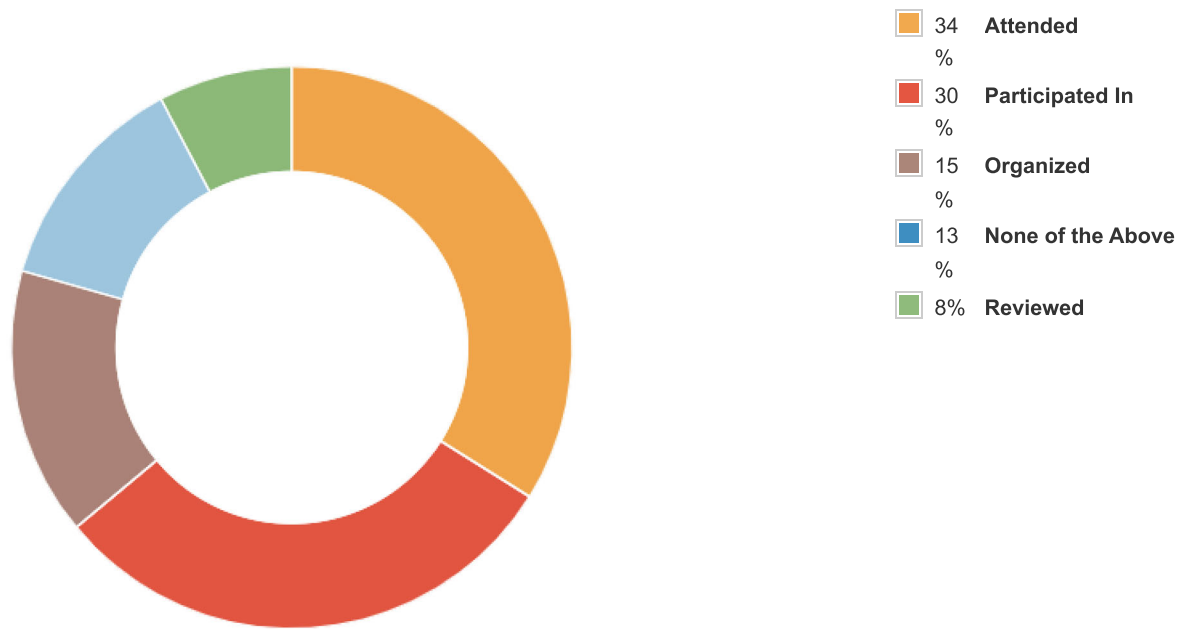


# Feedback on Requirements for Special Events in Larimer County

## Project Engagement

VIEWS	PARTICIPANTS	RESPONSES	COMMENTS
<b>1,199</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>2,839</b>	<b>617</b>

Have you ever organized, attended, participated in, or reviewed a permitted special event?



233 respondents

We're neighbors to the land

10/31/2025

Reviewed proposal for excessive events in our neighborhood

10/30/2025

This survey is being filled out by Spencer Myrlie, Larimer County MS4 Coordinator. Specific code changes were developed by myself, Shelley Bayard De Volo, and Traci Shambo.

10/29/2025

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Multiple Gnar Runners events and the Horsetooth half marathon.

10/28/2025

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Doesn't allow respondent to select more than 1 but I have also participated in

10/28/2025

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I have participated in several races including the equinox half marathon and the lake to lake triathlon.

10/27/2025

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Crazy Legs 10k trail race at Devil's Backbone Open Space

10/27/2025

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Assorted bike races and running events

10/26/2025

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Horsetooth Swim

10/26/2025

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Many running races, triathlon, charity walks

10/26/2025

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Organized events and competed in other events

10/26/2025

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I've been a participant in XTERRA Lory, and volunteered for Horsetooth 10k swim and for OTILLO Swim Run.

10/24/2025

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several running races, tour de fat

10/24/2025

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I volunteer at the horsetooth 10k and other swim races in September every year, and have participated as well. I've also attended some of the bohemian nights events in old town in the summer.

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Have participated in trail races, and my kids have participated in open water swims

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I have done multiple running races.

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I have participated in a number of running races that I believe are

10/24/2025

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Wednesday tri training by green events in the summer

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Volunteer at aid station (MS 150)

10/24/2025

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Event organizer

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Horsetooth half

10/24/2025

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5k

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This says optional but I have to write something or I can't submit

10/24/2025

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This survey is being filled out by the Larimer County MS4 team. (Spencer Myrlie, Shelley Bayard De Volo, Traci Shambo)

10/23/2025

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Organized several

10/23/2025

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I serve as a referral agency

10/22/2025

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Referral Agency reviewer

10/22/2025

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I serve as a referral agency.

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Ive been to festivals downtown, as well as at the fairgrounds.

10/21/2025

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I have attended, participated in, organized and reviewed events in Larimer county as a volunteer committee member, community member, paid/free attendee and paying exhibitor.

10/21/2025

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All of the above

10/21/2025

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Went through the permit process with a liquor permit for an event held at the YMCA of the Rockies

10/20/2025

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As an appraiser for Larimer County in the past, considering events that are of a commerical nature might impact the taxable status of a property. This reason is why I would review properties that held events, usually weddings in Unincorporated Larimer County, not necessarily a single event, but the number of events that would be held at a specific property.

10/20/2025

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Nothing specific

10/19/2025

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Organized annual Loveland Fishing Club Senior Fishing Derby

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I've attended events

10/17/2025

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Kayak Tournament with both Colorado Kayak Bassmaster's and Colorado Kayak Fishing Club

10/16/2025

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LaPorte Fest

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Church picnics

10/15/2025

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Massive traffic hold up bike events

10/14/2025

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Horsetooth Half Marathon, Colorado Run, Quad Rock 25

10/13/2025

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I've been to lots of events!

10/13/2025

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Horsetooth Open Water Swim, Horsetooth Half Marathon

10/13/2025

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I may have but how would an attendee know if the organizer had to pull a permit?

10/13/2025

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But I have heard them going on

10/13/2025

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Farmers markets

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I have only attended smaller events in Larimer County, but I would like to host some larger ones myself.

10/12/2025

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No Kings Rally

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reviewed pictures and comments, reported concerns to County

10/12/2025

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Horsetooth half marathon

10/12/2025

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I have been involved in several 5K, 10K, and Marathon races for years all over Larimer County.

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Venus de Miles bike ride; assisted with a swim at Horsetooth years ago

10/12/2025

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I have done all of the above

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I live in an area that would be impacted by events if they had not been stopped. Traffic and inconsiderate animals are a problem.

10/11/2025

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Have attended the Larimer County Fair.

10/11/2025

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Scouting event

10/11/2025

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Rist Canyon, Upper Poudre Canyon, Stove Prairie Elem School Red Feather Craft Fairs and events

10/11/2025

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That's my experience

10/11/2025

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I have had special events around my house.

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I have participated in multiple events

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None

10/10/2025

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No

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Event organizer in Estes Park

10/10/2025

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I have participated in the summer/fall events that are put on by Larimer County. Festivals, etc.

10/10/2025

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Lots of road and trail races (Horsetooth Half, CO Marathon, Quad Rock, Black Squirrel, etc )

10/10/2025

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Many races and trail races (Blue Sky, Quad Rock, Black Squirrel, Horsetooth Half, CO Marathon, etc)

10/10/2025

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Many road races, including Gnar races (Blue Sky, Black Squirrel, Quad Rock, CO Marathon and Horsetooth half)

10/10/2025

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I've run several races in the Horsetooth area

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Paddlers Pub events, concerts at the Mish,

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Gnar Runners

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Cast for kids acted as security and traffic director as well as safety personnel

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Watched events while on the lake

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Colorado Run

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Road races like Horsetooth Half, Equinox Spring and Fall, etc. And trail run at Lory State Park.

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I was involved with several Fishful Thinker Events at Horsetooth

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I am the Permitting Coordinator for Vacation Races and we produce the Rocky Mountain Half Marathon and 5k

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I have organized an event that recieved an approved permit for a special event.

10/9/2025

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Car shows.

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Liz Barnez concerts at the Waterworks. Concerts at Fort Collins Nursery.

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I organize the Rock Garden Concert Series at Fort Collins Nursery

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Horse racing track.

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I run the Colorado Kayak Bassmasters. We use to hold small Kayak Fishing on Horsetooth Reservoir.

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Reviewed the pewrmit changes the last two years

10/6/2025

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Organized Frostbite Time Trial for last 5-6 years

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Participated in event organization for past ten years

10/6/2025

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Attended last years meeting

10/6/2025

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I have attended a few events at Kitty Wilds place.

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Bike rides, sports tournaments

10/4/2025

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Bike rides

10/4/2025

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no explanation needed

10/4/2025

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Have been to some

10/3/2025

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and Attended or Participated in

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attended a holiday event that was open to the public on private property

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Attend numerous events on a regular basis.

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Protest marches and musical events

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I have gone to several events like farmers markets, fairs and community events. I have also participated in running my departments fair booth

10/3/2025

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Have gone to a few special events

10/3/2025

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I do not recall attending a special event in unincorporated Larimer county that required a permit.

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Attended concerts

10/3/2025

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I have not

10/3/2025

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I don't like crowds or the drinking the often is associated with such events.

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Parades, outdoor events in guessing are permitted?

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I have actually done almost all the above; attended, participated, and organized. I have organized open water events.

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I have been reviewing special event applications from the fire department perspective for 15 years. 14 of those years were for the City of Boulder

10/2/2025

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attended.

10/2/2025

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Reviewed to determine impact to CO State Patrol and need for a state special event permit.

10/2/2025

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We run a small pumpkin patch business in the month of Oct.

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I attended a party in my neighborhood.

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I am a reviewer for flood compliance

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I held an event

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Yes, i attended one

10/2/2025

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Went to the Laporte Festival

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I have organized, attended and participated in Special Events.

10/2/2025

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Helped organize and apply for Special Events Permits. I have also attended those events and participated in.

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The Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at Colorado State University hosted our ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium concrete canoe races at Horsetooth Reservoir.

