

FVRD Cannabis Regulations

2021 - Survey Response Summary

Online survey open from February 1, 2021 to March 12, 2021

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Survey Background

Distribution

- The survey was widely distributed and open to anyone who wished to take it
- The survey was advertised through media release, newspaper advertisements, social media posts, email links, and the FVRD website
- Resident associations, neighbourhood social media groups, and cannabis industry groups were notified of the survey

Timeframe

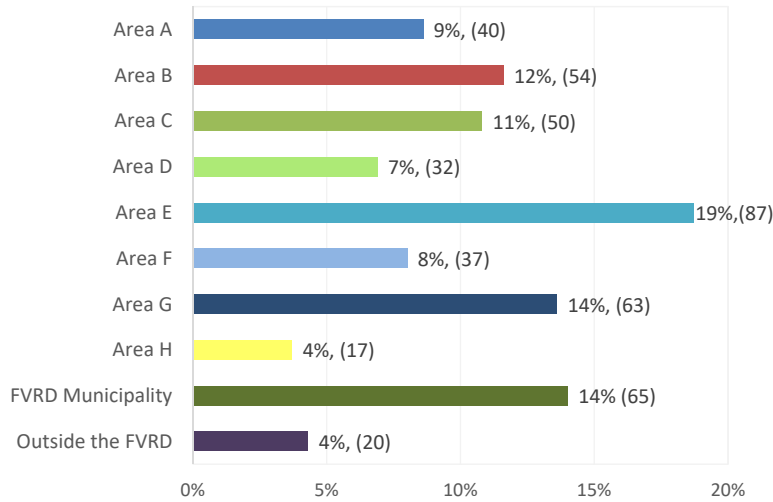
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Definitions

- Small Scale = Micro production (200 sq m of growing area)
- Large Scale = Standard production (anything greater than 200 sq m)



Where do you live or own property within the Fraser Valley Regional District?

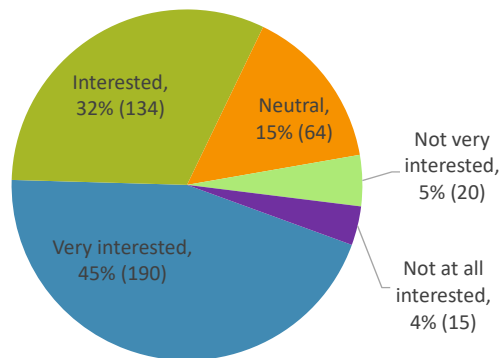


There was participation across all Electoral Areas.

82% of all respondents live or own property within an FVRD electoral area.



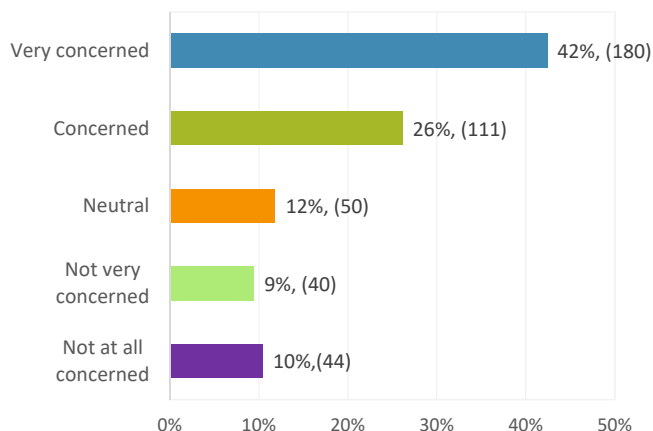
How interested are you in seeing updates to FVRD cannabis regulations?



77% of respondents were interested or very interested in seeing updates to FVRD cannabis regulations



How concerned are you about negative impacts from cannabis production in your area?

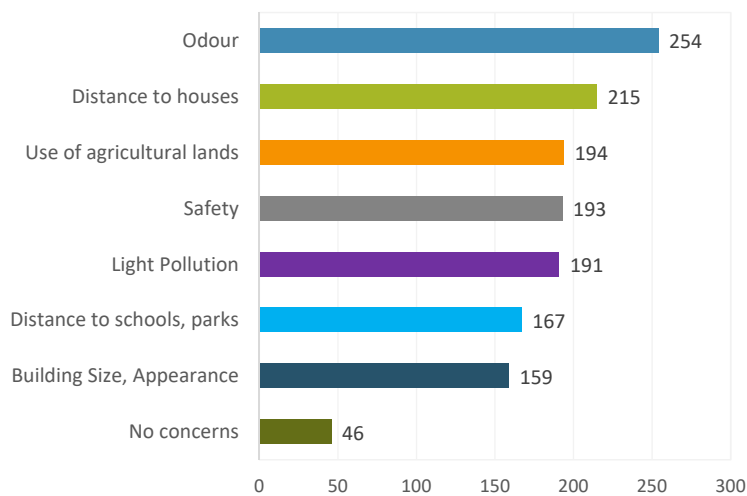


Most respondents (68%) expressed concerns about negative impacts from cannabis production.

Regulations to minimize impacts will be important.



