aesthetics, loss of agricultural production land, and screening. A resolution denying the request is anticipated on the July 14, 2026 Council agenda. Commissioners asked about the Council's decision, and staff summarized the concerns raised, including subscriber and membership limitations associated with the community solar garden program.

Staff also reported that Dave's Hot Chicken plans to open on Friday, July 17, 2026, with a ribbon cutting that morning, and that Crisp & Green expects to open in late summer or

early fall.

No action was required. The item was informational.

7. ADJOURN

Commission Member Ruppe moved, Commission Member Sattersten seconded a motion to motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alec Henderson, City Planner



STAFF REPORT

ROGERS PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Date: August 3, 2026

Agenda Item: 4.1

Subject: 2050 Comprehensive Plan Discussion

Prepared By: Brett Angell, Community Development Director

Overview / Background / Analysis

On a decennial basis, cities within the 7-county metropolitan area are required to complete a comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan is a guiding document which sets the vision for the future development and growth in a community. The comprehensive plan includes sections and chapters on land use, housing, utilities, transportation, natural resources, and parks. The update process is guided by Minnesota State Statute and the Metropolitan Council through the adopted vision, Imagine 2050.

In early 2026, the city selected a consultant team comprised of TC2 (primary), SRF, and Landform. Following the selection of the consultant team for the plan, work began on the plan update with the anticipation that the update would be completed by or near the end of 2027. Over the past couple of months, phase I of community engagement has been taking place. These engagement efforts have included an online survey and in-person pop-up events. The intention of these efforts is to aid in determining outstanding challenges and opportunities as well as set the themes and goals for the 2050 plan. Attached to this memorandum includes additional information on the feedback received to date.

At the meeting, a presentation will be given providing an overview of early engagement findings and takeaways and leading into a conversation about the vision and guiding principles for the plan. The discussion will also help set the stage for the planned public open house, which is scheduled for August 26th from 5–7 PM at the Rogers Community Room.

Staff Recommendation

Receive a presentation from the city's consultant and staff and provide feedback and comments on related plan elements.

Financial Impact: Not applicable.

Source Fund: Not applicable.

Budgeted? N/A

Supporting Documentation

A. Phase 1 Community Engagement Summary



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To: Brett Angell, AICP, EDPF, Community Development Director
City of Rogers

From: Lance Bernard, Director of Planning
Transportation Collaborative & Consultants, LLC

Date: July 27, 2026

Subject: 2050 Rogers Comprehensive Plan Update -
Phase 1 Community Engagement Summary

SUMMARY

Phase 1 engagement focused on understanding how residents, business owners, and other community members feel about Rogers today and how they would like to see the community evolve in the future. The findings from this phase will help inform updates to the Comprehensive Plan's vision, guiding principles, and community priorities, while also identifying key themes that should be addressed throughout the planning process.

Engagement activities completed to date include:

- **Community Survey:** The community survey was actively promoted between June 18 and July 21, 2026, and received responses from 251 participants. The survey was designed to gather feedback on community character, growth, housing, transportation, parks and recreation, economic development, and quality of life. This memorandum summarizes the survey findings, with the full survey questions and results attached for reference.
- **Promotional Materials:** Project flyers and promotional materials were distributed throughout the community to raise awareness of the Comprehensive Plan update and encourage survey participation. Materials promoting the project website and survey were placed at a variety of community locations. Information was also displayed on restaurant tables at local establishments, including Sip Happens, Broadway Pizza, The Block, R Social, and Ripple Effect Brewing. Promotional efforts coincided with the Rockin' Rogers event series to increase project visibility and community outreach.
- **Pop-Up Events:** Community pop-up events were held at Sip Happens (9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.) and Broadway Pizza (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.). These events were promoted through social media and provided opportunities for informal conversations with residents about the future of Rogers. The pop-ups also helped increase awareness of the planning process and encouraged participation in the survey.
- **Community Open House:** A community open house is tentatively scheduled for August 26, 2026.

COMMUNITY SURVEY & POP-UP FINDINGS

While the survey results are not necessarily statistically representative of the entire Rogers population, they provide a meaningful sample of community perspectives and offer general guidance of how community members feel about living, working, and spending time in Rogers. The responses highlight recurring themes, priorities, concerns, and aspirations that can help inform the update of the Rogers Comprehensive Plan. Survey findings are also supplemented with input received during the pop-up events.

Overall, respondents expressed a strong appreciation for Rogers' small-town character, safety, family-friendly environment, parks, trails, and quality of life. At the same time, many respondents raised concerns about the impacts of continued growth, particularly traffic congestion, infrastructure capacity, housing development patterns, and the potential loss of community character. These themes emerged consistently throughout the survey and provide valuable insight into the issues residents believe should shape Rogers' future over the next 10 to 20 years

What Residents Value Most

Responses indicate strong appreciation for the characteristics that have shaped Rogers as a community, including its safety, family-friendly environment, neighborhoods, and overall quality of life.

- Quiet neighborhoods (62%)
- Sense of safety (51%)
- Convenient location and regional access (39%)
- Family-friendly environment and schools (37%)
- Parks, trails, and open spaces (34%)

Residents also reported a strong sense of belonging in the community, with more than 80% indicating they feel welcome in Rogers. Connections with neighbors, social networks, schools, faith communities, and local events contribute to that sense of community.

Growth and Development Concerns

A common theme has been concerns about the pace of growth. When asked about future concerns, respondents most frequently identify:

- Growth happening too fast (56%)
- Traffic and congestion (56%)
- Rising costs and affordability concerns (26%)

Open-ended comments repeatedly referenced concerns that new residential development is occurring faster than roads, schools, utilities, and community services can keep pace. Many respondents expressed a desire to maintain Rogers' small-town feel and rural character while managing future development more carefully. Word cloud responses showed recurring references to "growth," "housing," "traffic," "schools," "infrastructure," and preserving community character.

Residents are not uniformly opposed to growth, but many favor a more balanced and managed approach. Nearly half of respondents selected "a quiet suburban community that grows slowly" as their

preferred future vision, while another 30% preferred steady growth supported by strong local services over other options that focused on expended jobs and services. This was reaffirmed as part of conversations that occurred during the pop-up events.

Transportation is a Priority

Transportation issues emerged as a top priority. Key findings include:

- Traffic congestion was identified as the biggest daily-life challenge by 55% of respondents, while 72% identified traffic congestion as primary transportation frustration followed by gaps in sidewalks and trails (25%).
- 45% said congestion improvements would be the single most important transportation investment.
- Transportation and infrastructure were the highest-rated priority for city leaders over the next 10 to 20 years (56%).
- Trails and paths were the highest-rated priority for parks and recreation investments (71%). This was reaffirmed with some of the conventions at pop-up events, that focused on safer pedestrian/bicycle connections throughout the community.

Parks, Trails, and Recreation Remain Important

Residents place a high value on outdoor recreation and public spaces.

- More than 60% use parks, trails, or public spaces weekly or daily.
- Trails and walking paths were the most requested future amenity need (71%).
- Natural areas, recreation facilities, and parks also ranked highly.
- Conversations at pop-up events suggested more youth programming is needed.

The results suggest strong support for continuing to expand trail connectivity, preserve open space, and invest in recreational amenities as the city grows.

Housing Perspectives are Different

Survey results indicate that housing is not viewed as an urgent challenge by most respondents, although opinions vary.

- Nearly half found housing somewhat easy or very easy to obtain.
- The largest response regarding future housing needs was "No additional housing needed" (50%).
- For those who support additional housing, respondents more often favor larger family homes (25%), starter homes (21%), and senior housing (9%) rather than apartments or higher-density housing types (3%).

Comments frequently raised concerns about housing density, school capacity, and maintaining neighborhood character. These findings suggest that future housing discussions may need to carefully balance growth needs with residents' desire to preserve existing community character.

It is important to note that discussions with Rogers Police and Fire staff identified a need for additional affordable and workforce housing options to help attract and retain full-time employees. Staff indicated that housing affordability has become an increasing challenge for recruitment and retention, particularly for employees seeking to live within or near the community they serve.

Another theme that emerged from the pop-up conversations was a desire for stronger neighborhood identity and more variety in housing design. Participants expressed concern about large areas of similar-looking homes and neighborhoods. Many preferred a mix of housing styles, architectural designs, and neighborhood features that help different areas of Rogers develop their own character and create a stronger sense of place.

Business and Economic Development

Respondents generally believe Rogers needs more business and employment opportunities (43%), particularly those that improve local quality of life.

The most requested additions were:

- Restaurants and entertainment options (62%)
- Retail and everyday services (47%)
- Small local businesses (44%)

Many comments suggested that residents would like more destinations within Rogers, so they do not have to travel to neighboring communities for dining, shopping, recreation, and services. Economic development is generally supported when it enhances community amenities and maintains local character.

Pop-up conversations highlighted the importance of supporting local businesses and reinforced the community's appreciation for the City's efforts to foster locally owned establishments. Participants frequently noted that locally owned businesses contribute to Rogers' unique character and sense of community and expressed a desire for the City to continue supporting and attracting small businesses as part of its long-term economic development strategy.

Sustainability and Future Vision

When asked what a healthy and sustainable future means, respondents emphasized practical community priorities:

- Well-maintained infrastructure (58%)
- Responsible growth (53%)
- Clean air and water (50%)
- Access to nature and open space (38%)

Compared to other priorities, energy efficiency and environmental initiatives received less emphasis than growth management, infrastructure investment, and quality-of-life concerns. Respondents appear to define sustainability primarily through responsible development, preservation of natural resources, and ensuring infrastructure keeps pace with growth.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

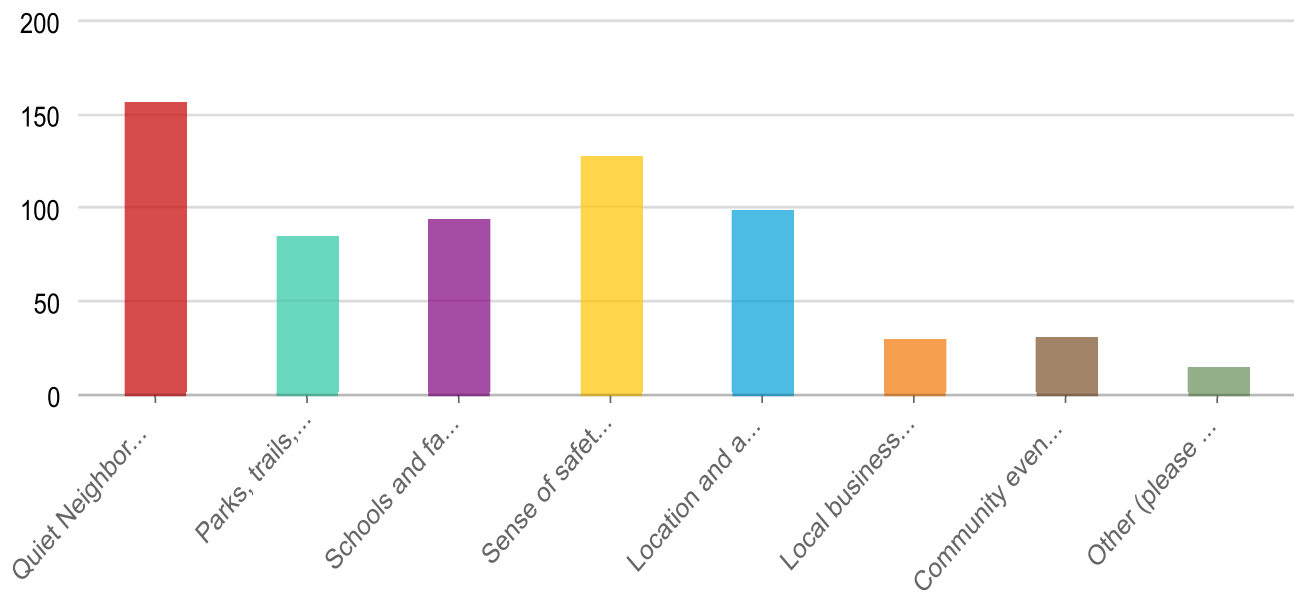
To date, community engagement findings suggest several common themes that should inform the Rogers Comprehensive Plan update:

- **Manage growth thoroughly and strategically.** Community members acknowledge ongoing growth and want it guided thoughtfully to ensure it supports infrastructure, maintains a high quality of life, and reinforces Rogers' unique identity and character.
- **Address traffic and transportation challenges.** Congestion, roadway capacity, intersection safety, and trail connectivity are the community's highest priorities.
- **Preserve and enhance community character.** Residents strongly value Rogers' safety, quiet neighborhoods, open spaces, and small-town identity. More can be done to create distinct and unique neighborhoods (different housing styles and looks)
- **Expand parks, trails, and recreation opportunities.** Trail connectivity and outdoor amenities are among the most widely supported investments.
- **Support business growth.** Additional restaurants, retail, entertainment, and local businesses are desired community amenities. Participants appreciate that businesses are locally owned.
- **Diverse Housing Options:** Housing affordability is a workforce issue identified by police and fire staff, but residents generally did not rank housing as a top concern and many expressed concerns about housing density.

Rogers Survey 1

Daily Life & Community Experience

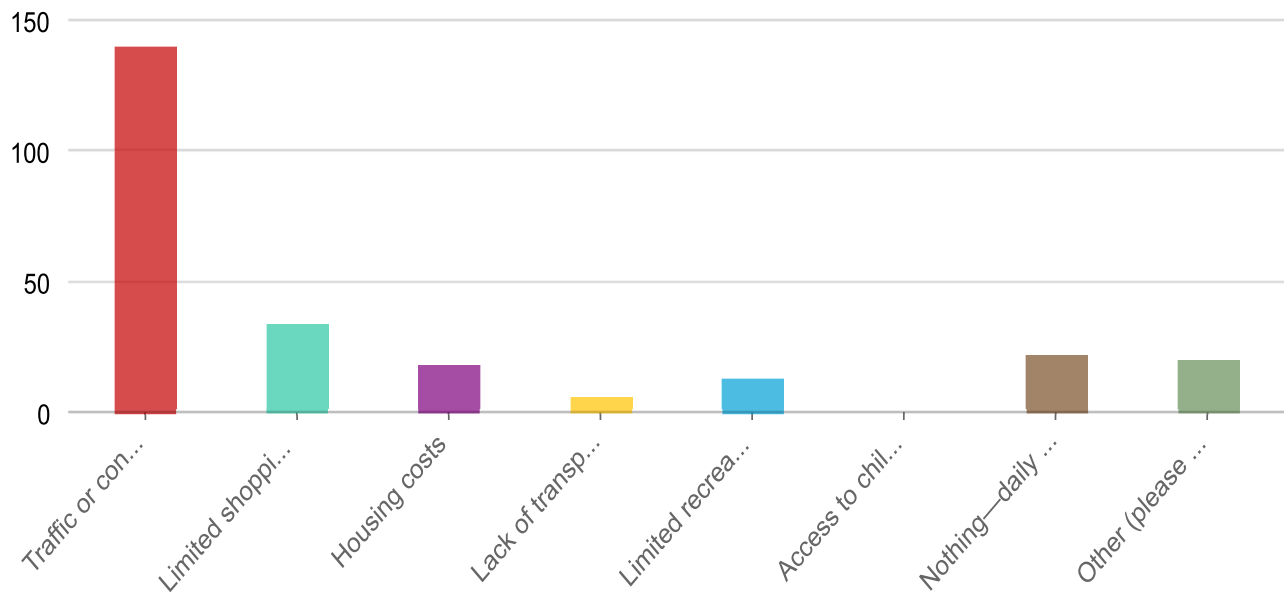
What do you like most about living or spending time in Rogers?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Quiet Neighborhoods	157	62.06%
Parks, trails, and open space	85	33.6%
Schools and family-friendly environment	94	37.15%
Sense of safety	128	50.59%
Location and access to nearby cities	99	39.13%
Local businesses and services	30	11.86%
Community events and activities	31	12.25%
Other (please specify)	15	5.93%

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What most often makes daily life harder than it should be?