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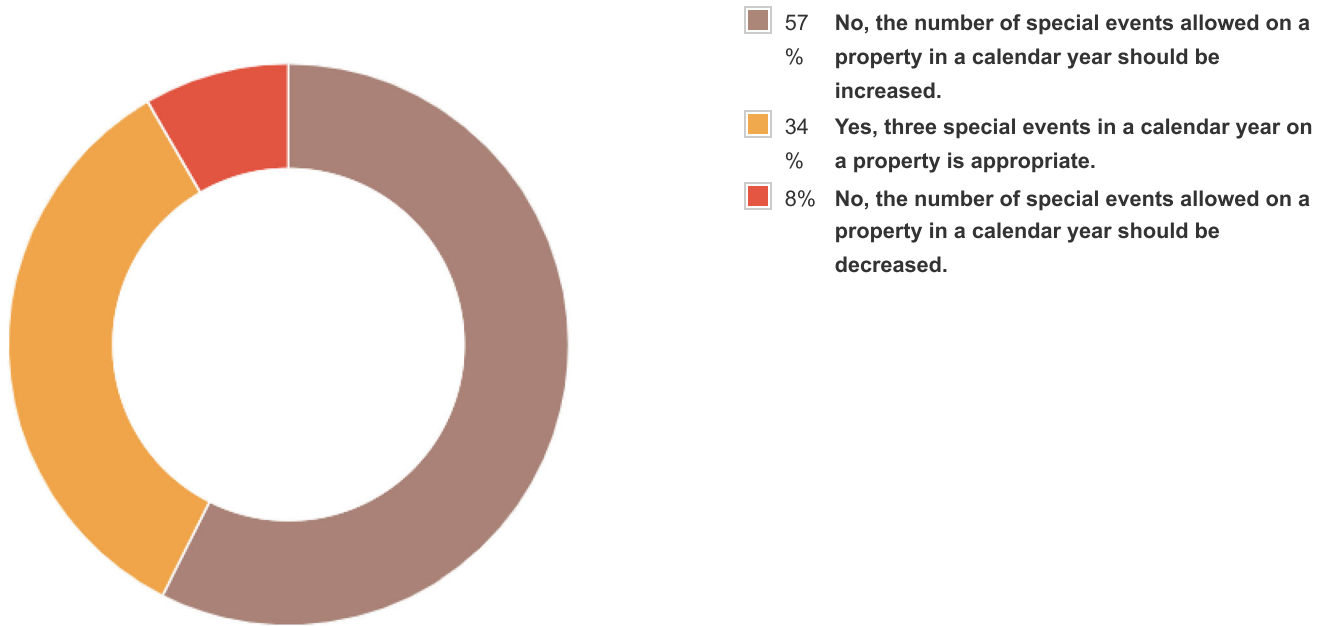
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Jamaland 2025 - two day small outdoor live music festival.

10/2/2025

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Currently, Larimer County allows three special events on a private property per calendar year. Is this an appropriate number?



155 respondents

We want to be reasonable. Honestly, though, we'd prefer fewer than three as this is our neighborhood where we live and not a business district. Still, 3 is not unreasonable st long as they are managed well

10/31/2025

at least 12

10/30/2025

In areas that have residences within short distances e.g., 1000 feet, three events is crazy. It disrupts the entire community and disrupts the peace of all neighbors

10/30/2025

Special events are a burden to neighbors, it needs to be limited. Three seems like a good limit for any given property.

10/27/2025

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10/25/2025

let people throw events why are you restricting merriment without complaints

10/25/2025

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10/25/2025

Why is there a limit of special events per property.

10/25/2025

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10/24/2025

I think the ability to host events in the town we live in is critical to attracting new people, for an economic boost (however small) and for the enjoyment of our backyard.

10/24/2025

I think 6-9 but no more than one per month.

10/24/2025

4-5

10/24/2025

6

10/24/2025

As many as needed.

10/24/2025

As many as requested

10/24/2025

15

10/24/2025

More

10/24/2025

As many as needed

10/24/2025

Three events sounds fine with no other context. Reading Article 7 of the LUC, it appears like the intent of a Special Event Permit is for specific events that wouldn't occur annually. Because of this, I could see each special event requiring a permit. If the applicant wants to have more routine events they should go through other Planning and Engineering processes. It would be interesting to look at historic permits and see how many events per year an average special event applicant had.

10/23/2025

As many as the landowner wants and wants to pay for and clean up. In our case, 8/month for six months

10/23/2025

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This is absurd- if it is private property- and all legal conditions are met, who are you to say how many. If we pay our taxes (and in our case, grossly overblown commercial taxes), you should have no say in the number

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I think this should be determined by the location of the property, type of event, and number of people

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3 is adequate before requiring a Special Review or other land use application

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No strong opinion on this number. Would like to know more about why 3 was selected.

10/22/2025

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It is site specific, and should be reviewed based on housing density, type of event, etc.

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6, however, properties that have specified uses for events, ie, YMCA, CYO, Wedding Venues, should be allowed to apply for an exemption or amended use plan

10/21/2025

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One event per month if the land owner is requesting and paying for the permit, if the event/parking is fully contained on their property or is accounted for in a parking/event plan.

The City of Longmont allows 15 special event permits per year. Weld county allows five and no more than one per month.

10/21/2025

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This number should have adjustability based on the size/type of property, type of events, etc.

10/21/2025

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The appropriate number would depend on the venue. Business, event center, STR, public park, etc.

10/20/2025

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Personally, I think 3 special events is appropriate.

Note: If the the amount of events change to a higher number, how a property might be assessed at a different rate, residential or commercial.

10/20/2025

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I think the number can vary a lot based on the type of event and the property. A 1/4 acre lot in town should not have one event that is 1000 people hard rock concert. While a 1000 acre property out of town maybe could have 20,000 people at a event. A one size fits all approach can not work.

10/19/2025

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It depends on the property, how large the property, how isolated the property, how large the event, whether the property is intended for events, how the effects of the event extend beyond the property itself.

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Why is there a limit on who can use the space in a calendar year

10/16/2025

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Private property is private property. Without noise violations, destruction of public property or disorderly conduct the county should not be concerned

10/16/2025

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10/14/2025

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Special Events bring community together. We need more of that.

10/13/2025

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10/13/2025

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what the list for ?? free country

10/13/2025

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Unclear why there should be limits on private property

10/13/2025

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If it is a commercial business on private property - why does this need to be restricted. Why inhibit being able to generate revenue.

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None

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Monthly or every other month stop with govt control

10/13/2025

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6-12

10/13/2025

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Their land they should be able to host what they want

10/13/2025

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12--one per month seems reasonable. There could be a restriction on how often events can occur so it's not 12 events in a row.

10/12/2025

It depends on event

10/12/2025

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10/12/2025

3

10/12/2025

I don't have any number in mind, however 3 events a year is crazy low.

10/12/2025

Three should be the maximum.

10/12/2025

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10/12/2025

depends on the property and the type of special event.

10/11/2025

Depends on the event and the impact to surrounding people and properties. Minimal impact would suggest more events possible, major impact would suggest fewer events

10/11/2025

Should be up to the property owner

10/11/2025

Somebody having an auction or a farm sale should not have it treated as a special event. A farm sale is a work related event and not a recreational event. If someone is having to get a permit for a farm auction, this is criminal/irresponsible.

10/11/2025

Without more information, I don't know what problem you are trying to solve. Why is there a limit? Who enforces this limit? I was unaware there was a limit.

10/11/2025

Maybe 5

10/11/2025

As many as someone wants

10/11/2025

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10/11/2025

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If it's private property in unincorporated Larimer county then it should not be regulated.

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If someone wants to host special events, it should be zoned commercial or ( commercial outlying ) with public input on the zoning change.

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If more is needed, each individual petitioner should work with the county for an exemption or extension

10/10/2025

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Private Property, as stated in the question is private and should not be subject to government control

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The County should have little to no say or control over how many special events occur on private property. This rule is gross government overreach and has already cost & lost both our business and town significant money.

10/10/2025

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10, more mtn bike races too ;)

10/10/2025

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I imagine there could be a couple more.

10/10/2025

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It depends on the property, the type of event, etc.

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More c clarity is needed

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3 feels good

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If it is on private property, I don't feel the need for any limit as long as it doesn't impact traffic.

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I really have no comment

10/9/2025

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I don't believe the county should be able to impose a limit for what owners of a private property can do on their own land.

10/9/2025

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3 is fine, without disturbing the neighborhood regularly.

10/8/2025

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10/8/2025

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I think 2 is plenty or even one if it is a large event due to the volume of people in the area.

10/7/2025

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Depends on the event location. Some locations could support an event several times per week, others once a month

10/6/2025

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12/ one per month

10/6/2025

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10/6/2025

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3 or 4 is good

10/4/2025

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I'd say this is appropriate as long as it's not residential. If there are close residential neighbors and there will be noise, particularly at night, any events are too much.

10/3/2025

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The number of events on Private property, such as personal homes, should not have a limit - permits should only be denied if the number of events in a weekend stretches response resources, not an arbitrary number.

10/3/2025

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With appropriate guidelines and structure in place it seems like a responsible organizer could hold more.

10/3/2025

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5 maybe

10/3/2025

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Unlimited

10/3/2025

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something for all

10/3/2025

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Sounds right.

10/3/2025

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One. If over 40, especially outdoors, that's disruptive to the neighborhood...especially if every neighbor utilized this up to 3x.

10/3/2025

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I prefer another response that indicates that I don't know. I am not a private property owner impacted nor is my special event impacted.

10/3/2025

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10/2/2025

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n/a

10/2/2025

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2

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3 is a lot for the Horsetooth area, however not for all areas within Larimer County

10/2/2025

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10/2/2025

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It is not clear to me why 3 events were chosen. You need to provide more explanation and justification why you selected 3. If a property owner desires to host 5 events, and adheres to the LC guidelines and policies, why is that an issue?

10/2/2025

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10/2/2025

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Once per month if under 75 people and ending before 7 pm

10/2/2025

I think 2-3 events are an appropriate number.

10/2/2025

I do not feel that it is appropriate to limit the events that a property can have as long as the permits are acquired appropriately.

10/2/2025

At least 10. Not sure why the local government is limiting the amount of times I can gather with family and friends on my own private property. Seems like an overstep to me.

10/2/2025

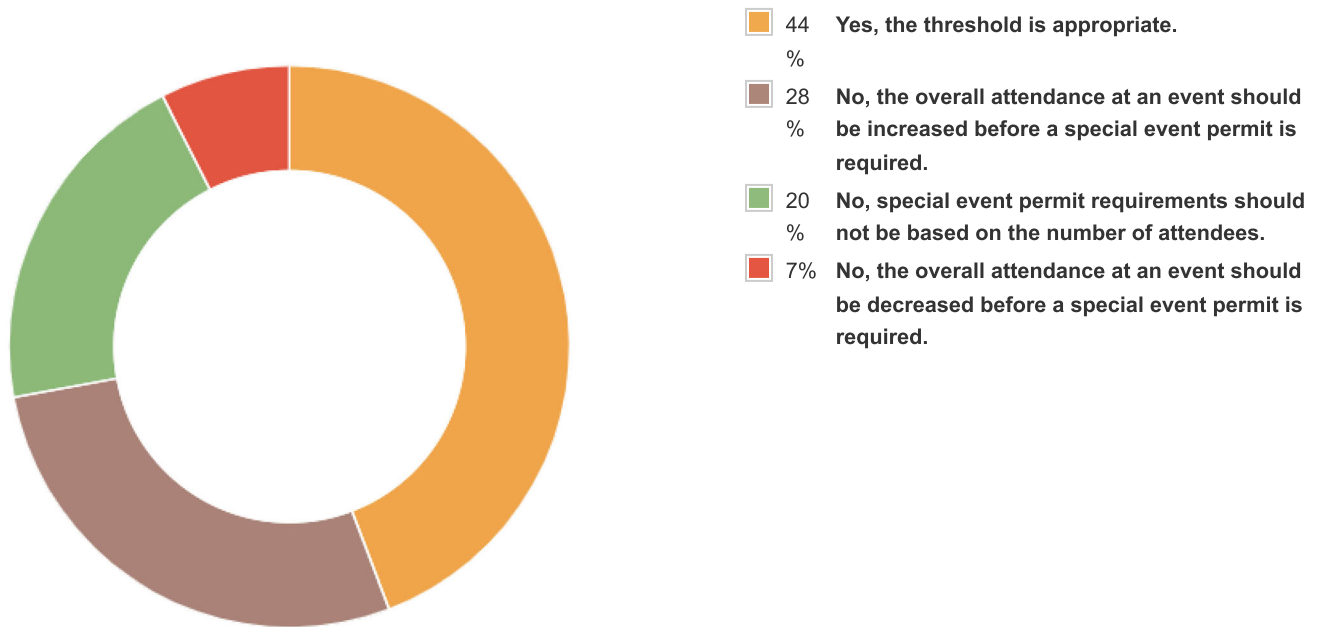
It all depends on the property and how it is utilized.