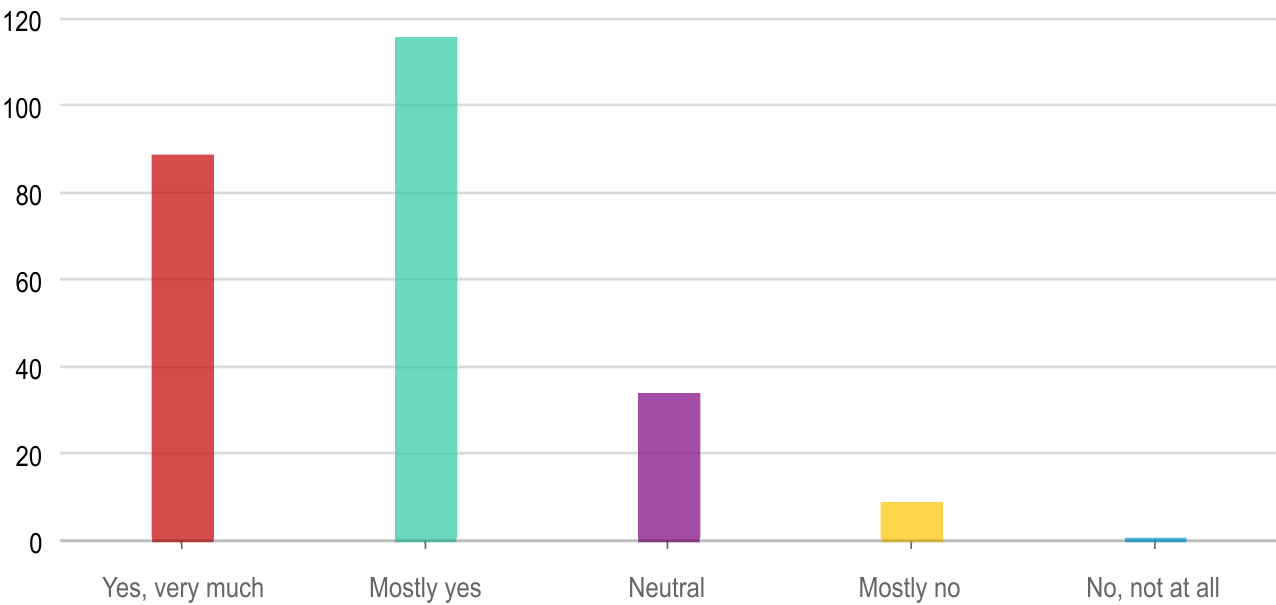
Answers	Count	Percentage
Traffic or congestion	140	55.34%
Limited shopping, dining, or services nearby	34	13.44%
Housing costs	18	7.11%
Lack of transportation options	6	2.37%
Limited recreational or social options	13	5.14%
Access to childcare or schools	0	0%
Nothing—daily life works well for me	22	8.7%
Other (please specify)	20	7.91%

Answered: 253 Skipped: 0

What else makes daily life harder than it should be?



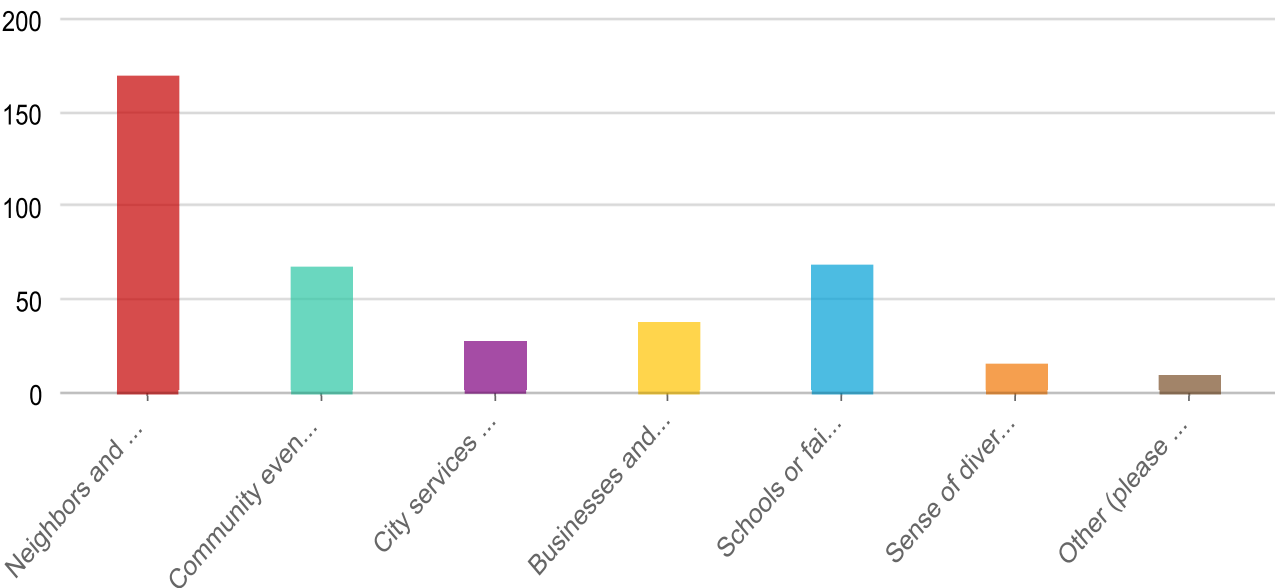
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Limited	12
lack	11
shopping	9
main	9
Housing	7
Street	6
options	5
taxes	5
roads	5
infrastructure	5
Rogers	5
Costs	5
congestion	4



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes, very much	89	35.18%
Mostly yes	116	45.85%
Neutral	34	13.44%
Mostly no	9	3.56%
No, not at all	1	0.4%

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○ What influences the most welcome or connected you feel?

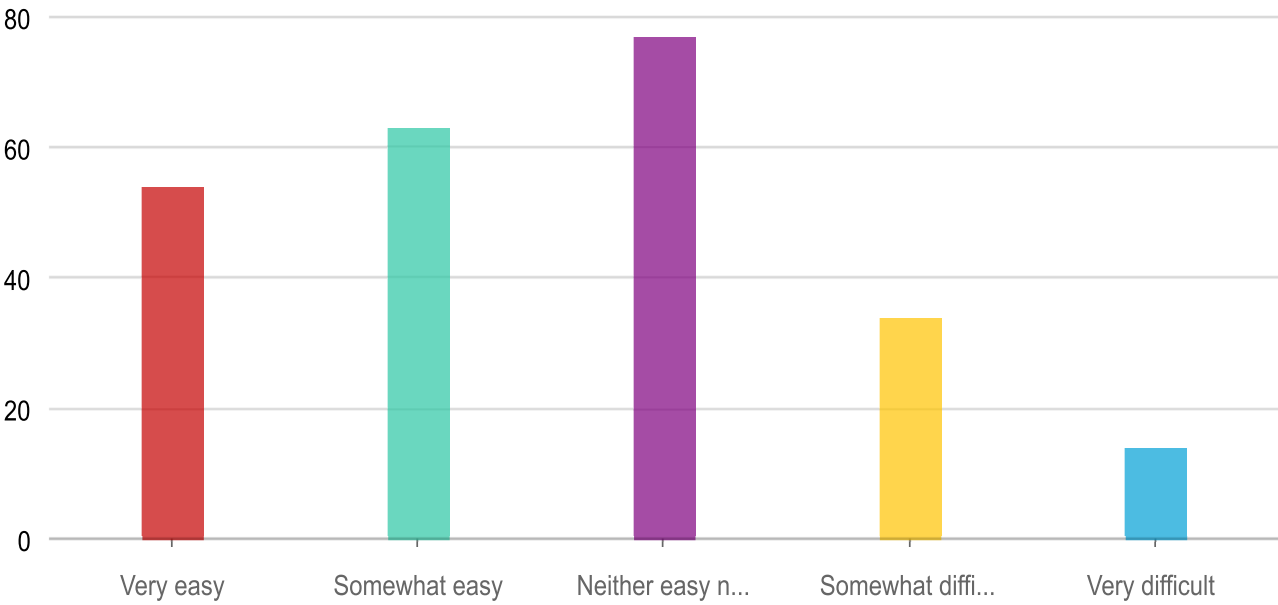


Answers	Count	Percentage
Neighbors and social connections	170	67.19%
Community events and activities	68	26.88%
City services and communication	28	11.07%
Businesses and public spaces	38	15.02%
Schools or faith/community organizations	69	27.27%
Sense of diversity and inclusion	16	6.32%
Other (please specify)	10	3.95%

Answered: 251 Skipped: 2

Housing & Neighborhoods

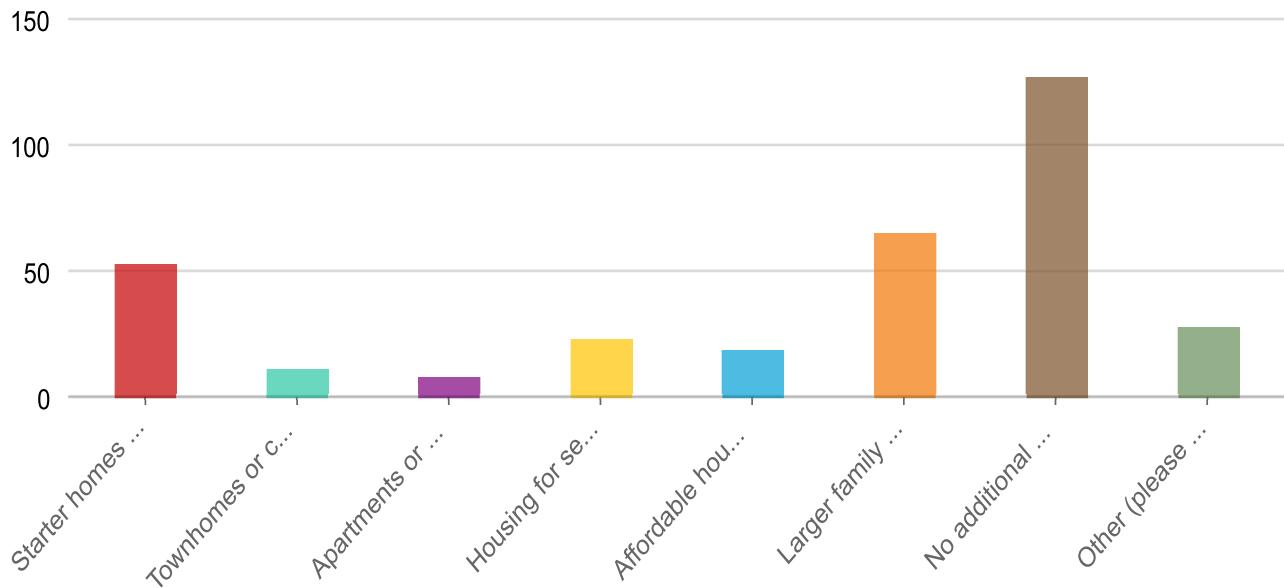
○ How easy is it to find housing in Rogers that fits your needs and budget?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Very easy	54	21.34%
Somewhat easy	63	24.9%
Neither easy nor difficult	77	30.43%
Somewhat difficult	34	13.44%
Very difficult	14	5.53%

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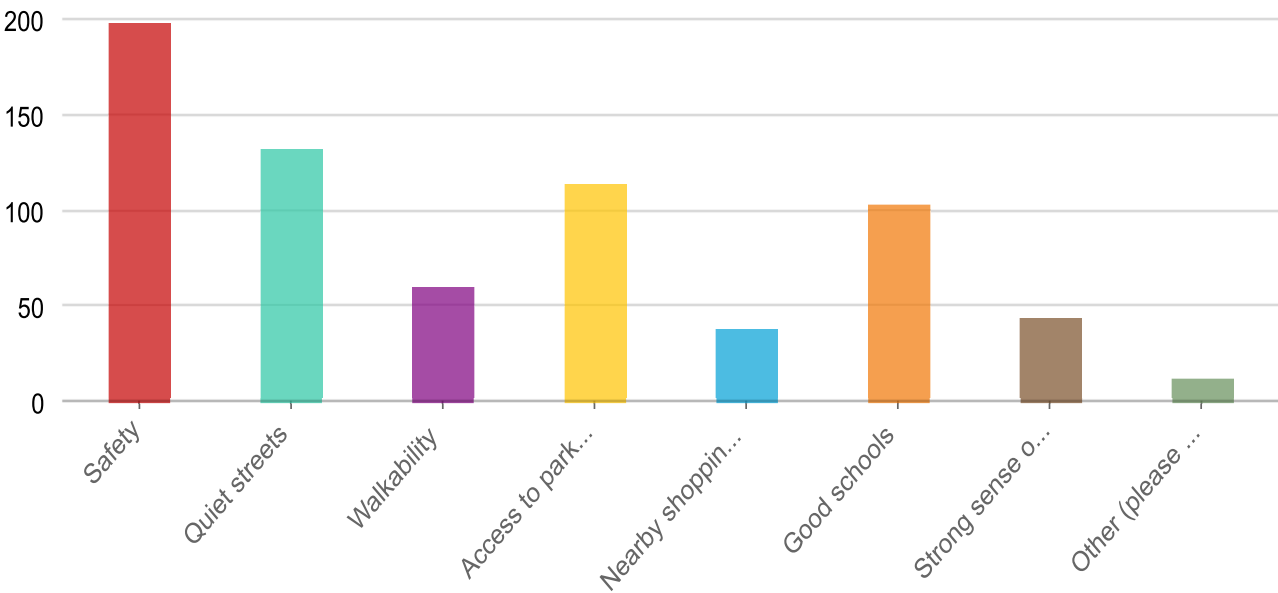
o What types of housing do you think Rogers needs more of?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Starter homes / smaller single-family homes	53	20.95%
Townhomes or condos	11	4.35%
Apartments or rentals	8	3.16%
Housing for seniors or aging in place	23	9.09%
Affordable housing options	19	7.51%
Larger family homes	65	25.69%
No additional housing needed	127	50.2%
Other (please specify)	28	11.07%

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What matters most to you in a neighborhood?

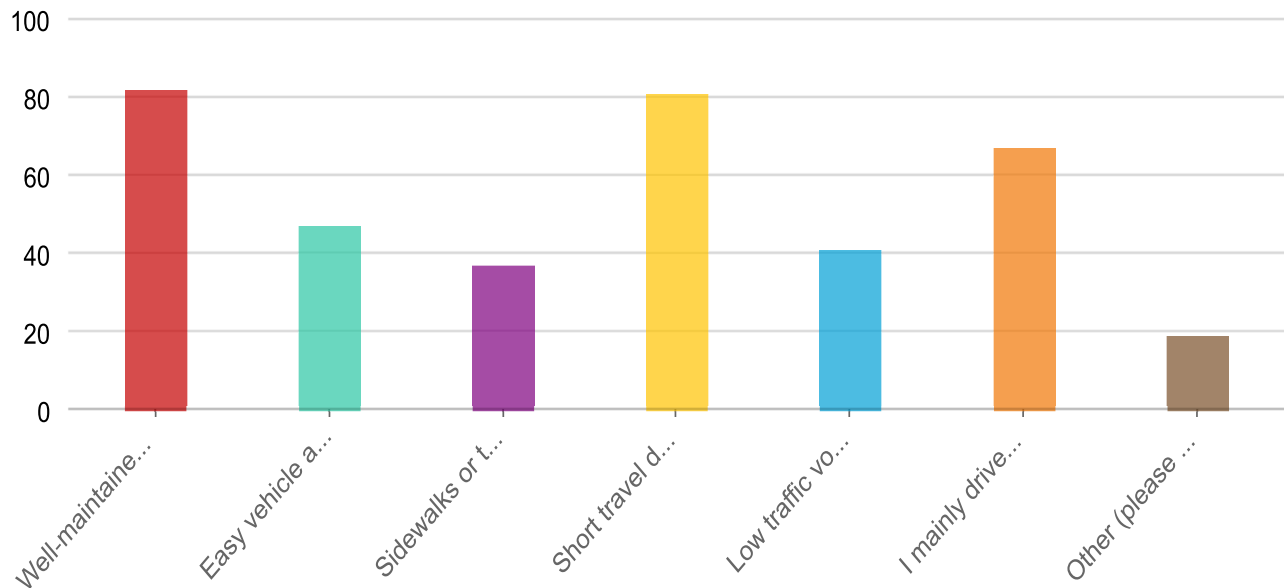


Answers	Count	Percentage
Safety	198	78.26%
Quiet streets	132	52.17%
Walkability	60	23.72%
Access to parks or trails	114	45.06%
Nearby shopping and services	38	15.02%
Good schools	103	40.71%
Strong sense of community	44	17.39%
Other (please specify)	12	4.74%

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Transportation & Getting Around

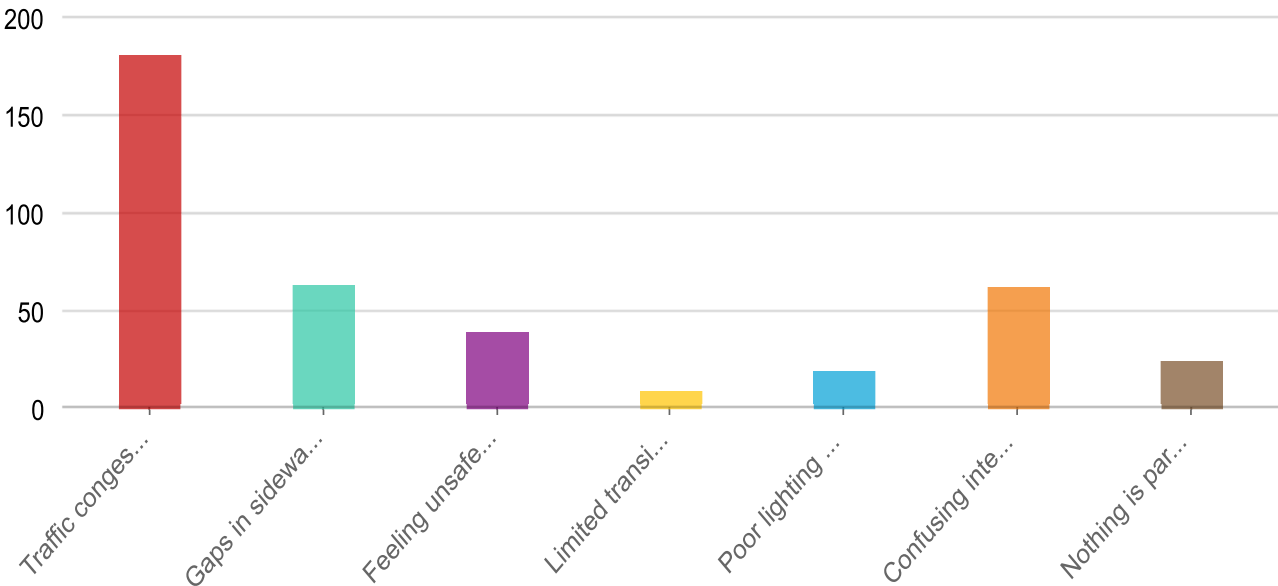
What helps you get around Rogers most easily today?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Well-maintained roads	82	32.41%
Easy vehicle access and parking	47	18.58%
Sidewalks or trails	37	14.62%
Short travel distances	81	32.02%
Low traffic volumes	41	16.21%
I mainly drive and have few issues	67	26.48%
Other (please specify)	19	7.51%

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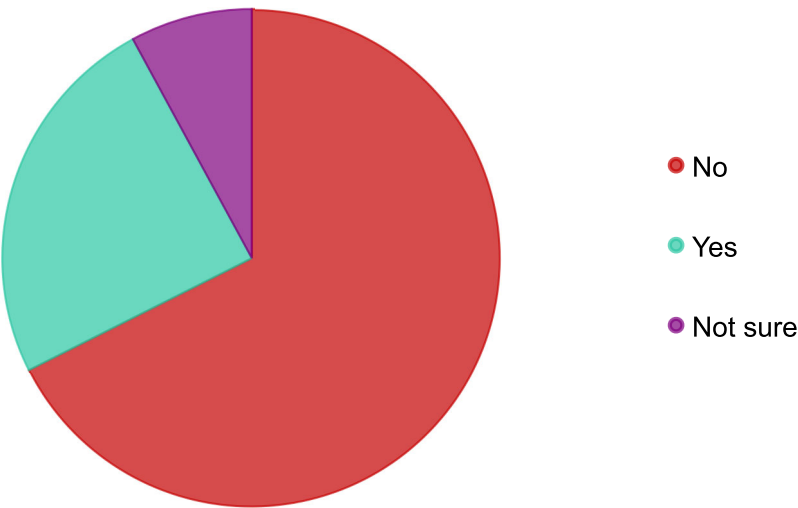
What makes getting around Rogers difficult or frustrating?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Traffic congestion	181	71.54%
Gaps in sidewalks or trails	63	24.9%
Feeling unsafe walking or biking	39	15.42%
Limited transit options	9	3.56%
Poor lighting or visibility	19	7.51%
Confusing intersections	62	24.51%
Nothing is particularly difficult	24	9.49%

Answered: 253 Skipped: 0

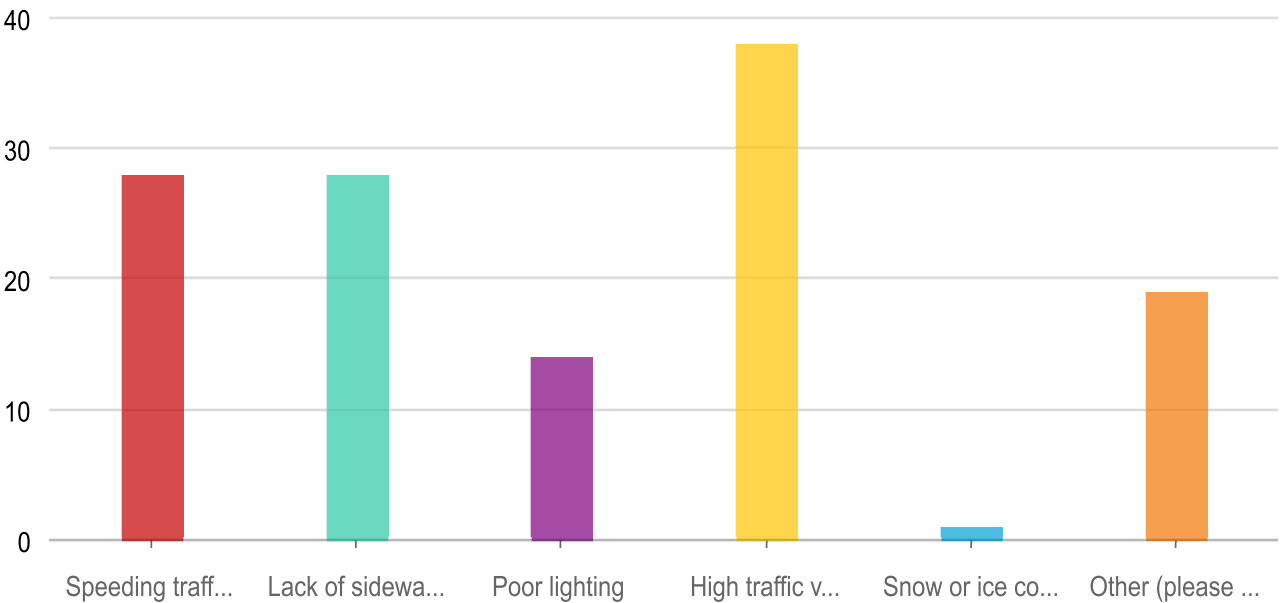
Do you feel unsafe traveling in any areas of Rogers?



Answers	Count	Percentage
No	171	67.59%
Yes	62	24.51%
Not sure	20	7.91%

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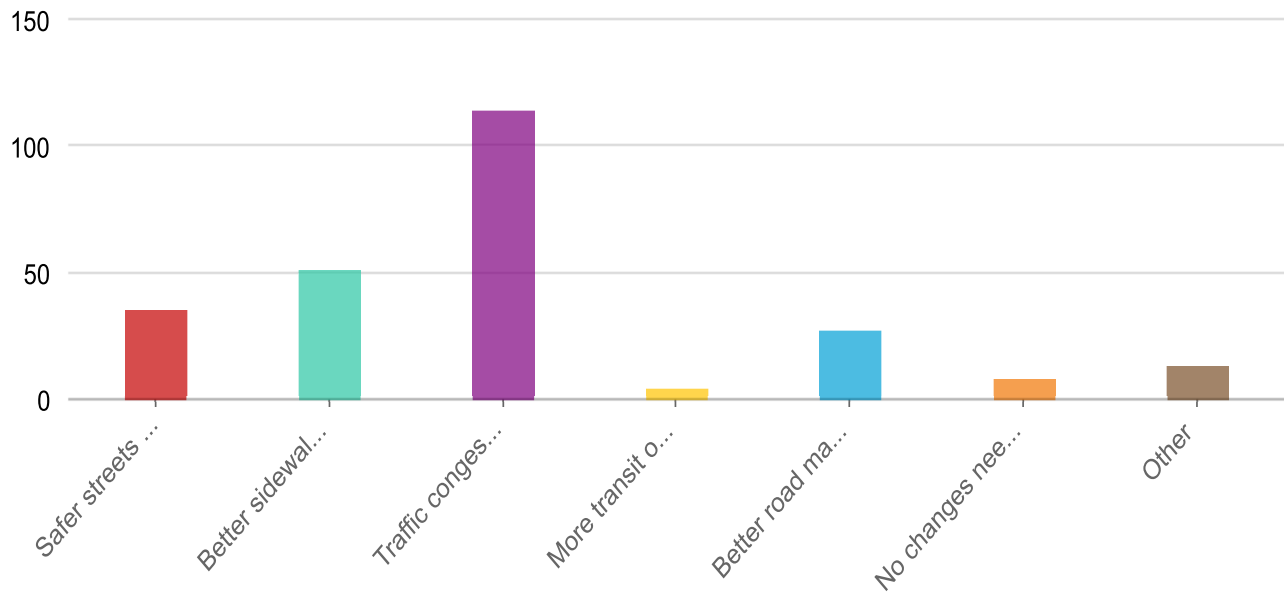
If yes, why?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Speeding traffic	28	11.07%
Lack of sidewalks or crossings	28	11.07%
Poor lighting	14	5.53%
High traffic volumes	38	15.02%
Snow or ice conditions	1	0.4%
Other (please specify)	19	7.51%

Answered: 63 Skipped: 190

Which improvement would most improve how you get around?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Safer streets and intersections	35	13.83%
Better sidewalks and trails	51	20.16%
Traffic congestion improvements	114	45.06%
More transit or ride options	4	1.58%

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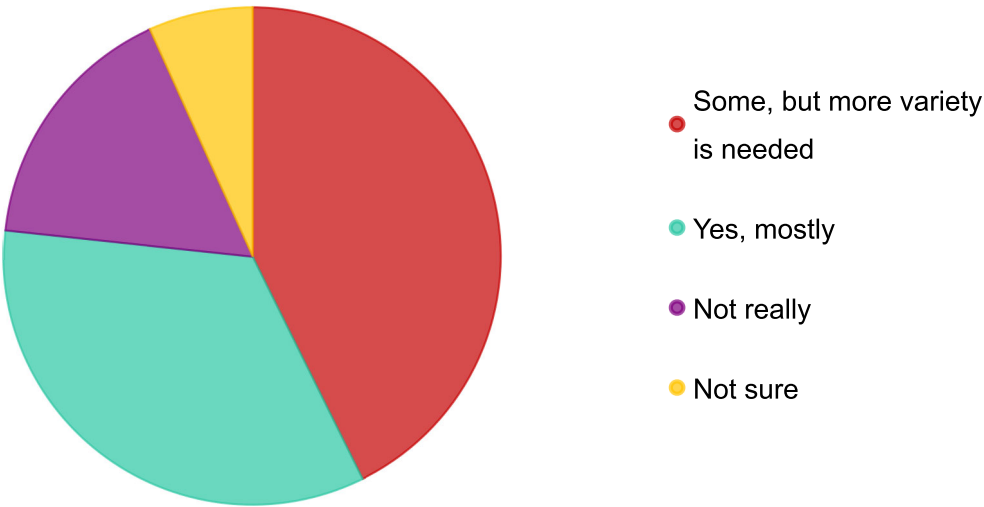
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Better road maintenance	27	10.67%
No changes needed	8	3.16%
Other	13	5.14%

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Business & Economic Opportunity