10/2/2025

Yes, allowing more than three events on a property creates the opportunity for some property owners to take advantage of uses that may not be approved should they go through the proper approval process. This also limits the disruption to those on the neighboring area.

10/1/2025

Currently, a special event permit is required for an event that will have a total overall attendance exceeding 40 people. Is this an appropriate number?



147 respondents

I think 30 is more appropriate.

10/31/2025

100

10/30/2025

25 would be more appropriate. "Exceeding 40" would typically bring approximately 20 cars. In areas with homes nearly, 25 cars parking around other homes, is majorly disruptive

10/30/2025

60

10/27/2025

125

10/25/2025

100

10/25/2025

50

10/24/2025

That seems to be a reasonable number.

10/24/2025

at least 50

10/24/2025

100

10/24/2025

Forty people seems very low to require a Special Events Permit given the requirements in Article 7. Accidently exceeding 40 people seems relatively easy for events such as family reunions or birthday parties. Have there been any code compliance cases for events that didn't obtain permits? If so, how many participants did those events have?

10/23/2025

200

10/23/2025

40 is appropriate but supportive of less

10/22/2025

Again, no strong opinion on this, but would like a refresher on where this number came from.

10/22/2025

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Again, I think specific to the site depending on parking and capacity but I would say 100.

10/22/2025

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The threshold seems low. Maybe it should be closer to 100. Parking ratios for events in municipalities are often 2.5 occupants to 1 car. Often times families with 2 to 5 children far exceed this already for family gatherings. People, especially those who own larger properties and have space to accommodate large family, gatherings, friends, holidays; should be able to host without, inadvertently, breaking the law or having to get a permit just for a simple family dinner or holiday.

The problem is what comes with a special events, permit costs, requirements for sanitation, fire, security, access, event plan, etc...

Municipalities continue to add requirements serve and protect, but at some point, we're splitting hairs and it will never stop.

10/21/2025

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The permit requirement should allow for adjustability based on many other factors involved. Type of event, type and size of property, location, etc.

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The number should be based on the venue. Event venues could have a higher number of attendees before triggering a permit request.

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An appropriate number of attendees should be based on what type of special event is planned, the resources needed and the impact to other owners in the neighborhood. Resources such as transportation, water, sewer, noise, time of the event, etc.

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A set number for all types and locations of events just does not appear it would work

10/19/2025

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Like the previous question, it depends on the event, the property and whether the impact will be felt beyond the property boundaries.

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Fire safety is the main consideration. Available parking, square footage and emergency exits should be relevant to party size

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We need more community together now, more than ever. If the event is positive and brings people together, yes!!

10/13/2025

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100

10/13/2025

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If it is a commercial business on private property - why does this need to be restricted. Why inhibit being able to generate revenue.

10/13/2025

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10/13/2025

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Base on space and parking

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10/12/2025

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Depends on the facility. How can one rule fit all situations?

10/12/2025

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40

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Yes, the threshold is appropriate.

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attendance should be coupled with other factors (e.g. noise, traffic impact, etc.

10/11/2025

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40 is appropriate . But again a farm auction should not fall into a permit category. There was a farm that was going to have an auction, but because knuckleheads bothered them about an event permit they didn't. How did this stupidity come about?

10/11/2025

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100

10/11/2025

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It should depend on the purpose of the meeting.

10/11/2025

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maybe 50

10/11/2025

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Ita not your business

10/11/2025

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Other criteria such as impact on environment, impact on neighbors, availability of supporting services, security, traffic, and other factors should determine the attendance number. A threshold less than 40 could be warranted in some circumstances.

10/11/2025

The number should be based on how many cars can fit on the property without parking on the side of public roads.

10/10/2025

100 people is appropriate. The county population has grown & it is more reflective of an appropriate ceiling number.

10/10/2025

Private Property, as stated in the question is private and should not be subject to government control

10/10/2025

The County should have little to no say or control over how many special events occur on private property. This rule is gross government overreach and has already cost & lost both our business and town significant money.

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15-20 people seems to be a more appropriate threshold.

10/10/2025

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10/10/2025

As a public servant involved in land use policy and planning, I appreciate your desire to have a particular threshold. However, the impacts you would be regulating to avoid, depend on the type of event more than the number of people attending. For example, is there a band, is the event during the day or at night, is there alcohol involved, etc.

10/10/2025

20

10/10/2025

25

10/10/2025

100

10/10/2025

Depends on the neighborhood, esp. regarding parking.

10/8/2025

50

10/8/2025

The appropriate number should be based on event description. I can only relate to our Kayak tournaments. Special permits and size structure should be based on the impact of Larimer County staff and a service you provide. We as kayakers do not impact the staff nearly as much as let's say a bicycle race that needs roads closed and emergency staff.

The last event we held there required almost 18 pages of paperwork and close to a \$400 Permit fee. We as kayakers put no burden on the staff and lots of us don't even require AIS inspections. Please make your requirements less stringent for small events that don't have a major impact on staff.

10/7/2025

Case by case basis

10/7/2025

100

10/6/2025

based on 75 or more

10/6/2025

150

10/6/2025

25-30

10/4/2025

Should depend on how people are getting there. 40 people is likely 20 cars to park. Parking becomes the annoying factor

10/4/2025

It would depend on the size of the venue, and how disruptive to the surrounding community the event would be.

10/3/2025

sounds great

10/3/2025

That allows for family gatherings.

10/3/2025

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10/3/2025

10/3/2025

A special event permit should be based on several factors with attendance being one of the factors. If attendance is the sole criteria, a more appropriate number would be 100.

10/2/2025

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I agree with the number 40.

10/2/2025

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over 200 people

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Again, not sure why 40 people were selected. I would think parking and access would be the limiting factor. How did you select 40 people?

10/2/2025

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I understand why there needs to be a number cap for liability, parking, and infrastructure, etc., but 40 people is an absurdly low number. I think the number should be at least 200. Especially considering the lack of staff, capacity, and infrastructure for the county to monitor, manage, and approve the amount of permits needed for every gathering, party, reunion, community event, etc. which occurs in the county of over 40 people! Some families/extended families have well over 40 people - so they have to get a permit from the county every time they want to gather, commune, share moments and memories together? That's a vast overstep by the county in my opinion. If we want to create a healthy and vibrant community, then we need to incentivize people to gather with one another, not create barriers. Especially in this day and age where we've become so isolated.

10/2/2025

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Not everyone knows the amount of folks that will be participating in the special event.

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My immediate family doubles that before friends...permit required for a backyard birthday party?

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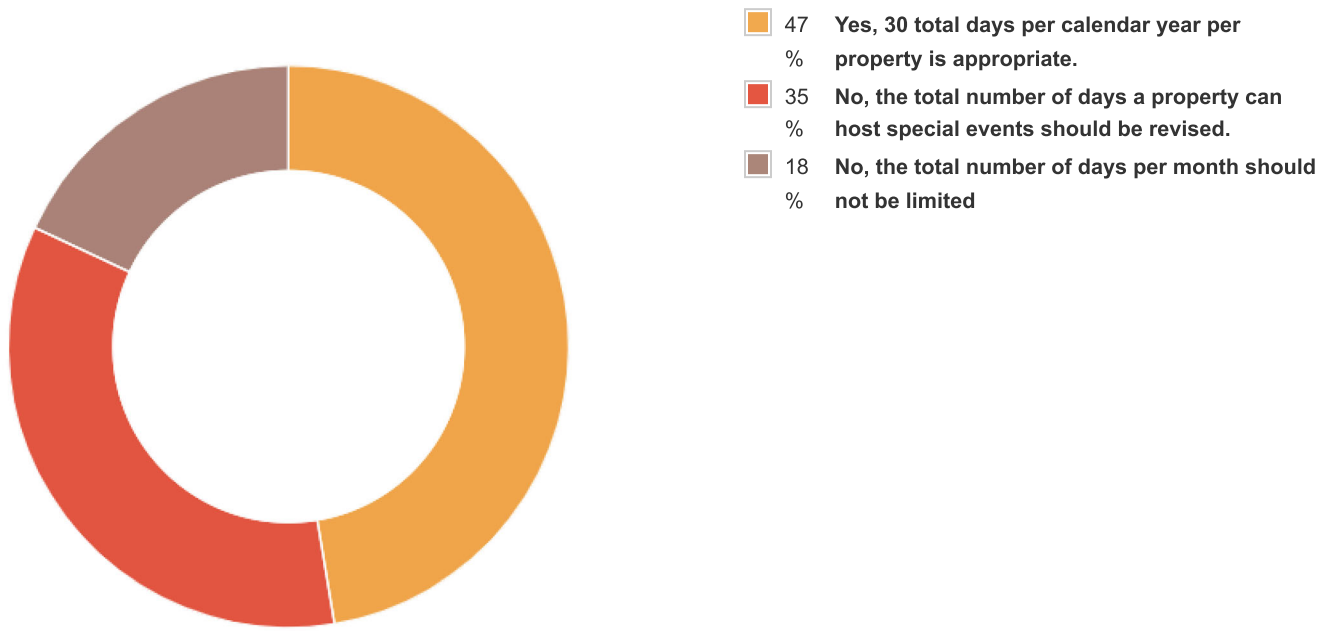
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This number is used for all events, but there should be a different criteria used for different events. Size shouldn't be the only piece of criteria used to determine if a special event permit is required. Type of event, size, location and impact should also be considered.

10/1/2025

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Events may occur over multiple days. Current regulations limit the cumulative number of days special events can be held on a property to 30 days in a calendar year. Is this an appropriate number?



133 respondents

I would feel differently if these events on private property were business districts versus peoples neighborhoods. Multiple days for events with a group of people in neighborhoods is a long time

10/31/2025

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10/30/2025

The most disruptive events are during the warm months (May-October). I suggest one per quarter. Having ONE event each month i.e., "three" through special events, and an additional, "four-five" through 'family events' is currently happening and is unacceptable. This type of reduction, and MORE, is necessary because 'family' is often broadly defined allowing UNSCRUPULOUS individuals to use poorly defined 'family' definitions to get around county regulations. This is and has already occurring allowing individuals to operate semi-commercial, but unlicensed, "event centers" in residential areas.

10/30/2025

30 seems like an awful long time, especially if you live nearby. I would suggest a limit of 10 days total.

10/27/2025

90

10/25/2025

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I'd need more information to understand why it might not be enough. It feels high but it's likely created that way for a specific type of event - running races throughout the summer perhaps

10/24/2025

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The total number of days should be reduced. Currently, with 3 allowed events per year each event could last up to 10 days. This seems way too long given the requirements in Article 7. What's the average length of historic special events? I would propose a limit of somewhere between 7-10 days a year.

10/23/2025

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As many as needed, it is private property

10/23/2025

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30 days under a single event permit over a year allows up to 90 days a year for a property to operate with temporary and sometimes inadequate services that create nuisance conditions. This could equal almost 2 days of event every weekend causing disturbances to neighbors. Properties utilizing the 30 cumulative days/year would be circumventing a land use planning process and adequate supporting infrastructure for access, safety, and environmental protections. A more reasonable number would be 14 cumulative days allowed per 30 day period (14 days in a month). This reduces impacts on neighbors and the environment while also supporting legacy events reviewed by Larimer County.

10/22/2025

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The 30 cumulative days for each event, which could total 90 days across 3 separate events, may be too generous to bypass the formal land use planning process. I propose limiting any single event to 14 cumulative days in a 30-day period, a duration that should sufficiently accommodate the majority of events we've reviewed.

10/22/2025

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I recommend the County consider adding language to the Land Use Code that allows discretion to require a proposed Special Event to undergo a Special Use Permit review if certain conditions are met. These conditions may include repeated failure to adequately provide for essential health, safety, and infrastructure needs, such as sanitation, potable water, emergency medical services, fire access, traffic control, and waste management, or a documented history of non-compliance or public safety concerns.

This provision would help address events that technically qualify as Special Events under current thresholds but, in practice, impose ongoing or intensified impacts on the surrounding community and services. Requiring a more robust land use review in such cases would ensure appropriate mitigation measures are in place and that events relying on temporary infrastructure do not exceed the capacity of those systems or strain emergency resources. With this in mind, maybe reducing each special event permit to a 14 cumulative days allowed within a 30-day period to also reduce prolonged impact to residents, resources, etc. as noted above. The current 30-days per 3 special events could allow up to 90-days for a property to host events in a year, which can impact the area.

10/22/2025

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As long as all agency recommendations and requirements are considered/met, this number seems appropriate. Would like to know the origin of this number.

10/22/2025

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3 days on private property, with possible exceptions

10/21/2025

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I believe this is pretty accurate and close to what it should be. I only said no because I believe it should be three days per permit per special event and there should be 12 per year, only one per month. So really it should be 36 days per year out of 365 that's only a bit less than 10% of the year or 10% use of ones property for a special events.

10/21/2025

The question is about a calendar year and one of the answers is about days per month. There needs to be more flexibility.

10/21/2025

Again, the location and type of event should really determine this. 40 people doing a silent meditation for a year would not bother anyone....while 10 minutes of hard rock music in a residential area could lead to many complaints.

10/19/2025

Not sure, but believe it should be less than 30

10/19/2025

Again, it depends on teh property, the event, etc, as noted in the previous two question responses.

10/17/2025

Number of events and event duration should be property owners discretion

10/16/2025

1

10/14/2025

15

10/13/2025

36, 3 per month.

10/13/2025

If it is a commercial business on private property - why does this need to be restricted. Why inhibit being able to generate revenue.

10/13/2025

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10/13/2025

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10/12/2025

Not sure

10/12/2025

These events should be revised to not exceed 7 days total.

10/12/2025

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I would revise to a lesser amount.

10/12/2025

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again, noise, traffic, other impacts should be considered, not just number of days

10/11/2025

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Up to the property owner

10/11/2025

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Once a year would be appropriate. People that live in those areas don't like the disturbances.

10/11/2025

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That becomes a business venture. 5 days sounds good

10/11/2025

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Again, what is the purpose of the special event permit? Who is contacted to obtain the permit? How long does it take to get a permit? What criteria is used for approval of the event?

10/11/2025

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10/11/2025

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somewhat less than 30

10/11/2025

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somewhat less than 30 seems appropriate

10/11/2025

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30 days is too long. Maybe 20 or a limit of 10 days per event, with a limit of 2 events per year.

10/11/2025

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30 days a year is a business, not a "special event".

10/10/2025

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10/10/2025

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Private Property, as stated in the question is private and should not be subject to government control

10/10/2025

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Lessen it, what events are 30 days??

10/10/2025

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So if an event last more than 30 days - is it really a "special event" or something else. It seems more like a commercial use permit would be more appropriate than a special event permit.

10/10/2025

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10/10/2025

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I don't actually understand this

10/10/2025

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Much less than 30 days.

10/7/2025

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Depends on the event and location

10/6/2025

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should be based on fees and capacity

10/6/2025

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10/6/2025

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With 4 events per year, and 4 day per event, 16-20 would work. It is a special event, not a routine event

10/4/2025

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That feels like a lot.

10/3/2025

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I would suggest 10 days total across 2 events - the events I have attended were 1 day events so I'm struggling to think of what type of event would need to be 30 days (if just 1); 15 days (if 2) or 10 days long (if the max stays at 3). In most rural areas of the county, we maintain infrastructure at a level that matches lower use and people moved to these areas for tranquility and privacy, so large events that happen several times through the year for multiple days seems excessive.

10/3/2025

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sounds great

10/3/2025

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We don't need another Woodstock.

10/3/2025

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If you're talking neighborhood private special events (like the ones my neighbors have done with or without a permit) one day should be the limit.

10/3/2025

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Our business runs from the end of Sept thru Halloween, a little over 30 days, however, we can lose critical days (weekends) if the weather does not coporate. So, business like pumpkins should be at least 60 days.

10/2/2025

30 days per year is 10 days per event using the current allowable number of events per year. That seems high. I think the number should be based on where an event is being held. If in a neighborhood, max days per event =3. If in, or around an open space where noise and traffic are not an issue for those living in the area, max days per event = 5

10/2/2025

30 days seems reasonable.

10/2/2025

You cannot have all events scheduled in advance such as a Celebration of Life or fundraiser for something that comes up and family and friends need to have an event to raise funds.

10/2/2025

Thirty calendar days seems like a very generous time frame.

10/2/2025

If organizations are adhering to regulations, why would it be limited?

10/2/2025

What potential impacts from special events are you most concerned with?

67%	Traffic	85 ✓
58%	Noise	73 ✓
56%	Public Safety	70 ✓
46%	Environmental Effects	58 ✓
10%	Other	13 ✓

126 Respondents

The impact to residential areas is ENORMOUS. Larimer county's legal framework is well behind actions of unscrupulous individuals who advertise special events on social media, push the numbers of attendees, and define the event as 'family-related'. One SIMPLE way to address this is have a regulation inhibiting more than 2 or 3 events (over 25 individuals) of ANY location that is within 1000 ft of another residence.

10/30/2025

only if there are complaints from nearby neighbors and events exceed once a month

10/25/2025

Our work focuses on environmental effects.

10/23/2025

As a neighbor to events, disturbances could include excess unorganized traffic (day and night; possibly slightly intoxicated drivers if event included alcohol); lack of security/police/sheriff presence in teh occurrence of manmade events (shootings, bomb threats, vechilces driving into crowds, etc); fire danger; noise from music/equipment; odors; tresspassing; lack of adequate emergnecy plans; poor sanitation.

10/22/2025

### Poll Questions 'Other' Responses:

Not concerned

10/25/2025

There have been voiced concerns from community, including email complaints, for certain events that describe concerns with public safety on roads (bike events, lack of aid stations, signage, etc.). Other impacts that I am most concerned with noise impacts to surrounding areas, and environmental concerns like adequate sanitation considerations and plans, air quality, etc.

10/22/2025

Re: environment

Litter, pollution, trespass and damage on neighboring properties

10/21/2025

I only selected noise because the current requirements to have a larger special event already require thought, in consideration for traffic, police, security, environmental impacts, public safety, etc. I believe the noise is also covered by current event and land use codes, such as a noise curfew.

10/21/2025

if the event is held on private property that is commercial - it may have guidelines to address these potential impacts but they should be realistic for the business community.

10/13/2025

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Loud music really travels!

10/13/2025

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Many parts of Larimer County are beautiful because of the solitude and quiet. I think noise ordinances are more important than the number of events. We should also be informed on how events/noise/etc. can impact wildlife. CLEAN UP CREWS should be required with some means of fining parties who litter--I live on the bike trail and am astounded at how much trash ends up in my front yard after every race!

10/12/2025

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My ONLY concern is Traffic, I'm not concerned with Environmental Effects or public safety at a controlled event.

10/12/2025

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It would depend on the location.

10/12/2025

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cumulative impact of various factors needs to be considered

10/11/2025

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Many of the driving individuals have been publicly educated, therefore they are not going to be able to read a speed limit sign or follow regulations. They are a danger on the roads.

10/11/2025

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Too much traffic impedes first responders and destroys dirt roads, people are crazy, the dry mountain environment is fragile

10/11/2025

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Traffic and noise are the top 2. In my experience environmental impact is more important than Public Safety.

10/11/2025

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Leave people alone

10/10/2025

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Keeping government out of private affairs.

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Crowding on public trails (e.g. bike trails) that make other users feel unwelcome to share the trail.

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None, for short events

10/10/2025

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I'd also worry about interference with any Larimer Cty or City of Fort Collins natural areas evening educational programs

10/10/2025

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Light pollution at night

10/10/2025

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Access to parks where we hold passes

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We are equally concerned with all

10/9/2025

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Sanitation (bathroom facilities)

10/8/2025

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Please keep residential areas residential. Special events should be limited (or not allowed at all) in residential neighborhoods. The rights of the people who live in the surrounding neighborhood should outweigh the rights of those who want to hold special events in a residential setting.

10/7/2025

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Depends on event and location

10/6/2025

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No comment seriously irritating survey

10/3/2025

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mainly traffic

10/3/2025

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Depending on the event, it could draw undesirables.

10/3/2025

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I've already experienced an attempted B&E. I'd like to keep my neighborhood quiet.

10/3/2025

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Our business is located on Timberline road. the speed limit on the road is 50mph, which is probably not bad, but 50 to most people means 65+. the speeders on this road are magnificent. So, when we run our business, we count on the good sense of 98% of the drivers to scale back, which they do as most are fans and are aware of our seasonal business. However, there are the dangerous, I mean dangerous 2% that don't care. Lowering the speed limit our here to 40mph, certainly tick the needle towards safe.

10/2/2025

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Noise and Traffic are the big ones. Especially in neighborhoods

10/2/2025

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Flooding concerns

10/2/2025

Special events come with some occasional inconveniences for some folks, but its well worth the cost because to build a healthy community, we need to gather and organizers should be praised for their work, not given overwhelming barriers and red tape.

10/2/2025

What factors should influence whether a special event permit should be required?

Number of Attendees	17%	11%	11%	17%	43%
	1	2	3	4	5
Type of Event	22%	9%	16%	20%	33%
	1	2	3	4	5
Length of Event	13%	10%	20%	24%	33%
	1	2	3	4	5
Type of property (For example, Residential, Commercial, etc.)	11%	4%	23%	22%	40%
	1	2	3	4	5
Property Size	12%	16%	22%	19%	31%
	1	2	3	4	5
Location of the property	12%	9%	23%	16%	40%
	1	2	3	4	5
Other (please explain below)	47%	3%	22%	6%	22%
	1	2	3	4	5

129 responses

All of these must be factored in. I don't want my feeling that all of these must be prioritized when considering a permit to diminish the impact of each factor. Some will stand out more than others for each case, but that's why they all must be considered in each case

10/31/2025

Number of events within the past 3-6 months.