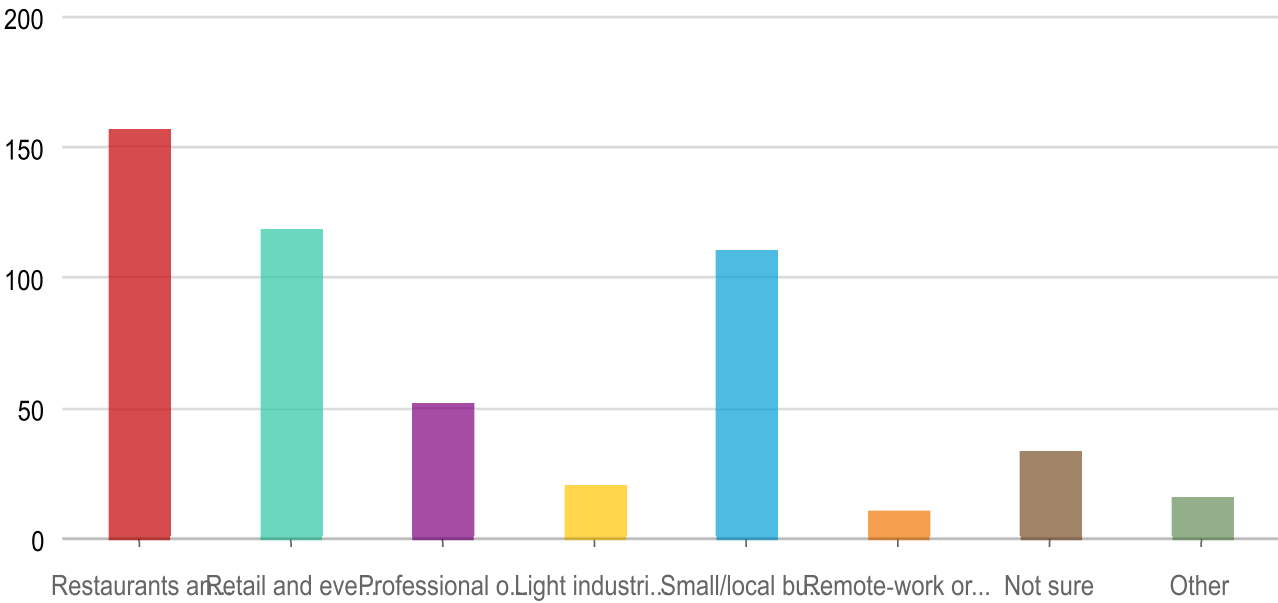
Does Rogers have the kinds of jobs and businesses you want to see?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Some, but more variety is needed	108	42.69%
Yes, mostly	86	33.99%
Not really	42	16.6%
Not sure	17	6.72%

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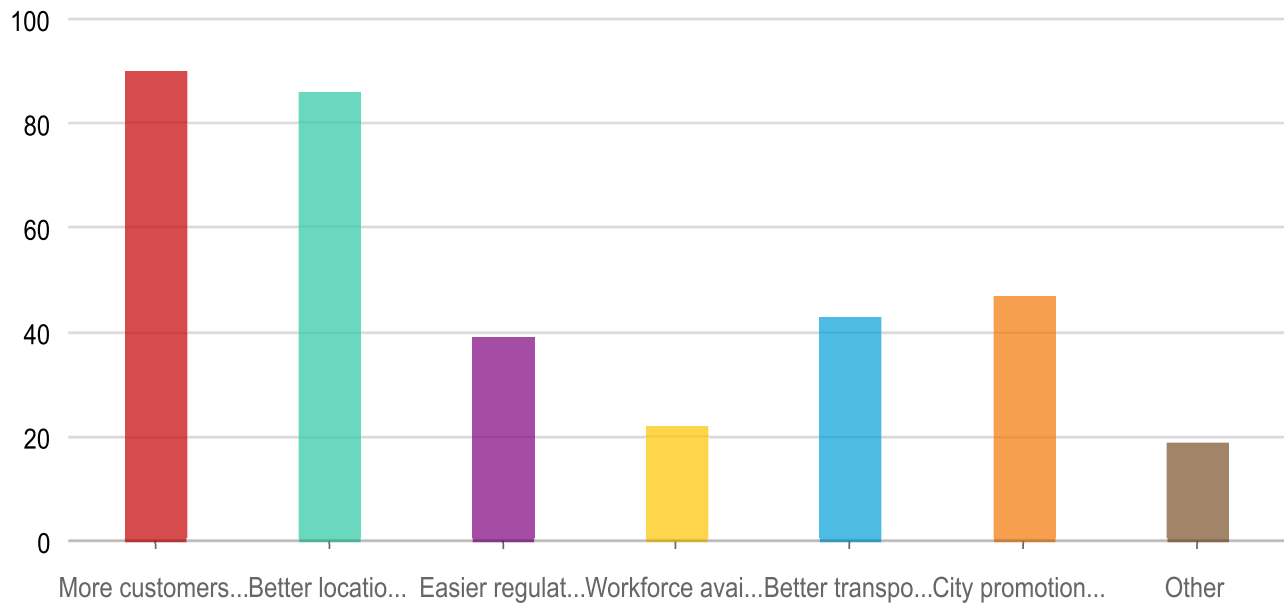
What types of businesses or jobs would you like more of?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Restaurants and entertainment	157	62.06%
Retail and everyday services	119	47.04%
Professional or office jobs	52	20.55%
Light industrial or trades	21	8.3%
Small/local businesses	111	43.87%
Remote-work or flexible spaces	11	4.35%
Not sure	34	13.44%
Other	16	6.32%

Answered: 251 Skipped: 2

What would most support local businesses in Rogers?

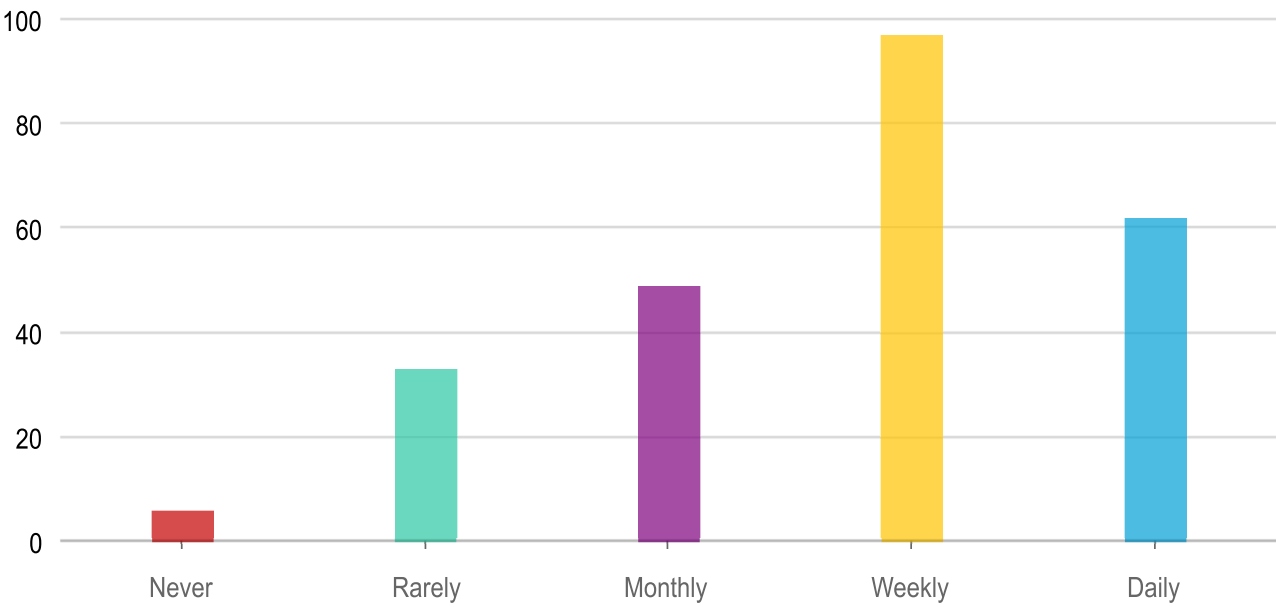


Answers	Count	Percentage
More customers and foot traffic	90	35.57%
Better locations or commercial spaces	86	33.99%
Easier regulations or permitting	39	15.42%
Workforce availability	22	8.7%
Better transportation access	43	17%
City promotion or events	47	18.58%
Other	19	7.51%

Answered: 222 Skipped: 31

Parks, Public Spaces & Community Amenities

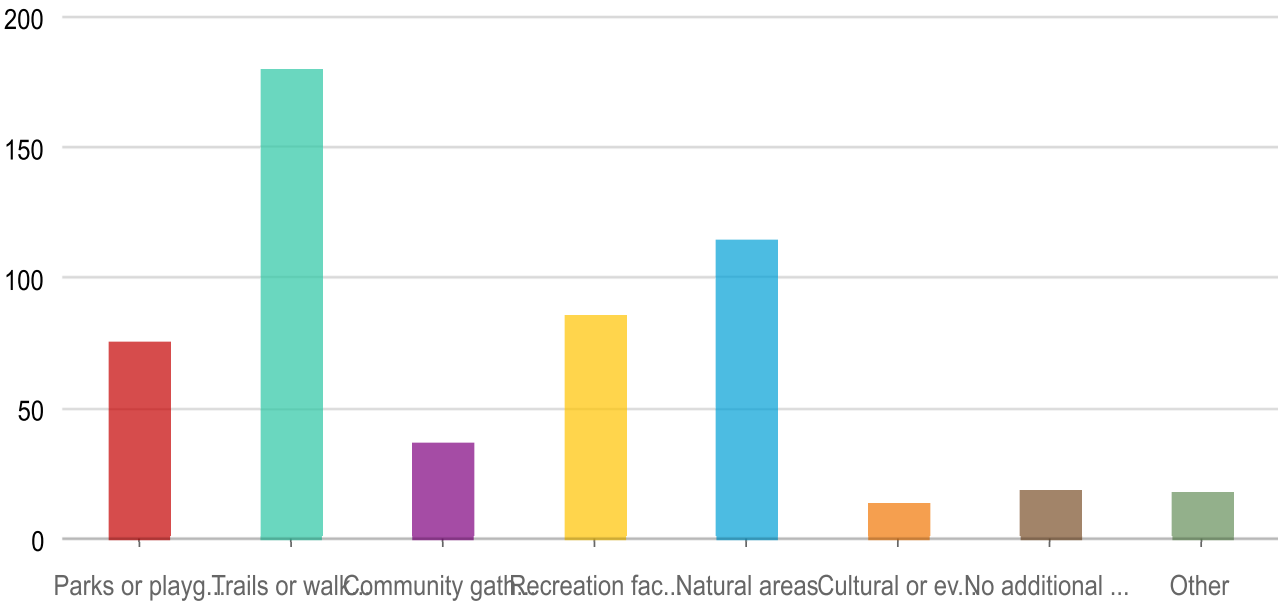
○ How often do you use parks, trails, or public spaces in Rogers?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Never	6	2.37%
Rarely	33	13.04%
Monthly	49	19.37%
Weekly	97	38.34%
Daily	62	24.51%

Answered: 247 Skipped: 6

What amenities or spaces would you like more of?

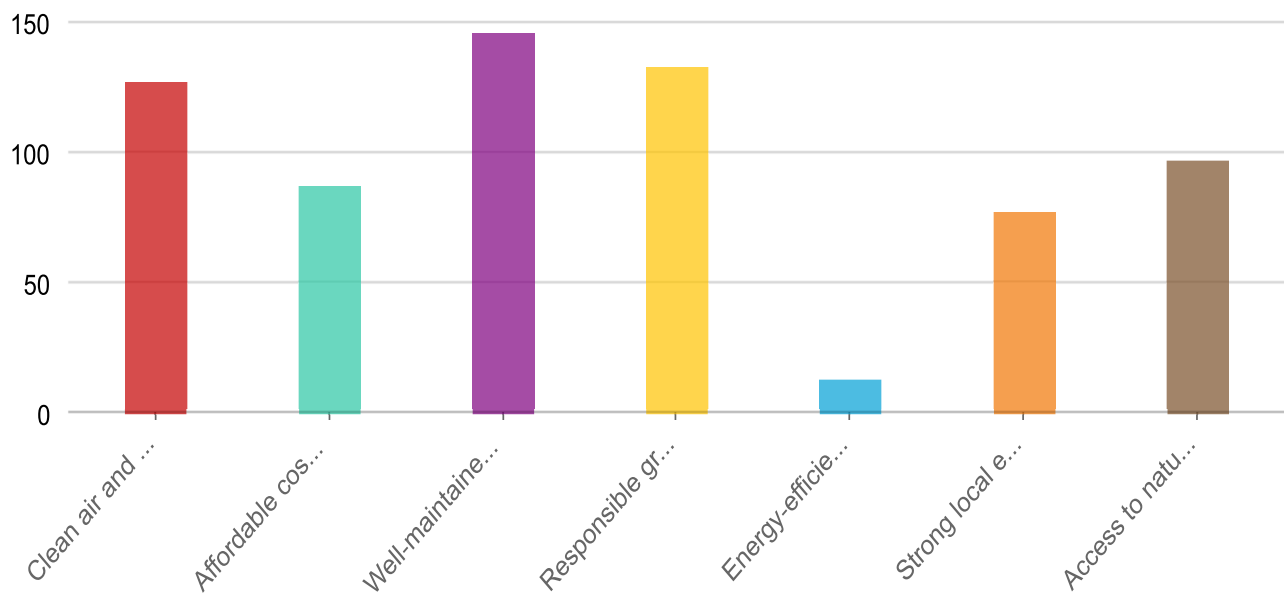


Answers	Count	Percentage
Parks or playgrounds	76	30.04%
Trails or walking paths	180	71.15%
Community gathering spaces	37	14.62%
Recreation facilities	86	33.99%
Natural areas	115	45.45%
Cultural or event spaces	14	5.53%
No additional amenities needed	19	7.51%
Other	18	7.11%

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Quality of Life & Sustainability