10/30/2025

day of week

10/27/2025

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Location, respect to residents, duration and scope / number of attendees are all critical to take into consideration.

10/24/2025

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All of these items should influence whether a special event permit should be required. Reviews by applicable agencies should be conducted for events to ensure adequate plans exist for public safety, environmental impacts, etc. Some events may not be compatible with proposed locations due to proximity to surrounding properties, access for emergency services, traffic, etc. For example, some legacy fishing events that are "notification only" do not require a permit, and these typically have low impact to areas (low attendance, existing sanitation facilities, no food service). However, if these events or really any events become higher risk (like public food service, one lane traffic near event location with limited emergency access, etc.) these should be considered for a permit as there are larger potential impacts and risks.

10/22/2025

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All of these factors are important when evaluating the need for a permit and how the use will impact the land, environment, community/neighborhood, roads, etc.

10/22/2025

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This is a very tough topic and hard to navigate. It requires a complex solution or a very basic no rules cowboy style solution. I believe that everyone agrees there needs to be some sort of regulations or rules or limitation so that we are all on the same page and when people buy properties they need to know what to expect, not just any given moment the county can change the rules. These need to be set, consistent, simple, and there need to be a level of predictability, reliability, and accountability. People need to know what they are signing up for if they move here.

There are people in Larimer that own a quarter acre or 1000+ acres and may have 40-50 or 100+ people for a graduation party, wedding, Labor Day.

Folks made by a property here that they wanna host a family gathering or offer their property for one wedding a month or for live music and the rule should be different. If they have enough space around them to buffer the noise, provide parking, and if they are capable of writing an event plan with parking traffic and security, etc. They should be allowed to have events....

Obviously, you can't have 500 people show up to a 1 acre property with cars parked up and down the highway though. I Grew up here, I'm third generation here. A lot has changed. I would like to see a balance, more of a libertarian perspective on personal rights and land use, especially in the county as opposed to city limits... we can't ever make everybody happy, so we can't bow our knees to the few squeaky wheels or try to keep everybody safe from dumb without infringing on rights and full enjoyment of our land.

10/21/2025

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If the property is an Event space, it should be based on the length of the event and the number of attendees.

10/20/2025

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How is the special use communicated to other departments in Larimer County?

Specifically, the Assessors office which has a statutory obligation to discover, list, classify and value property appropriately ?

10/20/2025

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Proximity to neighbors on private property or business should be considered (ingress/egress, noise, day & night--some people work nights & sleep days, children present, noise and traffic can just be obnoxious).

10/19/2025

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Commercial fine anything goes. Private none or 1 a year

10/14/2025

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I support events being held on privately owned commercial property.

10/13/2025

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Amplified sound should not be permitted. Traffic considerations as well as parking control vital. No parking on grass fields. All activity should cease at sunset.

10/13/2025

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Let people manage their life

10/13/2025

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Property access, type of neighborhood, size of property should all be considered in regards to permitting. The location matters mostly because of traffic impact and access to the property. I do think agricultural properties should be given special consideration as events can help bolster small farms' sustainability.

10/12/2025

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If it is environmental sensitive, it should not be allowed, or should be restricted. Distance from residences is critical

10/12/2025

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I'm not big on Political Events, seems it's always the Political Events where the trouble exists. I think Larimer County would be wise staying as far away from Political Events as possible.

10/12/2025

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Distinguish between recreational and living/work related activities.

10/11/2025

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IDK

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All of these are important factors.

10/11/2025

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You are overstepping by interfering with people and what they do on their private property.

10/10/2025

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When the event uses public property then a special event permit is appropriate.

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Attributes of the event such as music, loudspeakers,

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None

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Companies reputation and history of compliance

10/9/2025

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As I've stated before...small events that don't impact staff or put a burden on first responders should be less requirements.

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Depends on event

10/6/2025

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Other: Local Access to public safety resources

10/3/2025

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Neighbors to the event should be taken into consideration.

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no other comments

10/3/2025

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Keep in mind location of adjacent residential areas.

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I'm speaking of residential neighborhood since my neighbors are trying to make their home an event center.

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no other comments

10/2/2025

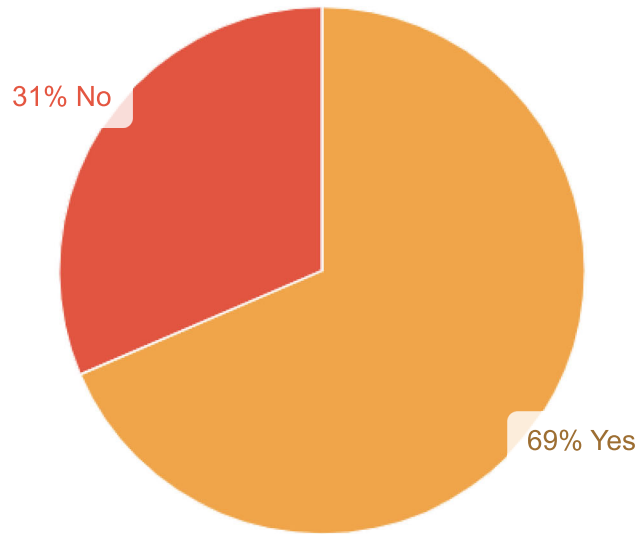
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number of attendees should not matter. I personally would not look for a place that holds up to 50 when I know that we need a place to hold 300. The person in charge of the event would have that all covered and shouldn't matter with the amount of attendees.

10/2/2025

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### Should there be a difference in the number of events allowed on commercial properties vs. residential properties?



124 respondents

#### Please explain (Optional):

Absolutely. In addition, if there is a commercial property within a residential area, then that, too, needs to be factored in

10/31/2025

Residential areas impact others who may have other commitments and needs.

10/30/2025

More should be allowed on commercial properties

10/27/2025

Some businesses are run based on events, so commercial properties should be able to host more special events if it supports their operations

10/24/2025

more on commercial should be allowed

10/24/2025

commercial properties are more set up to handle large numbers of people

10/23/2025

Except for special cases, private residence properties should be limited more strictly.

10/21/2025

Commercial properties should have the ability to host more events since they are often in a location that is more conducive for these events, and will cause less disruption to the general public

10/21/2025

Absolutely, commercial properties should have an unlimited amount of special event permits per year, so long as they meet the standards that come along with the size of their special event and the requirements. Such as event capacity of the property/space parking requirements, etc.

10/21/2025

Commercial properties are assessed at a much higher rate than residential properties. They bear a larger property tax burden which Larimer County benefits from. The zoning districts should designate the appropriate uses for those properties.

10/20/2025

Commercial properties that are designed for events should be allowed more/larger/longer events.

10/17/2025

More for commercial, less for residential

10/16/2025

More events on commercial properties.

10/13/2025

Less on residential

10/13/2025

Commercial should be allowed to have more special events if not disruptive to residential neighbors

10/12/2025

Large events need to be at commercial areas with parking for large events.

10/12/2025

Even the location within a residential area should be considered.

10/12/2025

expectation of residential property owners is that the neighborhood is used for residential use, not commercial use

10/11/2025

Commercial it would seem would be more user friendly to an event. Fire protection clogging of roads would be an issue on private property for an entertainment/recreational type event.

10/11/2025

A business like the Mishawaka, should be unrestricted.

10/11/2025

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Some commercial sites could handle more.

10/11/2025

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Events should only be held on commercial properties, with public input on each zoning change.

10/10/2025

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commercial properties should be allowed to hold unlimited number of events. It brings in revenue to the county and city.

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Different zoning already regulated this

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Commercial should be allowed more

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Some private properties are very secluded and could hold events without much impact on anything

10/9/2025

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If it's off-hours in a public commercial property, there will probably be less disruption of nearby properties.

10/8/2025

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Because commercial properties already have certain safeguards in place, I believe they should be allowed a larger number of events. Things like safety inspections, insurance coverage, parking, and zoning should be taken into consideration.

10/8/2025

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Obviously yes. Commercial properties likely aren't in the middle of a residential neighborhood, where others have their home. Special events generally don't belong in residential neighborhoods. The detriments outweigh the benefits. Commercial properties: you decide.

10/7/2025

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This is to be decided by property owner

10/6/2025

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Commercial events should have more flexibility

10/3/2025

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Commercial properties are already zoned with a certain expectation of noise, impact, traffic, etc. vs. non-commercial

10/3/2025

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Of course.

10/3/2025

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Commercial properties aren't in a neighborhood where the potential for increased crime or noise or more impactful

10/3/2025

Commercial should be allowed to have more

10/3/2025

commercial properties generally have more capacity than residential properties, parking, neighborhoods

10/2/2025

On the surface that seems obvious, commercial probably has parking, restroom facilities etc... Residential would certainly impact neighbors

10/2/2025

Commercial properties are not in residential neighborhoods so less people will be bothered by noise and traffic

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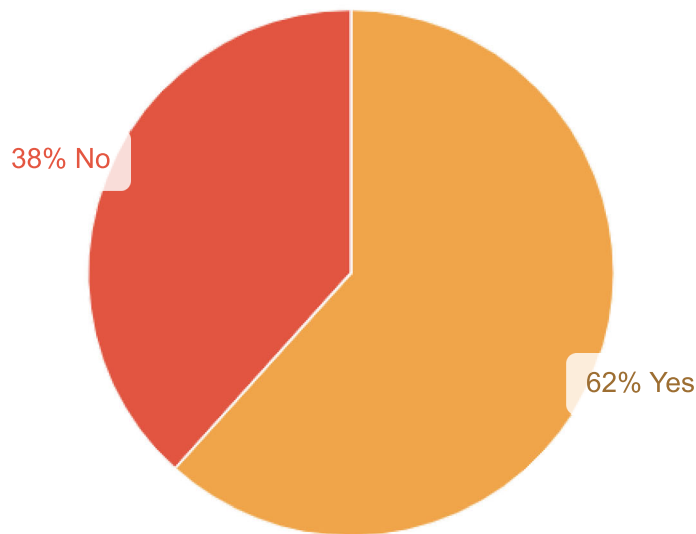
If there is a commercial property that rents out their space for special events, the number of events should be restricted by the hosting organization rather than the property.

10/2/2025

Possibly. If a business is lending their property to a non-profit as a location to hold a fundraiser, then I believe that number should be increased. If a business is using their location as a means of holding special events for other reasons, then the number should not be increased. As I stated before, allowing a property to host more events or the number of days, creates the opportunity for used that may not be approved through the normal process.

10/1/2025

Should there be specific regulations for different types of events (such as weddings, family reunions, political events, concerts/music festivals, etc.)?



120 respondents

Please explain (Optional):

Any event that is noisy, has large number of individual, traffic, safety concerns or impacts residences within 1000 feet should have a VERY HIGH bar, IF IT IS to be allowed. If any neighbor within 1000 feet objects, it must be rejected. IF NOT, the semi-commercial, advertise on social media, make money off of poor Larimer county regulations, and reducing the life & value of properties within Larimer county will GROW. We need the ability to have our regulations up to date with 2025 realities.

10/30/2025

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Less political

10/25/2025

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family oriented events shouldn't even need a permit,

10/23/2025

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For profit events should have much stricter regulations than private events. Events involving family and friends only should be controlled as to noise, parking, liquor licenses if applicable, and other concerns that impact neighbors, whereas for-profit events should be regulated similarly to businesses.

10/21/2025

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Events that generate noise, traffic, go on for longer periods, impinge on neighbors or/and burden County infrastructure should have different rules

10/17/2025

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Private gatherings fine. Public gatherings should be restricted

10/14/2025

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Family reunions and concerts are two different types of events and require different regulations.

10/13/2025

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Really need to limit noise and how late the noise goes.

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Yes--these different types of events have different impacts. Music festivals are notoriously high-impact, while weddings and family reunions rarely affect the surrounding neighborhood.

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Different events may need different regulations. Ie wedding vs concert

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It's just common sense.

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A music festival is a whole different event from a family reunion.

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Sure. Why not?

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Different events will have different impacts and other considerations.

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Political events, concerts, other types of events requiring alot of equipment should be limited in number to allow environmental recovery

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Noise

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Family reunions are very different than concerts with 100s of people

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Once again...fishing tournaments do not impact staff nearly as much as races or other big events that require road closures and first responders.

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Depends on event

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Weddings seem way less involved that music events and festivals

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I think the biggest factors (noise, location, length of days/times, number of people, environmental impact, etc) are the most important factors. A wedding could be 20 people along a riverside with a loud band until 2 am and be much more impactful than a daytime 8 hour acoustic concert for 2 hours with 40 people in a driveway.

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a wedding is much different then a festival

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A family reunion is not a loud rock concert.

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A concert is much more intrusive than a family reunion

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Again, need another option...Don't know. I don't feel I know enough about the different types of events to make a comment

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regulations should be set based on the type of event.

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Strongly agree. One size fits all is not usually the solution. Each event should be considered, talked thru with the applicant and negotiated to closure.

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Each event is unique and has different needs, and demands different requirements to assure that everyone is impacted with associated issues. For example I really DO NOT want a festival to happen in my residential neighborhood those things are for large commercial venues.

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Absolutely the application process should look different based on the type of event. A 45 person family gathering should NOT have to deal with the same rigorous application process as a 2,000 person music festival.

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I anticipate security concerns and regulations for a political event and a wedding would be different.

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family events should not be regulated

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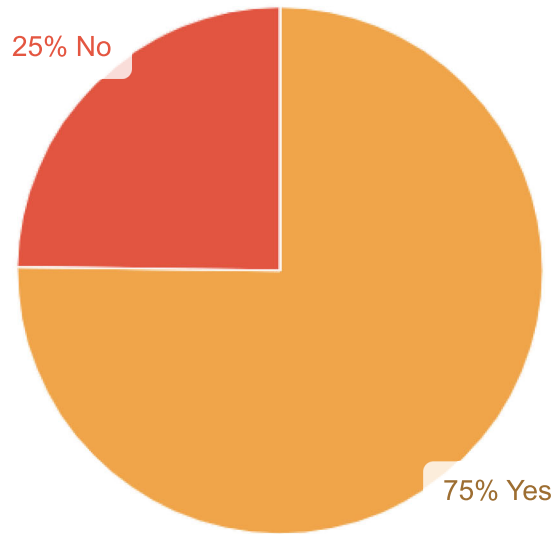
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Larimer County can't have a one size fits all. While this might be a nightmare for staff to review and organize, a different approach seems like a better way to evaluate events.

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Some events, such as music festivals and cycling events occur over multiple days. Should overnight camping be allowed with a special event?



117 respondents

Please explain (Optional):

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When people stay over multiple days, and stay 24/7, it's even more disruptive in a residential area

10/31/2025

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No camping in areas with other residents. Waking up and finding 5-10 campers in your backyard is NOT fun.

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Venue permitting

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Camping must be appropriate for the type and size of property. There must be appropriate sanitation.

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Finding nearby accommodations may be difficult, so camping should be permitted as an alternative accommodation for an event

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It depends if the landscape can support the people without causing damage

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If done in an area set up for camping

10/23/2025

Should there be specific regulations for different types of events (such as weddings, family reunions, political events, concerts/music festivals, etc.) --- Confusion on how an event "fits" within the definitions may be problematic for reviewers and which regulations could apply, such as Where does a large, ticketed family reunion end and a small, private music festival begin? An event that features live music, food vendors, and political speakers might touch on three or more regulatory categories, leading to confusion about which rules apply.

10/22/2025

1. Should there be a difference in the number of events allowed on commercial properties vs. residential properties? -No, unless the commercial property has undergone a land use review and has adequate infrastructure to support the use and has demonstrated compatibility (then they should not require an event permit); commercial properties could be surrounded by/located next to residential properties (which could already be burdened by the commercial property).
2. Should there be specific regulations for different types of events (such as weddings, family reunions, political events, concerts/music festivals, etc.)? -No...it would be too difficult to be specific for each type of event. NO matter the type of event, there will always be basics that are consistent. When we get too specific, more requests for appeals/variances will be submitted.
3. Some events, such as music festivals and cycling events occur over multiple days. Should overnight camping be allowed with a special event? Yes, if adequate infrastructure is provided. Camping on-site also keeps people in one place to cause less harm on the roads.

10/22/2025

Commercial vs residential: I don't know there should be a difference in the number events allowed for commercial vs residential properties as long as all requirements are met for both and impacts to surrounding areas are minimized. Should there be specific regulations for different types of events: not necessarily. Different events might have different requirements or needs based upon attendance, public safety risk, etc. but those should be addressed in the LUC anyways.

Should overnight camping be allowed: only if adequate sanitation and other agency requirements can be met. Adequate plans are needed to support that adequate facilities, location and accommodations are in place for camping at the event. Otherwise, camping should not be approved.

10/22/2025

Only if all regulations for a normal campground can be met, including trash, sewage, noise, parking, crowd control, etc.

10/21/2025

Absolutely! Creativity in events, land use and ecotourism are going to bring a lot of revenue and happy people to the county. The majority of people, especially their private property are going to be mindful of the land. It's absolutely different if it's on public lands, BLM, national forest etc.... But Private property, it's up to the landowner. They should absolutely be able to allow camping. It would reduce drunk/intoxicated, driving issues, traffic and more.

10/21/2025

Should overnight camping be allowed with a special event?

It should depend on if there is adequate infrastructure is in place to support that use, besides the affect on neighborhoods and the property in question. Will the land be returned to the original use?

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Only if the property has infrastructure to support this without burdening neighbors or County. NOise and light pollution would be significant considerations.

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Camping permits required and encouraged to pay for port o potty rentals and reduce open defecation and urination by all participants

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I think overnight camping should be allowed, and I think being more creative about permitting this type of use would allow homeowners the ability to support and participate in more community events--if homeowners host campers, it can create a great community feel.

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If it doesn't add disruption

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Only if suitable space and facilities. One regulation for one type of event may not work for another event

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Let them get a room at one of our lovely hotels and pay a hotel tax.

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possibly, depending on the specifics of the event and the location of the property and the impact to others

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A music festival is different from a family event. Festivals / recreational /cycling events should be the target of event permits, not family events. The medaling/intrusiveness of the county should have it's limits.

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Overnight camping should not be permitted unless there are actual campsites with designated campfire pits. This is because campfires in non-designated locations are a major wildfire risk.

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Careful rules should be in place for overnight camping. Services such as toilets and water should be provided. Limits on campfires, nighttime lighting, music, etc. should be in place. Overnight security should be in place. The number of campsites allowed could be different from the number of attendees.

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The type of event shouldn't matter, that gives too much power to the people permitting the event. If someone wants a campground on their property, they should change their zoning to commercial. Doesn't matter if it is a cycling event, a biker rally, or a homeless gathering. Everyone gets equal treatment.

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camp elsewhere in designated campgrounds or residences

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If on public property this is a fair thing to permit, on private, again, the County should not be controlling and limiting.

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can create for safety issues

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Some people travel far for these events. A convenient and safe option that lessens travel issues

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If overnight stays aren't allowed people might not be able to participate

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Whose going to clean up? Toilets, trash, ect.

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If the operator can produce plans that support such activities

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If the camping is safe and maintained on private property, it should be up to the property owner whether overnight camping is allowed, and not up to the county.

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Assuring public safety is a much bigger responsibility when overnight camping is permitted, and therefore more regulations would probably be needed.

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If there are available campsites

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Depends upon event and property

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All good

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If the facilities are available

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This really extends the impact across all factors and I think overnight use and all the elements that come with it (meals, restrooms, shower buildings, etc.) exceed an appropriate use in unincorporated LC

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depending on toilet facilities available

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Attendees should find other lodging.

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So long as it's not in a neighborhood

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Yes, it should be allowed with appropriate oversight

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Depends on the location and impact on the environment, neighbors.

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Depends on the location, if there is a footprint on the property that supports, and facilities are present, then yes.

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ONLY if there is minimum impact on the surrounding neighbors.

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In some cases, overnight camping would not be allowed if it is within the floodway.

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I have no idea why overnight camping would automatically not be allowed for a special event. If the means/infrastructure/methods are sound and reasonable, overnight camping should absolutely be allowed.

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with overnight or multiple day events you should have a special permit just for that. event permits are there to protect.

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if facilities provide

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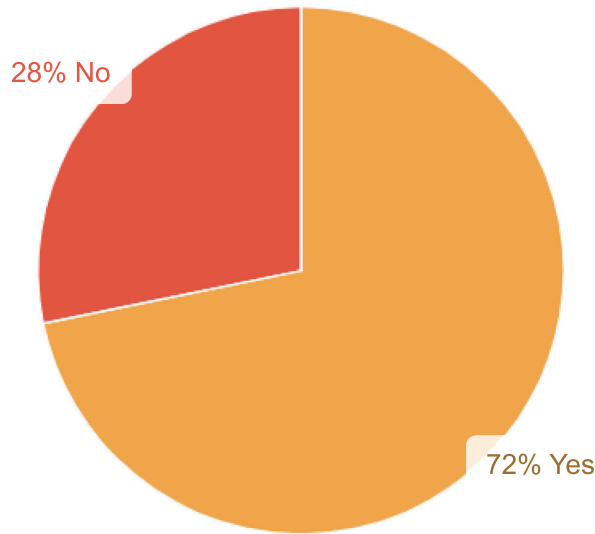
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Overnight camping should not be allowed. I don't know of any adjacent jurisdiction that allows overnight camping outside of an approved camping area. Overnight camping seems like it brings with it more problems than needed.

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### Should special event permits apply to all organizations, including private membership groups (for example, organizations like the Elks Club, American Legion, or similar)?



117 respondents

#### Please explain (Optional):

Why would we exempt some groups from needing a permit

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If it's on land they own then no

10/24/2025

Private membership groups should have to obtain a special event permit, and potentially be held to even higher standards than that of public groups. Private organizations typically have access to more resources

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This could be fee-exempt; however, the event would need to follow all applicable rules and regulations if the event is to be held other than on organization property. Do like maybe a notification.

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Yes, to ensure events hosted in areas outside of their normal meeting structures, are adequately supported for public safety (not only for attendees but surrounding community), environmental protections, etc. The event application should be fee-exempt though.