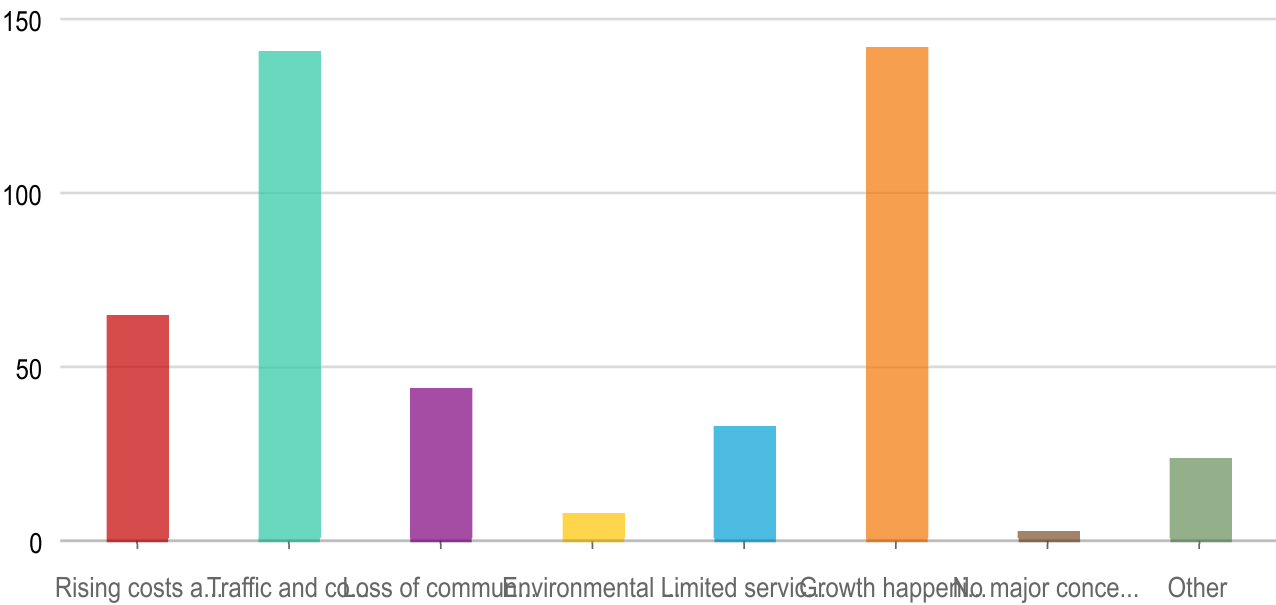
What does a “healthy and sustainable” future for Rogers mean to you?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Clean air and water	127	50.2%
Affordable cost of living	87	34.39%
Well-maintained infrastructure	146	57.71%
Responsible growth	133	52.57%
Energy-efficient buildings and services	13	5.14%
Strong local economy	77	30.43%
Access to nature and open space	97	38.34%

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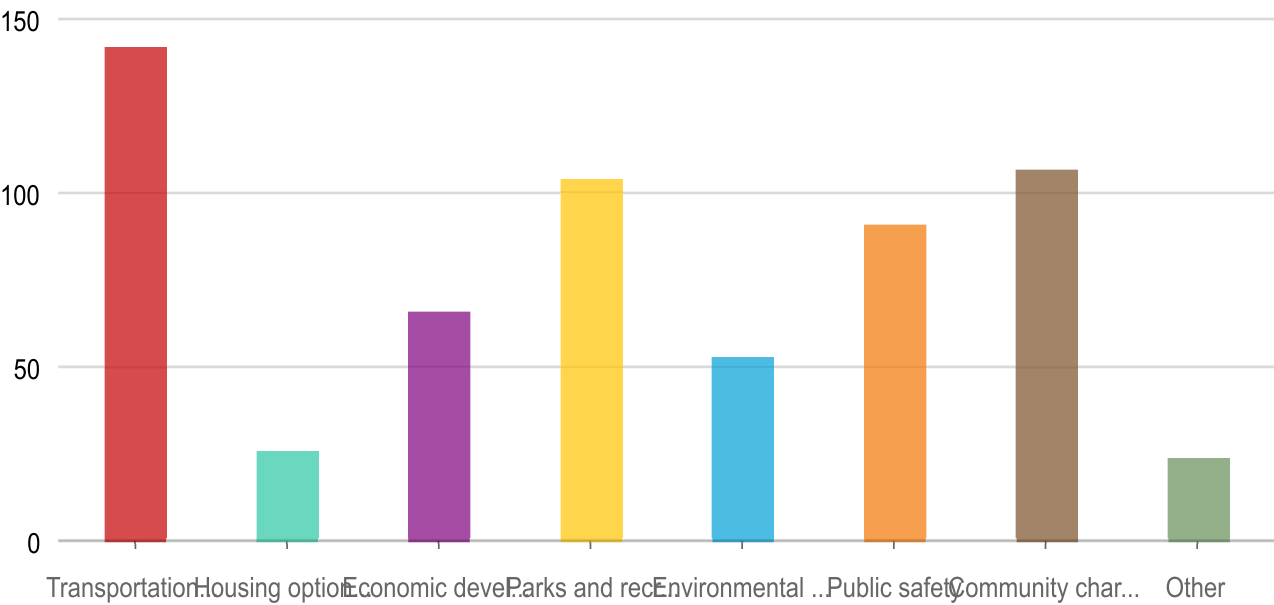
○ What are your biggest concerns about Rogers’ future?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Rising costs and affordability	65	25.69%
Traffic and congestion	141	55.73%
Loss of community character	44	17.39%
Environmental impacts	8	3.16%
Limited services or infrastructure	33	13.04%
Growth happening too fast	142	56.13%
No major concerns	3	1.19%
Other	24	9.49%

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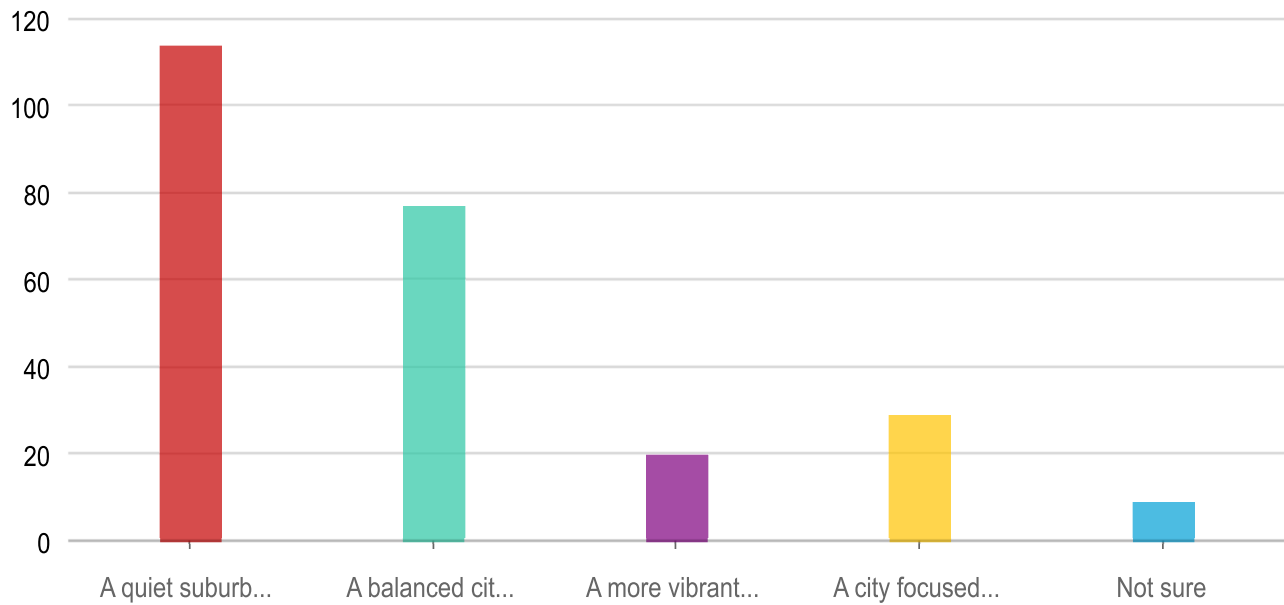
What should city leaders focus on most in the next 10–20 years?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Transportation and infrastructure	142	56.13%
Housing options	26	10.28%
Economic development	66	26.09%
Parks and recreation	104	41.11%
Environmental protection	53	20.95%
Public safety	91	35.97%
Community character and quality of life	107	42.29%
Other	24	9.49%

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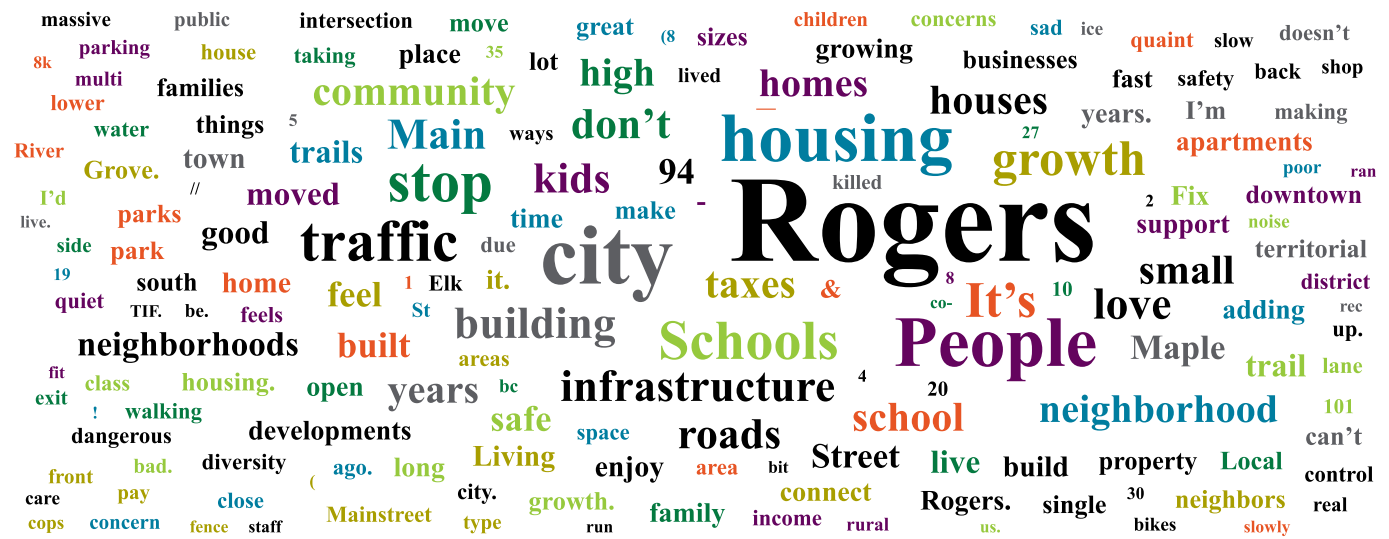
○ Which statement best describes the future you want for Rogers?



Answers	Count	Percentage
A quiet suburban community that grows slowly	114	45.06%
A balanced city with steady growth and strong local services	77	30.43%
A more vibrant city with expanded jobs and amenities	20	7.91%
A city focused on sustainability and long-term resilience	29	11.46%
Not sure	9	3.56%

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○ Is there anything else you'd like to share about your experience living or spending...



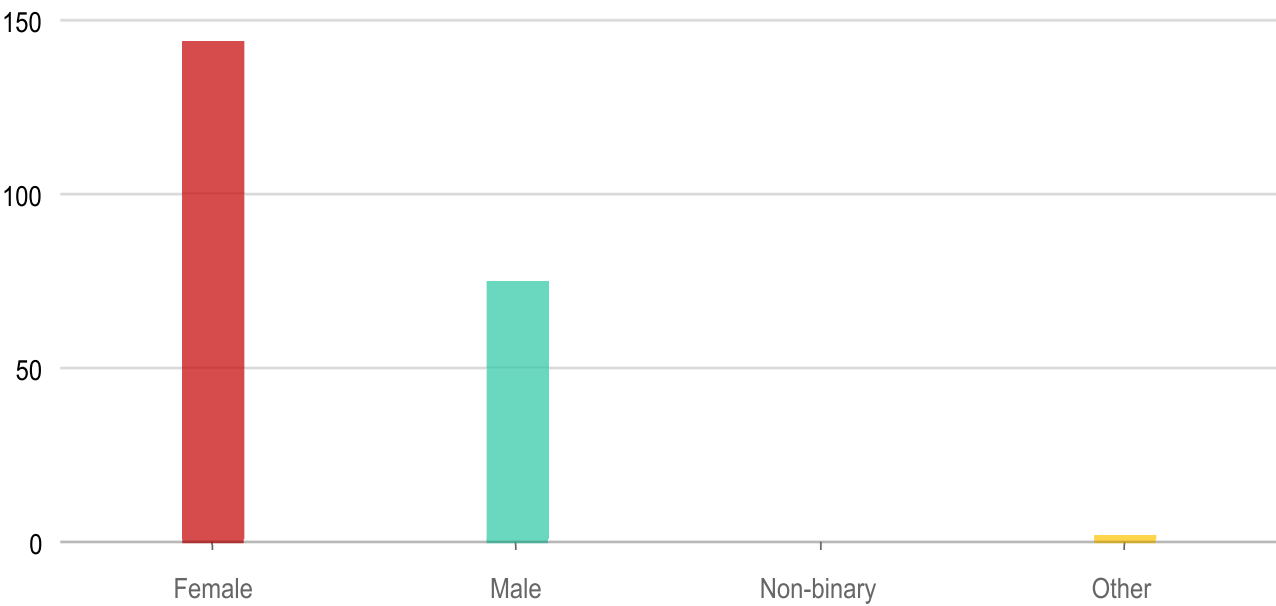
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Rogers	47
city	31
People	25
housing	24
stop	20
traffic	20
Schools	18
growth	16
It's	16
love	14
infrastructure	14
building	14
kids	13
Main	13

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Big	1
MQP	1
Augusta	1
Prairie	1
141/starlite	1
140th	1
Monarch	1
N/Red	1
128th	1
Weber	1

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Which of the following describes how you think of yourself?

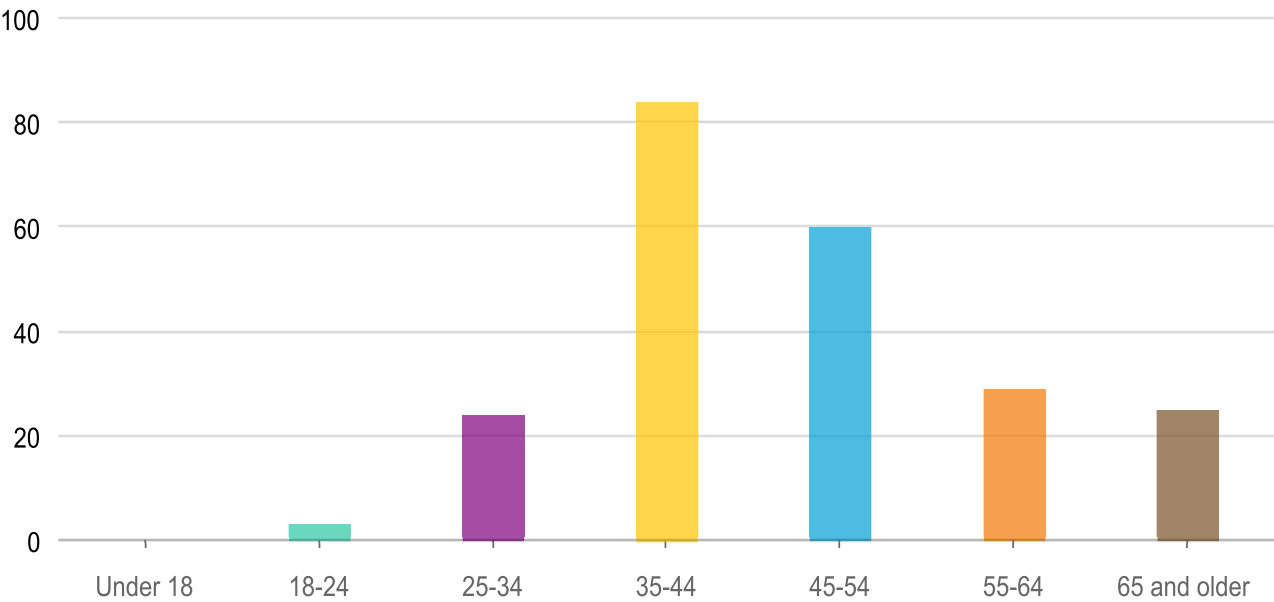


Answers	Count	Percentage
Female	144	56.92%

Male	75	29.64%
Non-binary	0	0%
Other	2	0.79%

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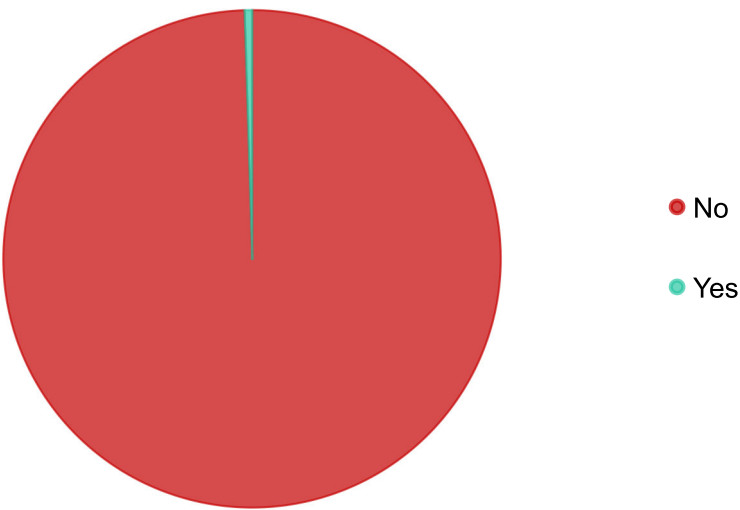
What is your age?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Under 18	0	0%
18-24	3	1.19%
25-34	24	9.49%
35-44	84	33.2%
45-54	60	23.72%
55-64	29	11.46%
65 and older	25	9.88%

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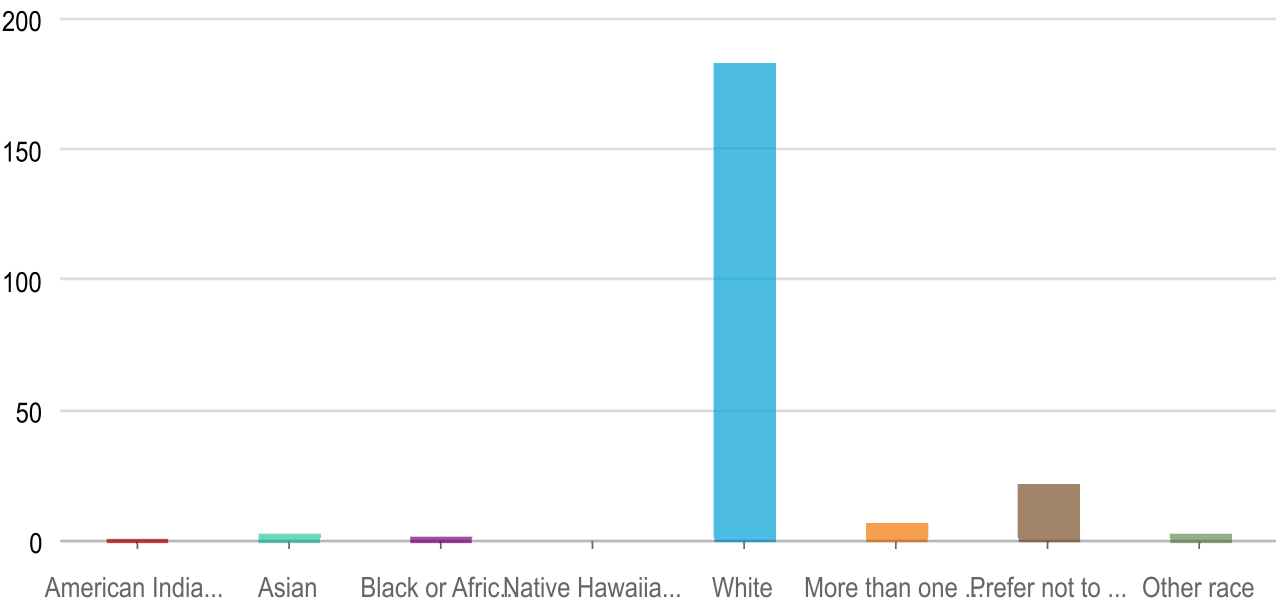
○ Are you of Hispanic descent?



Answers	Count	Percentage
No	215	84.98%
Yes	1	0.4%

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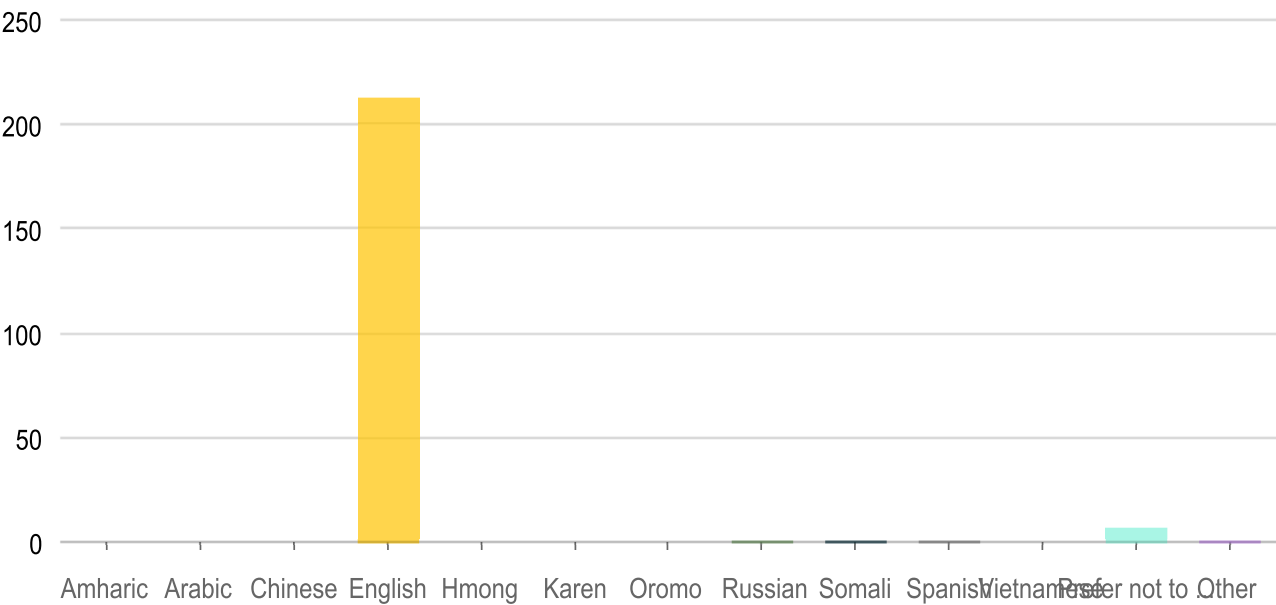
○ Which of the following best describes your racial background?



Answers	Count	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0.4%
Asian	3	1.19%
Black or African-American	2	0.79%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0	0%
White	183	72.33%
More than one race	7	2.77%
Prefer not to answer	22	8.7%
Other race	3	1.19%

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What is the primary language spoken in your home?

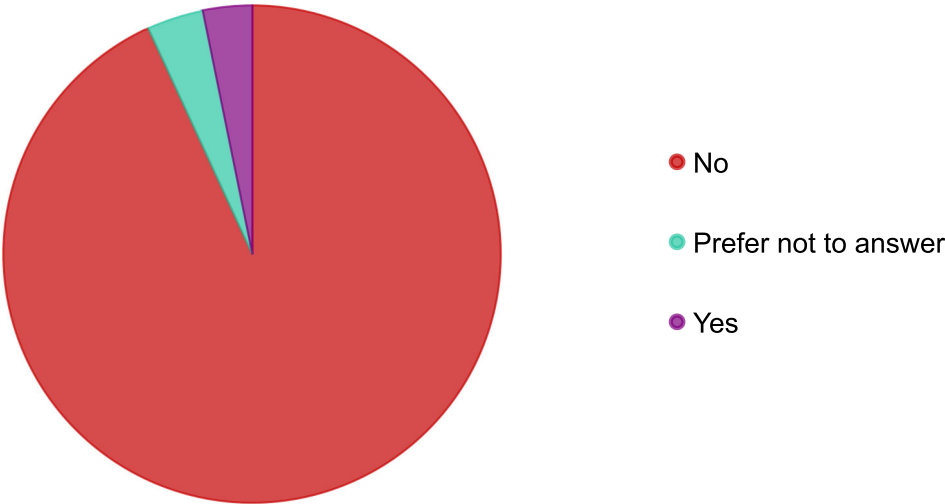


Answers	Count	Percentage
Amharic	0	0%

Arabic	0	0%
Chinese	0	0%
English	213	84.19%
Hmong	0	0%
Karen	0	0%
Oromo	0	0%
Russian	1	0.4%
Somali	1	0.4%
Spanish	1	0.4%
Vietnamese	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	7	2.77%
Other	1	0.4%

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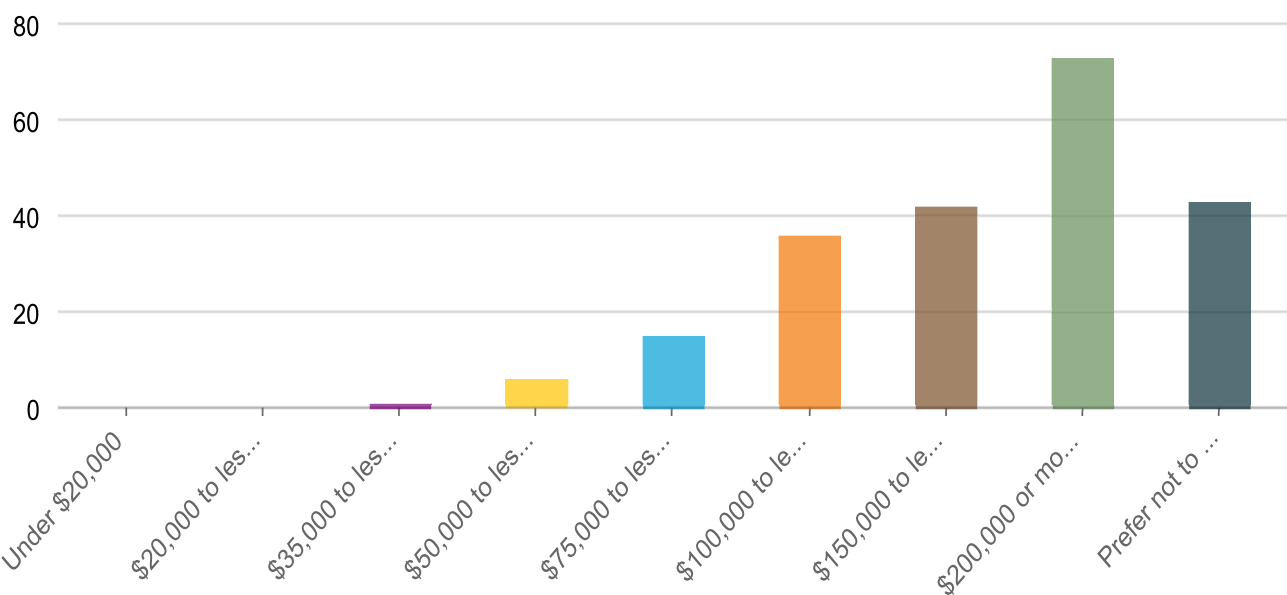
Do you have a long-lasting or chronic condition that substantially limits o...



Answers	Count	Percentage
No	205	81.03%
Prefer not to answer	8	3.16%
Yes	7	2.77%

Answered: 220 Skipped: 33

What was your 2025 total household income before taxes?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Under \$20,000	0	0%
\$20,000 to less than \$35,000	0	0%
\$35,000 to less than \$50,000	1	0.4%
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	6	2.37%
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	15	5.93%
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	36	14.23%
\$150,000 to less than \$200,000	42	16.6%

\$200,000 or more	73	28.85%
Prefer not to answer	43	17%

Answered: 216 Skipped: 37



STAFF REPORT

ROGERS PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Date: August 3, 2026

Agenda Item: 5.1

Subject: Consider Amendments to Chapter 125 and Chapter 10 – Keeping of Animals, Including Backyard Chickens

Prepared By: Zachary Gatton, Community Development Intern

Overview / Background / Analysis

City Staff is proposing amendments to Chapter 125 and an amendment to Chapter 10 of the City of Rogers City Code to allow residents on smaller residential lots to keep backyard chickens and authorize the keeping of chickens as an approved accessory use.

The City has received multiple requests from residents interested in keeping chickens on smaller residential lots. In 2025, Staff posted a resident survey to understand community opinions. The survey received 556 responses. The results of the survey found that 70% of respondents supported allowing backyard chickens. A similar percent supported implementing a minimum lot size requirement, with 0.20 acres being the most popular minimum lot size. Residents generally did not support keeping of other birds such as ducks or pigeons on small lots.

In addition to the survey, staff researched cities in the region and presented this information to City Council during the June 23rd work session. Following the session, Council directed staff to draft an ordinance that would allow residents to keep backyard chickens.

Summary of Proposed Changes

General Administrative Text Changes – Sec. 10-21, Sec. 125-84, 125-86, 125-90, 125-95 125-102, Article IV Table 4.

The major impact of this amendment would be the allowance of backyard chickens. To ensure City Code stayed consistent and easy to follow, various text amendments were necessary. These changes are largely administrative in nature and include the following:

- Amending Sec. 10-21 to refer to the newly created Sec. 125-95 Keeping of Animals
- Renumbering tables to maintain sequential order after relocating tables from 125-84.
- Repealing and reserving 125-84 (c) and (d) and relocating them into 125-95.
- Updating Article IV Table 4. to include Backyard Chickens as an accessory use

in all districts in the city. This was done because the backyard chicken use is tied to single family homes rather than specific districts. Staff feel this is the best way to handle any uncommon situations and future zoning district changes. The use remains limited to single-family detached dwellings under Sec. 125-95(f)(1); listing it in Table 4 does not extend chicken keeping to attached or multifamily dwellings, etc._

- Updating language in 125-95(e) to exclude backyard chickens as a livestock operation.
- Updating definitions in 125-102 to ensure clarity of terms used in 125-95 regarding backyard chickens. This includes an amendment to the definition of “Feedlot” to exclude backyard chicken operations as a feedlot.
- Transition section: A section to clarify future legality for residents who are already legally keeping chickens and to clarify that residents who are currently illegally keeping chickens will be given 90 days from the effective date of this ordinance to come into compliance under new ordinance.