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I think it would be a good idea to have agencies review these events, but allow them to be permit-fee exempt. This would allow referral agencies to be notified of upcoming events for awareness and allow them to still review plans to ensure that adequate public safety and health considerations are in place.

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It depends, if the club owns a property that is designated as a "hall" then, no. However, if they are hosting an event, it doesn't matter who it is, they should have a permit. Also, another reason why to have the attendance numbers higher. I've been at Boy Scout events, 4-H and other loose gatherings that were in higher attendance numbers and I know they didn't get a special Events permit, so even the Scouts were "breaking the law" totally inadvertently and unknowingly, but it's easy to do when the threshold is so low.

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I do not have much knowledge of these types of events so not real sure if they should be treated different or not

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They can do what the want in their business

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Should not apply to private groups as long as the event is in their commercial space with evening noise contained in their property.

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One of the benefits of a membership-based club is the ability to set codes of conduct. Private clubs should have more consideration for events in my opinion.

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Everyone should be treated the same or equal.

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A non-profit, such as MacGregor Ranch, has a very specific mission. For example, they have no business hosting a wedding as they are to promote historic ranching and youth education while running a cattle ranch. So why would they be hosting bicycle races, weddings, or recreational vehicle rallies?

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no group/person should be exempted, everyone should be treated equally

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Give some deep thought that event permits can be run into the ground and should have limitations.

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Does a permit help? In what way?

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Private organizations need to follow the same rules. There is nothing special about them such that their should be exempted.

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This is a leading question. Nothing stop anyone from forming a private membership group. Your examples are wholesome, but what if Death Metal Fans for Satanism want to form a private membership group? No exceptions for private groups.

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This question is wild, the County attempting to limit something like an Elks Club or Legion to 3 events a year is so over the top.

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If events are held on private property with permission from the property owner, and especially if they are not open to the public, special event permits should NOT be required or regulated by the County.

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It's all about the impact on staff. If an event does not cause Larimer County or staff to be on call or go above and beyond daily activities then lessen the requirements, paperwork and astronomical fees.

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Yes

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non=profits should get a discount

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These are good organizations.

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If they really are for the public safety, the rules should apply to all

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If they have a special event for their members in their property, unless it's overly disruptive to the surrounding community.

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Why would a private membership group be treated disproportionately to the general public

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should be consistent to anyone wanting to hold one

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I don't know why not?

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Fairness

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Yes

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Still involves people, safety issues, neighborhood and environmental impacts.

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Again, depends on the organization and the event. I'm not a fan of trying to create a one size fits all process.

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same rules for everyone

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Not sure why private membership groups should be the exception. Doesn't seem fair at all.

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If groups have their own event center/property etc then no permit should be required

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ABSOLUTELY! Why would these types of organizations be exempt? Their events need to be reviewed and monitored just like any other event to ensure the safety of those attending and those living in the area. I know of one such organization in the Laporte area that has events which allows parking on 287. Very dangerous. Members only means members only. If members of the public are allowed in, then they need to follow the rules and regulations the same as everyone else.

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Do you have any other feedback or questions regarding special events you would like to add?

I really appreciate you giving residents this opportunity to give feedback. I understand times change, and with that, people want to use their property for things they didn't in the past. Still, I feel strongly that regulations need to be in place to maintain the integrity of residential areas. That's the heart of community

10/31/2025

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Specific code changes (Provided by Larimer County MS4 Team)

Include within 7.7 Performance Standards

- The applicant must prepare and implement a pollution prevention and spill response plan to identify potential pollutant sources and describe spill response procedures. The plan must include a site map with pollutant sources and spill response kit locations, which shall be readily accessible. Event staff must be trained to use the spill response kit, and it must include appropriate directions and equipment for the types and quantities of potential pollutants.
- The applicant must ensure that event activities do not result in erosion, sediment tracking, or discharge of pollutants to neighboring properties, rights-of-way, and drainageways. Events involving soil disturbance must implement temporary erosion control measures until the disturbed area is restored, or as deemed appropriate by the County Engineering Department.

Add to 7.7.6 Parking items

- Event parking or traffic areas located on unpaved surfaces must be managed to minimize loss of vegetative cover and sediment tracking.

How does the 30 day period after the event in 7.7.15 work when 7.9 requires the site to return to it's previous condition within 48 hours after the event? Restoration work generally costs \$10-20k per acre, not \$500, and could take up to 3 years.

Add to 7.9 Site Clean Up and Restoration

- If ground disturbance is unable to be returned to its previous condition within 48 hours, the applicant must submit a seeding and restoration plan at the time of application.

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Cycling and running events are awesome!

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Sporting events such as running and bike races and parades are good for the community and should be encouraged...

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Keep prices for permits low for local events, especially ones run by community members.

10/24/2025

With these survey results, I assume Planning will be revising Article 7 of the Land Use Code? The Health Dept would appreciate the opportunity to participate in the revisions, especially 7.7. Performance Standards. This section needs to be revised to accurately reflect current practices as well as change the agency responsible for the review criteria (ex: Health is no longer responsible for the ambulance and medical requirements under 7.7.4.).

10/22/2025

Yes, would like the opportunity for agency input on upcoming Article 7.0 updates.

10/22/2025

The current form is geared more towards an outdoor festival than an event at an indoor event space. The staff was extremely helpful in helping me navigate our first time through the permitting process.

10/20/2025

The comments to this survey should be made public without names so we can see how people really feel about what the commissioners do.

10/13/2025

The Land Use Code is constantly changing with no apparent enforcement. Most aren't even aware that the LUC quietly transformed during COVID and is continually changing. Why is the county spending money on constant redlining? Maybe spend the money on enforcing what's there and then see what's needed.

10/13/2025

Nope

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There doesn't seem to be any penalties in place for an organization that either has events without a permit or who one who violates the provisions of the permit that they have.

10/12/2025

Entertainment / festival /cycling events should be the targets. Be sensitive about being intrusive clucks.

10/11/2025

There should be information regarding the special event location on the designated property. By this I mean is it wholly contained within a building or outside. We have an annual meeting every August in our community, which is held inside our volunteer fire house. However large gatherings outside have a much more expansive impact on the local community. For this reason the location as to whether completely inside or outside should be identified.

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Other considerations. If a property contains environmentally sensitive areas or a conservation easement, a special use permit applicant should identify those areas and exclude them from use by the event. Uses of adjacent properties should be considered. Examples: church, church camp, day care center, nursing home, National Park, power plant, and other properties that could add risk to the event or negative impact on neighboring properties.

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This is massive government overreach

10/10/2025

Special event restrictions should be such that every single property in the county can host the maximum number of special events simultaneously. While it seems like an extreme example, it could happen in small clusters. If every property hosted 30 events per year with 40 or more people, how would that work out with? Someone can host a huge event on their property, then pay a bunch of neighbors to do the same to catch their overflow. Requiring commercial zoning restricts the total number of events to minimize the impact on neighbors and county services, and allows public input on a per-case basis. Also, definitely no change in restrictions for "private member" orgs. I've seen how that is used to skirt county alcohol regulations in other places, mostly what they called bottle clubs and lodges.

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Estes Park Chamber's Economic Development & Workforce Council Board Member

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I would like to mention that I truly appreciate the permitting process you have in place. It is very effective and efficient. Thank you for the thought and time put into everything!

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As an event organizer, I would love to have an increase in number of events that we are allowed and also allow more than 1 event per month. From a scheduling standpoint the current rules make it challenging to find dates that work with our business, our non-profit partners, and the touring artists that we try to book. It also limits the fundraising power we can generate for other local non-profit organizations. In 2025, our three concerts raised almost \$36,000 for our three non-profit partners. The opportunity for more events could increase this exponentially. Also, we get requests from a number of other organizations each year for us to host non-concert related events which we have to decline.

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These special events always have an impact on the neighboring homes in the community.

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Sorry to keep bringing up fishing events, but they have no major impact on staff other than what a regular visitor of a park requires.

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The notification system seems like a waste of money. Every year I get a notice that Timnath is having fireworks. I already know that.

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I am not opposed to special events that are held on commercial property. I am, however, opposed to frequent special events in neighborhoods. Especially concerts. And I am opposed to my neighbor who has tried to make their home a special events venue in our quiet neighborhood. (Burtons on Cottonwood Shores Dr Wellington).

10/3/2025

Make sure you are gathering feedback from the appropriate subject matter experts. For instance, if you want feedback on how to regulate pumpkin patches and events held there on, talk with the individuals hosting to make sure your requirements are sensible. To be sure, our insurance company is very, very restrictive on what and how we offer various events. Seems like a conversation with you, Ins agent and organizer is required.

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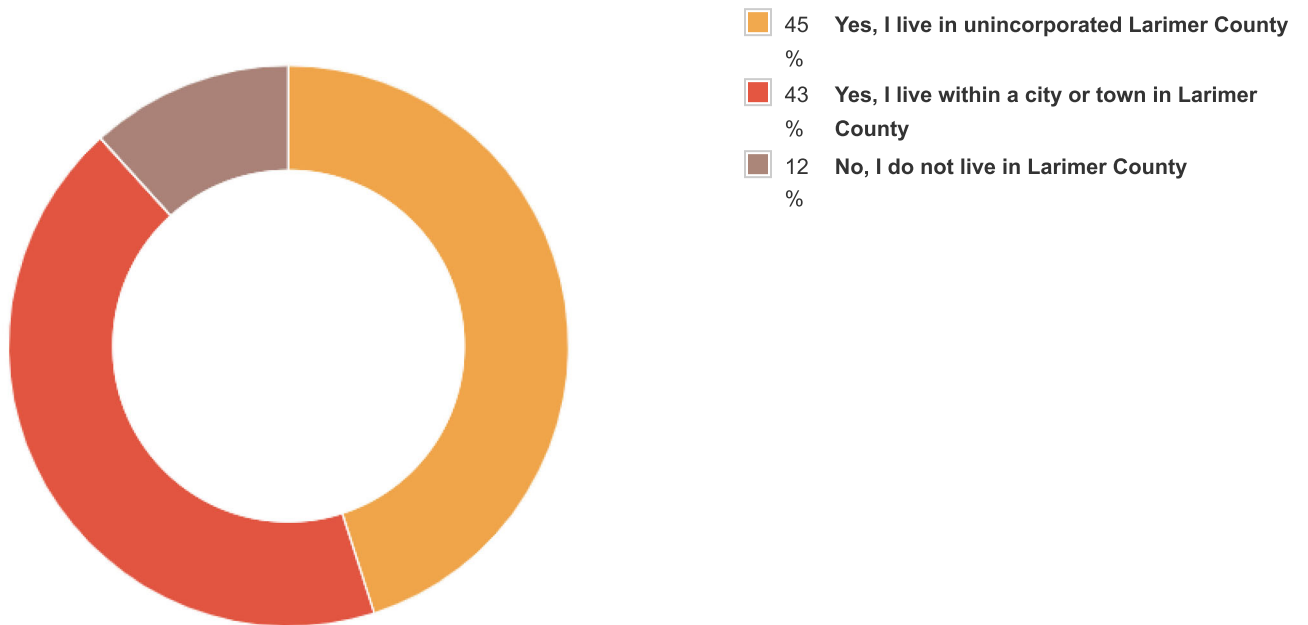
Applying for an event permit should not bring scrutiny to your property that has nothing to do with the event itself.