Livestock and Feedlot Changes – Sec. 125-95(e), Table 26

- Animal unit equivalents in Table 26 are updated: one chicken increases from 0.01 to 0.02 animal units and one goose or duck from 0.02 to 0.04. This reduces the maximum permitted flock size on AG and R1 parcels regulated by animal units. Lawful operations exceeding the new equivalents on the effective date may continue as nonconforming uses under the transition section of the ordinance.
- A new feedlot setback of 100 feet from a dwelling on an adjacent property is added, and the existing setbacks are clarified to apply to feedlots only, not pastures.
- A new feedlot compliance provisions requires conformance with Minnesota Rules Chapter 7020 and MPCA registration requirements and prohibits new feedlots in shoreland areas (consistent with shoreland rules).

Keeping Backyard Chickens Sec. 125-95(f)

Number of Chickens Allowed and Minimum Lot Size: Based on other cities in the region, staff recommend regulating the number of chickens allowed based on lot size. The smallest lots will be allowed to keep 4 hens and that scales to larger lots being able to keep 25 hens or, for parcels in the AG and R1 districts, the number of poultry permitted as livestock under Sec. 125-95(e).

Regarding minimum lot size, staff are currently recommending 0.20-acre minimum lot size, and this is based on results of the 2025 survey and early directions from City Council. The smallest single family detached lots in the city are 0.15 acres. Setting the minimum at 0.20 acres will exclude roughly 300 single family homes from being able to keep chickens. Staff do not recommend setting the minimum lot size more than 0.20 acres, such as 0.25 acres, as that would exclude nearly 730 single family detached

homes, roughly 17% of all single-family detached homes in the city.

Lot Size (Acres)	# Of Chickens Allowed
Less than 0.20	Chickens not allowed
0.20 to less than 0.30	4
0.30 to less than 0.50	6
0.50 to less than 1	10
1 to less than 2	15
2 to less than 3	25
Lots of 3 acres or more: 25 hens; or, for parcels in the AG and R1 districts, the number of poultry permitted as livestock under Sec. 125-95(e).	

Chicken Coops and Runs. To ensure health of birds, and prevent nuisance conditions, staff have drafted specific language and regulations regarding the coops that the chickens will be housed in, and the run area that they will be confined in.

- Coops must be constructed with durable materials and must be winterized to protect the chickens. Size requirements to prevent overcrowding of the birds are also included.
- Run areas must be enclosed on all sides, including from above with a roof or mesh, or hardware cloth to prevent predators and wild birds from entering, as well as confining the chickens so they cannot run loose.
- The coop is subject to the maximum accessory structure heights of Sec. 125-84(a). A coop with a footprint of 200 sq. ft or less does not require a building permit and does not count toward the number of permitted accessory structures; a larger coop must meet the accessory structure and building permit requirements of Sec. 125-84(a) and Chapter 105. A run covered only by mesh or netting is treated as a fence for those purposes, while a solid-roofed run counts as part of the coop footprint.

Prevention of Nuisance Conditions to prevent chickens from becoming a nuisance to other residents, the ordinance includes the following:

- Only hens are allowed. Roosters are prohibited unless kept as livestock in the AG and R1 districts under Sec. 125-95(e).
- Chicken coops and run areas must be in the rear yard only.
- Residents must keep chickens confined in the run or coop area from sunset to sunrise. During the day, chickens may be confined in a fully fenced rear yard.
- Chicken coops and run areas must be set back 10' from any property line and 30' from any neighboring residential structure. The 30' rule will likely make it impossible to legally locate coops and runs for a very small number of

properties. Staff are also considering coops and runs to be setback 20' from any neighboring residential structure and is looking for Planning Commission feedback on that item.

- Coops and runs may not be located in drainage and utility easements, regulated wetlands or wetland buffers, or shore or bluff impact zones.
- Chicken coops and run areas must be screened from view of adjacent properties if within 30' of side or rear lot lines.
- Coops and run areas must be kept sanitary and clean to prevent smells.
- Any feces, discarded feed, and bedding must be regularly collected and stored in a leakproof container until it can be disposed of.
- All feed for chickens must be kept in a secure, rodent-proof container.
- Slaughter of chickens is not allowed on lots less than 1.0 acre. On larger lots, slaughter may not occur outdoors within view of public right-of-way or adjacent property.
- This ordinance does not allow the breeding of chickens for commercial purposes. Egg sales must comply with City code and Minnesota Department of Agriculture requirements.

If nuisance conditions occur, a resident may be prohibited from keeping chickens.

This ordinance does not override private covenants or homeowners association rules that prohibit or further restrict chickens.

Backyard Chickens Permit or License:

Per council's request, the ordinance that staff has drafted will not require a permitting or licensing process for residents. Where screening is required under Sec. 125-95(f)(7), it may be met with a 6-foot privacy fence, which does not require a fence permit under Sec. 125-84(f) as amended by Ord. 2026-04, or with landscaping of equivalent opacity.

- Staff research into permits and licensing found that roughly half of cities examined that allow chickens have a permit process.
- Cities that do not have a permit process reported chickens running loose as the most common issue.
- Staff do not feel that a permit process would substantially reduce the likelihood of chickens running loose and concurs with Council on not recommending a permit or licenses process at this time. Compliance will be addressed on a complaint basis through the City's existing code enforcement process.

Staff Recommendation

This is a public hearing. Notice of the hearing was published in the paper.

Staff recommend the Planning Commission hold the public hearing, discuss the proposed amendments, and recommend approval of the ordinance to City Council. The 0.20-acre minimum lot size and required setbacks for coops and runs from neighboring

residential structures are the principal policy decisions before the Commission. Staff recommend 0.20 acres based on the 2025 survey and Council directions; a 0.15-acre minimum, which would extend eligibility to roughly 300 additional single-family lots, remains available as an alternative recommendation. Staff are recommending 30' setbacks from neighboring residences to offer greater separation, but 20' setbacks would ensure nearly all homes would be able to legally locate a coop and run area and is a possible alternative recommendation.

Possible motion:

Motion to recommend approval of Ordinance 2026-14, amending Chapter 125 of the City Code to establish Sec. 125-95 and to amend Sec. 10-21, Sec. 125-84, 125-86, 125-90, 125-102, and Article IV, Table 4.

Financial Impact: Not applicable.

Source Fund: Not applicable.

Budgeted? N/A

Supporting Documentation

- A. Ord. 2026-14 Keeping of Animals-Backyard Chickens
- B. Backyard Chickens Handout

CITY OF ROGERS

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 125 OF THE CITY OF ROGERS CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH SEC. 125-95 KEEPING OF ANIMALS, TO PERMIT THE KEEPING OF BACKYARD CHICKENS, TO CLARIFY FEEDLOT REQUIREMENTS, RENUMBER TABLES IN SEC. 125-86 AND 125-90, AND TO AMEND RELATED PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 AND SEC. 125-102

[Drafter's note: Underlined text is new. ~~Struck text~~ is deleted. Plain type in Section 4 is existing code text relocated from Sec. 125-84(c) and (d) without substantive change. Draft of July 14, 2026; staff revision July 29, 2026]

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROGERS, MINNESOTA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 10-21 of the Rogers City Code, Restrictions on Keeping Certain Animals, subsection (a), is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (a) Chickens and other domestic fowl except as ~~defined in City Code Chapter 125 Zoning Regulations~~ permitted by City Code Sec. 125-95. Keeping of Animals.

SECTION 2. Section 125-86, Table 25 and Table 26 shall be renumbered Table 23 and Table 24 respectively and Section 125-90 Table 27 shall be renumbered Table 25.

- (a) In Sec. 125-86, the caption *Table 25. Off-Street Parking Requirements* is renumbered Table 23. Off-Street Parking Requirements, and the four text references to Table 24. Off-Street Parking Requirements, located in Sec. 125-86(b)(2), (d)(1), (d)(3), and (d)(5), are amended to read Table 23.
- (b) In Sec. 125-86, the caption *Table 26. Parking Space Standards* is renumbered Table 24. Parking Space Standards, and the text reference to Table 25. Parking Space Standards in Sec. 125-86(b)(2) is amended to read Table 24.
- (c) In Sec. 125-90, the caption *Table 27. Planting Size Requirements* is renumbered Table 25. Planting Size Requirements, and the text reference to Table 26. Planting Size Requirements in Sec. 125-90(a)(4)a. is amended to read Table 25.
- (d) *Table 24. Livestock Units* is renumbered Table 26. Livestock Units by the reenactment in Section 4 of this ordinance, and the text reference to Table 23. Livestock Units is amended therein. The new table of backyard chicken allowances established by Section 4 is numbered Table 27.

SECTION 3. Subsections (c) and (d) of Sec. 125-84. Accessory Use Standards of the Rogers City Code are hereby repealed and reserved. The provisions formerly codified at Sec. 125-84(c) and (d) are relocated to Sec. 125-95, as amended and reenacted by Section 4 of this ordinance:

(c) ~~Animal and farming operations, except livestock.~~ Reserved.

(d) ~~Livestock and livestock operations.~~ Reserved.

SECTION 4. Article 125-V. Performance Standards and Regulations of the Rogers City Code is hereby amended to add Sec. 125-95, to read as follows:

Sec. 125-95. Keeping of Animals

(a) Purpose. This Section consolidates the standards governing the keeping of animals within the City. Its purpose is to provide for the keeping of farm animals, livestock, and chickens in a manner that protects the public health, safety, and general welfare, prevents nuisance conditions, and maintains compatibility between animal keeping and neighboring land uses.

(b) Applicability. Domestic pets are regulated under Chapter 10 of the City Code. Kennels, farm animals, livestock, livestock operations, feedlots, and chickens are subject to this Section. Except as expressly provided in subsection (f), where this Section conflicts with any other provision of the City Code, the more restrictive provision shall govern in accordance with Sec. 125-10.

(c) Animal and farming operations, except livestock. All farms in existence upon the effective date of the ordinance from which this Chapter is derived shall be a permitted use where the operator can conduct a farming operation. However, all regulations contained herein shall apply to all changes of the farming operation which will cause all or part of the area to become more intensively used or more urban in character. Setback and other regulations shall apply to farming operations just as they do to urban development. The governing body may require any farm operation to secure a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to expand or intensify said operations in the event of the following:

(1) Agriculture.

a. The following shall apply to all lots used for agricultural purposes:

1. Lots must be larger than 10 acres to be used for agricultural purposes.
2. Farming operations shall not be so intensive as to constitute an industrial type use, consisting of the compounding, processing, and packaging of products for wholesale or retail trade as such operations may tend to become a permanent industrial type operation that cannot be terminated as can a normal farming operation.

(d) Kennels.

(1) Kennels, commercial. Commercial kennels must comply with all of the following standards:

- a. The person who operates the kennel must be licensed by the State of Minnesota.
- b. The minimum lot area required for commercial kennels is 2 acres.

- c. The confinement, or care of animals shall be within an enclosed structure and shall be setback a minimum of 100 feet from any property line and 50 feet from any water supply well.
 - d. Breeding shall be prohibited.
 - e. Every commercial kennel facility, or portion thereof, where the public is served shall be provided sanitary facilities in accordance with the regulations of the Uniform Building Code of Minnesota and Hennepin County SSTs regulations.
 - f. Kennels may contain retail, services, and boarding.
- (2) *Kennels, residential.* A residential kennel license shall be required by the City for a residential kennel in all districts where permitted. The City Council shall take into consideration the kind and number of animals kept or to be kept on the premises, the facilities being maintained for the care and keeping of the animals, the effect of the animals on neighboring properties, and the general health and welfare of the City.
- (e) *Livestock and livestock operations.*
- (1) *Permitted areas.*
 - a. Livestock and Livestock Operations shall be permitted in the AG and R1 zoning districts.
 - (2) *Discontinuance.*
 - a. Active agriculture and livestock uses that exist at the time of adoption of this Chapter shall be allowed to continue.
 - b. In zoning districts where livestock and livestock operations are not a permitted use, the use will be considered discontinued after a cessation lasting 1 year or longer. After such time, the City may prevent and prohibit resumption of a livestock use, regardless of intent.
 - (3) *Required setbacks.*
 - a. The following shall be the minimum setback requirements for feedlots, as defined in Sec. 125-102. Feedlot setbacks apply only to feedlots and shall not apply to pastures:
 - 1. County parks: 300 feet.
 - 2. DNR protected water course or lake: 300 feet.
 - 3. Wetlands: 75 feet.
 - 4. Private well: 100 feet.
 - 5. Dwelling on an adjacent property: 100 feet.
 - (4) Livestock at a maximum density of three acres for the first animal unit and one additional acre for each additional animal unit.
 - (5) The equivalents in Table 26. Livestock Units shall apply when determining animal units.

TABLE 26. LIVESTOCK UNITS

Animal Type	Animal Units	Animal Type	Animal Units
one mature dairy cow	1.4	one goat or sheep	0.1
one slaughter steer or heifer	1.0	one swine under 55 pounds	0.05
one horse	1.0	one turkey	0.018
one swine over 55 pounds	0.4	one chicken	0.01 <u>0.02</u>
one goose or duck	0.02 <u>0.04</u>	one llama	0.5

For animals not listed above, the number of animal units shall be defined as the average weight of the animal divided by 1,000 pounds.

The animal unit equivalents in Table 26 are established for local zoning density purposes only and do not alter the calculation of animal units under Minn. Stat. Sec. 116.06, subd. 4a for purposes of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency feedlot regulation.

(6) Livestock shall be kept only in densities as allowed in the zoning district in which a parcel is located. The keeping of livestock in greater density than allowed as stated above and/or as allowed in the zoning district shall require a IUP. To obtain such permit, the applicant must demonstrate that facilities are present and appropriate practices are being employed to preclude surface or groundwater contamination, excessive manure accumulation, odor, noise and other nuisances.

(7) The construction of an earthen waste storage basin is permitted provided:

- a. The structure shall not be used for the storage of animal manure for a period in excess of 12 months or the time period for which it was designed.
- b. The design of the structure shall be prepared and designed by a registered professional engineer or staff from the Hennepin County Soil and Water Conservation District qualified in the design of earthen structures or prepared by other professionals specializing in the design of such structures and with the proper training for such design and signed by a registered professional engineer.

(8) *Pastures.* Livestock may graze within shoreland and bluff impact zones provided permanent vegetation is maintained or a conservation plan has been submitted to the Zoning Administrator that is consistent with the technical guides of the Hennepin County Soil and Water Conservation District.

(9) *Feedlot compliance.* All feedlots shall comply with Minnesota Rules Chapter 7020 and all applicable requirements of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, including registration and permitting where required by state rule. State registration thresholds apply to feedlots with a capacity of 50 or more animal units, or 10 or more animal units within

shoreland areas, as calculated under state law. New animal feedlots are not allowed in shoreland areas. Modifications or expansions of existing feedlots within shoreland areas are subject to Sec. 125-100.

(10) Backyard chickens excluded. The keeping of chickens in compliance with subsection (f) of this Section shall not constitute a livestock operation or a feedlot.

(f) Backyard Chickens

(1) Allowance. Chickens may be kept as an accessory use to a single-family detached dwelling on a lot with an area of at least 0.20 acres, in any zoning district, including within a Planned Unit Development established under Sec. 125-29 unless the PUD Master Development Agreement expressly provides otherwise, subject to compliance with the standards of this subsection. No permit shall be required.

(2) Hens only; roosters. Only hens may be kept under this subsection. Roosters are prohibited except where kept as livestock in compliance with subsection (e). Chicks under the age of 4 weeks kept entirely within a dwelling or garage shall not count toward the maximum number of hens. Chickens over the age of 4 weeks shall not be kept within a dwelling or garage. The keeping of turkeys, waterfowl, peafowl, and guinea fowl is not authorized by this subsection.

(3) Number of hens. The number of hens kept on a lot shall not exceed the maximum set out in Table 27. Backyard Chicken Allowances.

TABLE 27. BACKYARD CHICKEN ALLOWANCES

<u>Lot Area (Acres)</u>	<u>Maximum Number of Hens</u>
<u>Less than 0.20</u>	<u>Not allowed</u>
<u>0.20 to less than 0.30</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>0.30 to less than 0.50</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>0.50 to less than 1.0</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>1.0 to less than 2.0</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>2.0 to less than 3.0</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>3.0 or more</u>	<u>25; or, for parcels in the AG and R1 zoning districts, the number of poultry permitted as livestock under subsection (e)</u>

(4) Coop and run required.

a. Hens shall be protected from the weather and from predators in a coop of adequate size for the number of birds, with access to an outdoor run. One chicken coop and one attached or adjacent chicken run are permitted per lot.

b. The coop shall have a minimum interior floor area of 4 square feet per hen and the run shall have a minimum area of 10 square feet per hen.

c. The coop shall be constructed of durable materials, shall be winterized to protect hens from extreme temperatures, and shall be resistant to rodents and predators. The coop shall include ventilation, insulation, and at least one window sufficient to maintain sanitary conditions. Any heating element shall comply with the Minnesota Electrical Code.

d. The run shall be completely enclosed, including from above, by solid roofing or by mesh, wire, hardware cloth, or netting with openings no larger than 1 inch, sufficient to contain hens and to exclude predators and wild birds, and shall be securable.

e. The coop floor shall be elevated at least 12 inches but not more than 24 inches above grade, unless the coop is constructed on a concrete slab or other rodent-resistant permanent foundation.

(5) Coops and runs; accessory structure and building standards.

a. The height of the coop shall not exceed the maximum height for accessory structures in the applicable zoning district under Sec. 125-84(a). A run enclosed from above only by mesh, wire, hardware cloth, or netting shall not exceed 6 feet in height.

b. A coop with a footprint of 200 square feet or less shall not require a building permit under Chapter 105 and shall not count toward the number of permitted accessory structures under Sec. 125-84(a), provided the setback and location requirements of this subsection are met.

c. A coop with a footprint exceeding 200 square feet shall comply with the building permit and accessory structure requirements of Sec. 125-84(a) and Chapter 105.

d. In all cases, the coop shall comply with the maximum accessory structure size and coverage limits of the applicable zoning district under Sec. 125-84(a). A run enclosed from above only by mesh, wire, hardware cloth, or netting shall be treated as a fence for purposes of those limits. A run covered by solid roofing shall be treated as part of the coop for purposes of this item (5), and its footprint shall be included in the coop's footprint. Nothing in this paragraph exempts a coop or run from applicable lot coverage or impervious surface limits.

(6) Confinement. Hens shall be confined to the coop from sunset to sunrise. During daylight hours, hens must be provided with access to the run area. Hens may range outside the coop or run only within a fully fenced rear yard on the premises.

(7) Location and screening. Coops and runs shall be located in the rear yard only. Coops and runs shall be set back a minimum of 10 feet from any property line and a minimum of 30 feet from any residential structure on a neighboring property, and shall not be located within any drainage or utility easement, any wetland or wetland buffer regulated under Chapter 109, or any shore or bluff impact zone regulated under Sec. 125-100. Where any portion of a coop or run is located within 30 feet of a side or rear lot line, the coop and run shall be screened from view of the adjacent property by a privacy fence at least 6 feet in height or by landscaping of equivalent opacity.

(8) Sanitation. Coops, runs, and the premises shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition that does not create a nuisance to surrounding properties. All feces, discarded feed, and soiled bedding material shall be regularly collected and stored in leak-proof containers until properly disposed of. Feed shall be stored in leak-proof, rodent-resistant containers.

(9) Slaughter. The slaughter of chickens is prohibited on lots less than 1 acre. On lots of 1 acre or more, slaughter shall not be conducted outdoors within view of any public right-of-way or adjacent property.

(10) Breeding and sales. The breeding of chickens for commercial purposes is prohibited. The sale of eggs shall comply with the City Code and the requirements of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

(11) Disease control. Chickens shall be kept in compliance with applicable requirements of the Minnesota Board of Animal Health, including disease reporting, testing, and control orders.

(12) Enforcement; abatement. The keeping of chickens in violation of this subsection is declared a public nuisance under Sec. 10-21 and may result in enforcement action. The City may prohibit the keeping of chickens on a property upon finding that (i) any provision of this subsection has been violated, or (ii) the chickens have become a public nuisance or a hazard to public health or safety. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit or constrain any action allowed by law to prevent the spread of disease or imminent damage to persons or property.

SECTION 5. Table 4. Permitted Uses of Rogers City Code, under D. Agricultural, is hereby amended to update the section references for the following uses and to add the use Animals, Backyard Chickens, as follows. The permitted use designations for Agriculture, Livestock Operation, Animals, Farm & Domestic, and Animals, Kennel are unchanged.

D. AGRICULTURAL													
Agriculture Production & Livestock													
Agriculture, Community Garden							P						
Agriculture, Crop Production	P	P	P										
Agriculture, Livestock Operation – See Sec. 125-95(e)	P	P											
Animals, Farm & Domestic – See Sec. 125-95(c)	A	A											
Animals, Backyard Chickens – See Sec. 125-95(f)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Animals, Kennel- See Sec. 125-95(d)	C	C										C	
Commercial Nursery & Sales	P	C									C	P	P
Equestrian Facilities	I	I											
Veterinary Clinic								P	P		P		
Farm Winery	P	P									P		
	AG	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	OP	LC	RC	DT	ND	GI	SB

SECTION 6. Sec. 125-102. Definitions of the Rogers City Code is hereby amended as follows:

(a) The definition of *Feedlot* is amended as follows:

Feedlot means a lot, building, or combination of lots and buildings which are intended for the confined breeding ~~residing~~, raising, or holding of animals and ~~specifically~~ specifically designed as a confinement area in which manure may accumulate or where there may be a concentration of animals. These areas are such that a vegetative cover cannot be maintained ~~with~~ within the enclosures and feeding areas. The rearing of poultry (excluding poultry kept in compliance with Sec. 125-95(f) of this Code) shall be considered feedlots. Pastures ~~are~~ shall not be considered animal feedlots.

(b) The definition of *Animal unit* is amended to read as follows:

Animal unit means a unit of measure used to regulate the number of animals allowed by acreage as identified in ~~D. Livestock and Livestock Operations~~ Sec. 125-95(e). Livestock and Livestock Operations.

- (c) The following definition is added under *Animals*:

Animals, farm means animals commonly kept for agricultural purposes or for the production of food or fiber, including but not limited to horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, poultry, rabbits, and bees, but excluding domestic pets.

- (d) The following definitions are added in alphabetical order:

Chicken means a domesticated fowl of the species *Gallus gallus*.

Chicken coop means an enclosed accessory structure designed for the housing and shelter of chickens.

Chicken run means a fully enclosed outdoor area, attached or adjacent to a chicken coop, within which chickens are confined.

Hen means a female chicken.

Rooster means a male chicken, including a cockerel.

SECTION 7. Transition.

- (a) Continuation. The provisions relocated from Sec. 125-84(c) and (d) to Sec. 125-95 by this ordinance are a continuation of prior law and not new enactments. The lawful status of agriculture, kennel, and livestock uses established under the prior provisions is not affected by the relocation.
- (b) Nonconformities. A livestock operation or keeping of animals lawfully established before the effective date of this ordinance that does not conform to Sec. 125-95 as amended, including the animal unit equivalents of Table 26, may continue as lawful nonconforming use in accordance with Sec. 125-41 and Minn. Stat. Sec. 462.357, subd. 1e, but shall not be expanded or intensified except in conformance with this ordinance.
- (c) Chickens; compliance period. Any keeping of chickens in existence on the effective date of this ordinance that was not lawfully established shall be brought into compliance with Sec. 125-95(f) within 90 days of the effective date.
- (d) Pending enforcement. Nothing in this ordinance affects any enforcement action or violation existing on the effective date, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this Section.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately after its passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rogers, Minnesota this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Motion by: _____

Second by: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Raising Backyard Chickens:

Answers to commonly asked questions and other information regarding raising backyard chickens.



Are permits required to keep chickens?

The City of Rogers does not require a permit or license to keep chickens. Residents are required to comply with all rules and regulations found in Rogers City Code: Section 125-95(f). The city code is available at: www.rogersmn.gov/citycode

Who is allowed to keep chickens?

Residents of a single-family detached home on a lot of at least 0.20 acres may keep chickens. In HOA communities, check your HOA rules first.

How many chickens may I keep?

The number of chickens allowed is based on lot size (see below): Roosters are **NOT** allowed (except as livestock in AG or R1)

Lot Size (Acres)	# Of Chickens Allowed
Less than 0.20	Chickens not allowed
0.20 to less than 0.30	4
0.30 to less than 0.50	6
0.50 to less than 1	10
1 to less than 2	15
2 to less than 3	25
Lots of 3 acres or more: 25 hens; AG and R1 parcels may instead keep poultry as livestock per 125-95(e).	

What are the requirements for the chicken coop and shelter?

- Chicken coops and run areas must be located in the rear yard, at least 10 ft from any property line and at least 30 ft from any neighboring residential structure. Any coop or run within 30 ft of a side or rear lot line must be screened from view with a 6-ft privacy fence or landscaping of similar opacity.
- Chicken coops should be constructed with quality materials and include ventilation, window(s) and insulation to protect the birds from weather and predators.
- Chickens must be provided with access to an outdoor run. Runs must be fully enclosed, including from above to prevent intrusion from predators. Coops over 200 sq ft require a building permit.



May I keep my chickens in my home or garage?

No, chickens over four (4) weeks old cannot be kept inside a home or garage. Younger chicks (under four weeks) may be kept indoors or in a garage, and they do not count toward the maximum number of chickens allowed.



Keeping Chickens and being a good neighbor:

Residents who keep chickens should follow these guidelines to promote the health of the chickens and to prevent nuisance conditions:

- Keep the coop and run area clean and sanitary. Regular cleanings and changing of straw and hay will keep your birds healthier and reduce objectionable odors.
- Regularly collect manure and discarded feed and store it in a leak-proof container until it can be disposed of.
- Keep all feed secured in a container to prevent attracting other animals.
- Never let your chickens run onto a neighbor's property, street, lake or public pond. Keep them secured on your property.
- Put your chickens away in their coop from sundown to sunrise. This reduces noise and keeps your chickens safe from predators overnight.

Things to Remember:

- Roosters are **not allowed** except as livestock in the AG or R1 districts. Keep this in mind when buying chicks, as they grow up, you will need to rehome any roosters not initially identified.
- The slaughter of chickens is not allowed on lots less than 1 acre and must not be conducted outdoors within view of public right of way or adjacent properties.
- The sale of eggs must comply with city code and Minnesota Department of Agriculture requirements.
- Coops and runs must be maintained in good repair and kept clean and sanitary to prevent pests and objectionable odors.
- Use common courtesy with respect to your neighbors.
- Take good care of your chickens in a humane manner.

Resources:

- University of Minnesota has information on chickens and how to care for them found at: <https://extension.umn.edu/small-scale-poultry/raising-chickens-eggs>
- Information on chicken coop design from Oregon State University found at: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/ec-1644-living-land-backyard-chicken-coop-design>
- Find your lot size through Hennepin County's GIS website at: <https://gis.hennepin.us/property/>
- Rogers City Code Sec. 125-95(f) Backyard Chickens at: www.rogersmn.gov/citycode
- Questions/Concerns? Contact Rogers City Hall by phone or email: 763-428-2253 | info@rogersmn.gov





STAFF REPORT

ROGERS PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Date: August 3, 2026

Agenda Item: 7.1

Subject: Past Planning Commission Items Report

Prepared By: Brett Angell, Community Development Director

Overview / Background / Analysis

The Planning Commission last met on Monday, July 6th with two items on the agenda. Details related to the items discussed, and their current status, can be found below.

Code Amendment Related to Swimming Pools, Hot Tubs, and Spas

The Planning Commission reviewed and held a public hearing related to amendments to City Code section 125-84(i) related to swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas. The proposed amendments were to bring the city ordinance into compliance with current state statute, provide clarity related to setbacks, and further define safety requirements. The item was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. The City Council reviewed this item at the July 14th meeting and approved the proposed ordinance. The ordinance was effective on publication and the updated standards are now in effect for the city.

Conversion of a Residential Home to an Assembly Use

The Planning Commission reviewed a site plan request to convert a single family residence to an assembly use at 13620 Brockton Lane. This item was recommended for approval. The City Council reviewed this item at the July 14th meeting and ultimately approved the site plan. Questions by the council pertained to future city services (i.e. sewer and water) connection, timing, and questions related to use. Interior work for the structure has begun, and exterior improvements are expected to begin soon.

Other Items of Note

The following items pertain to past Planning Commission actions and status updates related to each.

Crisp & Green Opening

Crisp & Green, who has leased one of the tenant spaces in the former Wells Fargo building near the movie theater, is set to open on Friday, August 7th. With their opening, all the businesses from the previously approved site plan will be open. Take 5 added the addition to the building and is operational. Daves Hot Chicken opened on Friday, July 17th.

Millhouse Flats (Willis Trucking Redevelopment)

Millhouse Flats, the 181-unit multifamily development on John Deere Lane (right off of

Main Street), is expected to begin construction in early-to-mid August. The development aligns with the current and past master plans for the downtown area.

Staff Recommendation

No action required. This item is for information purposes.

Financial Impact: Not applicable.

Source Fund: Not applicable.

Budgeted? N/A

Supporting Documentation

None