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I believe the current threshold of requiring a special event permit for gatherings over 40 people is unnecessarily low and creates an overly burdensome process. The application is designed as a catch-all for very large events, but it ends up discouraging much smaller, community-centered gatherings like weddings, family reunions, house parties, church events, and neighborhood block parties. These types of events are tremendously valuable—they foster mental health, connection, networking, creativity, economic activity, and overall community wellbeing. Rather than making it difficult for residents to gather, the county should be encouraging and even incentivizing these events. A more balanced approach would recognize the difference between a large-scale festival and a modest community gathering, ensuring that regulations protect public safety without creating unnecessary red tape that hinders the very activities that bring health, wholeness, and vitality to our community.

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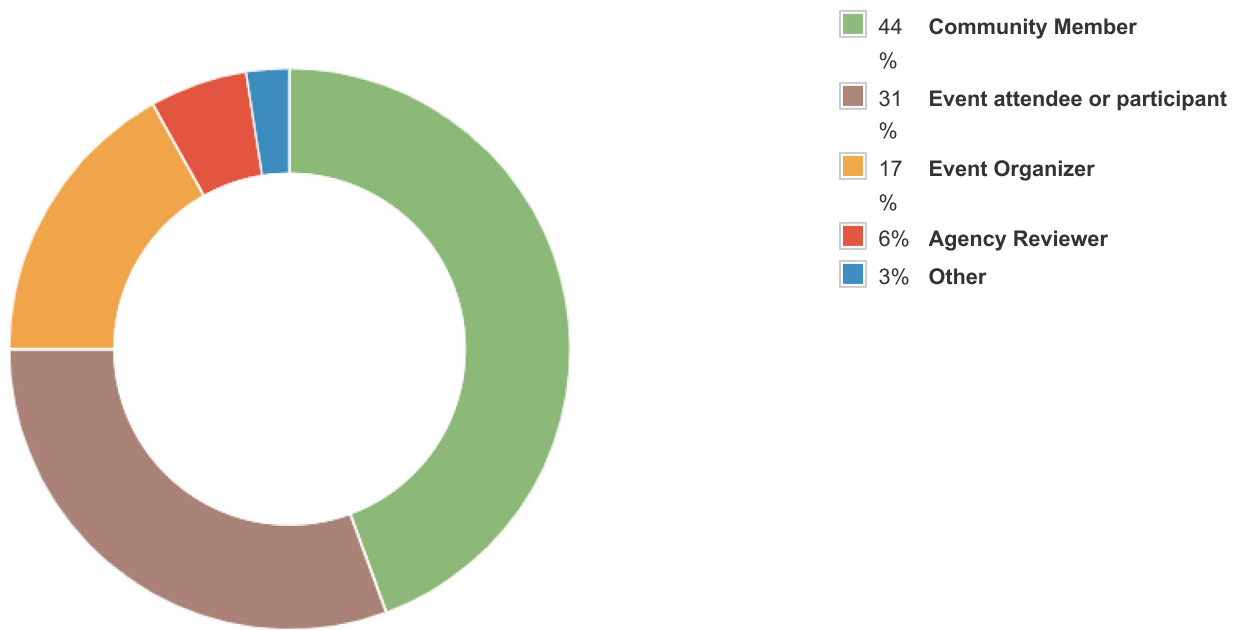
### Are you a Larimer County resident?



111 respondents

# If you are a Larimer County resident, which area of the county do you reside in?

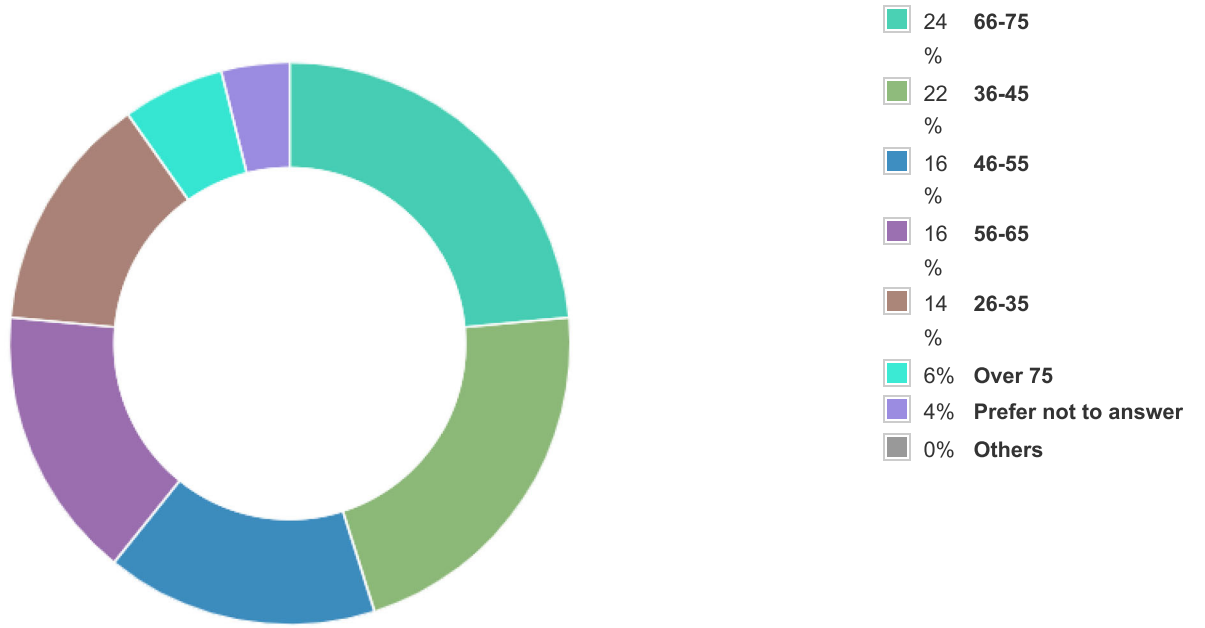
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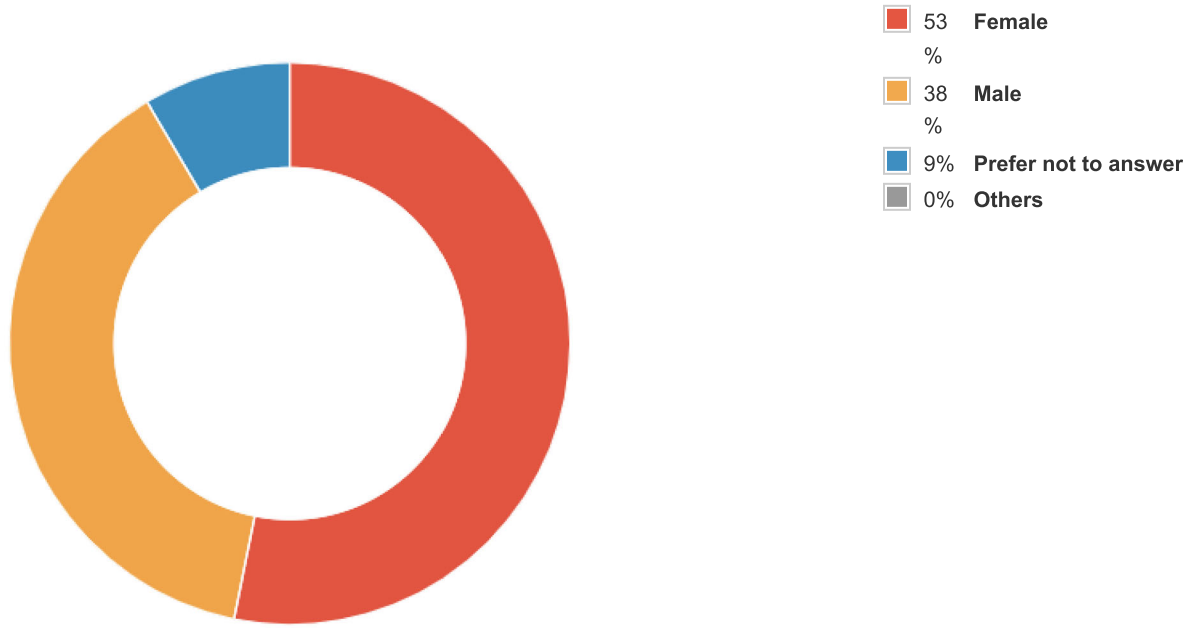
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13%	I prefer not to answer	6 ✓
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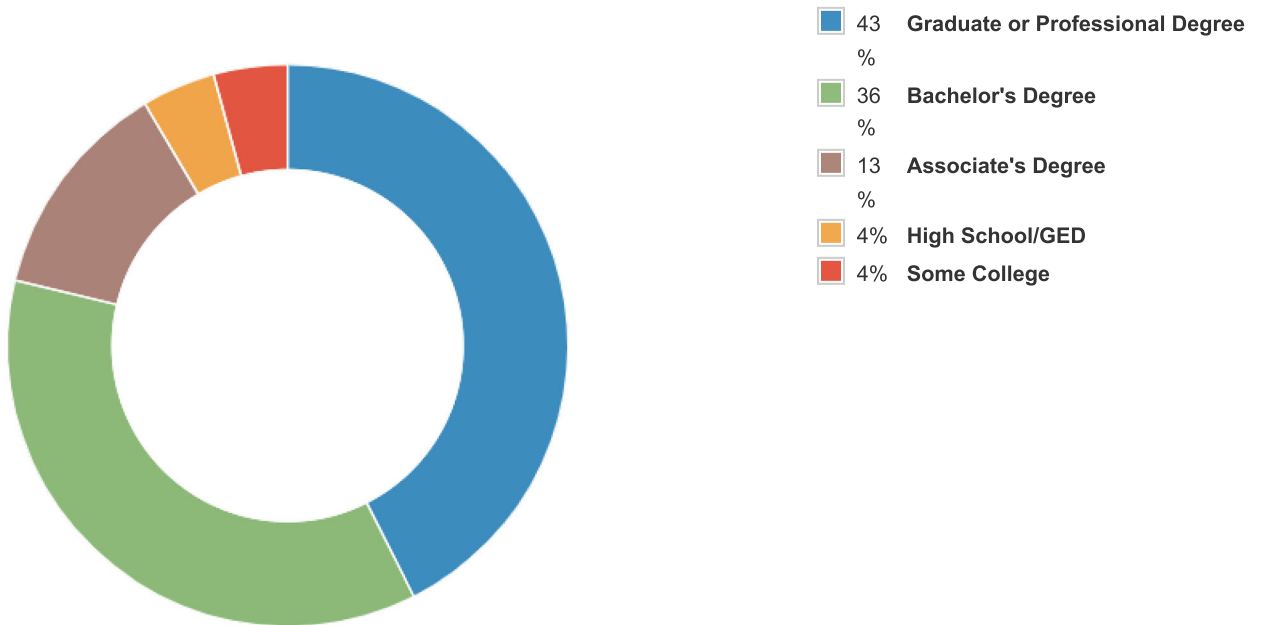
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### What is your highest formal education level?



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