Do you have concerns that need to be addressed for cannabis production in the Electoral Areas? (Check all that apply)

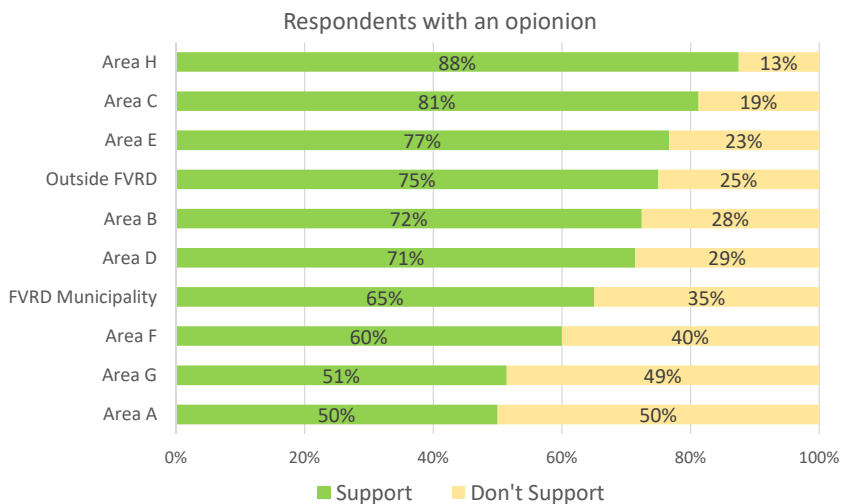


Odour and separation from residences were among the most cited concerns related to cannabis production.

- Other common concerns related to:
- use of agricultural lands
 - safety
 - light pollution
 - distance to parks
 - building size



Do you support having different requirements for small and large scale cannabis producers



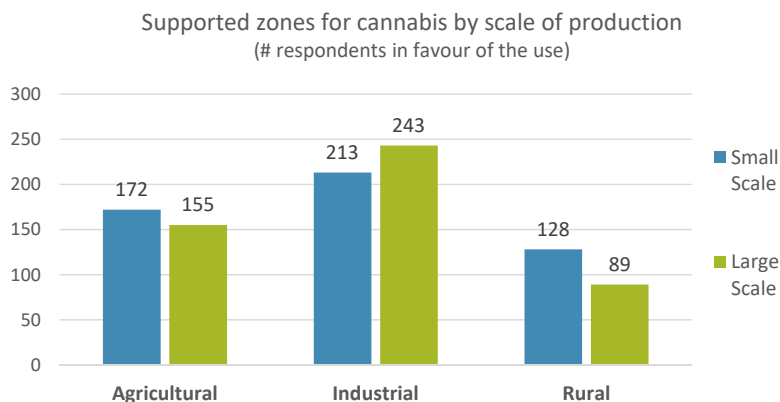
Of all respondents with an opinion, 69% supported having different requirements for small and large scale cannabis production.

This support was found across all electoral areas.

Many respondents not supporting different regulations by scale do not support any type of cannabis production.



What zones are appropriate for Small Scale cannabis production? (Check all that apply) What zones are appropriate for Large Scale cannabis production? (Check all that apply)

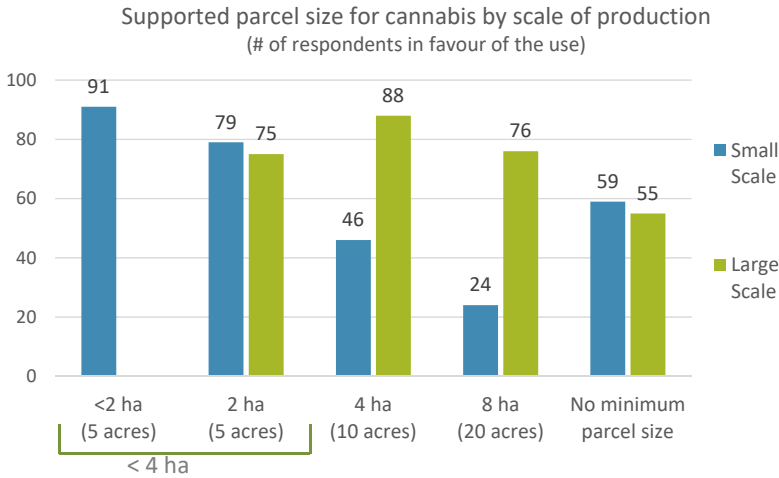


Response indicate:

- Less acceptance of large scale cannabis in rural zones
- More acceptance of large scale cannabis in industrial zones



**What minimum parcel size would you support for Small Scale cannabis production?
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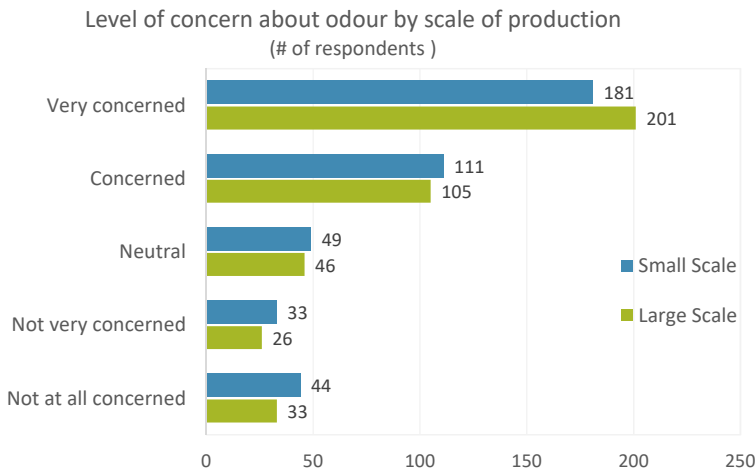


Responses indicate:

- More acceptance of small scale production on smaller parcels
- Acceptance of large scale production skews to larger sized



**How concerned are you about potential odours from Small Scale cannabis production?
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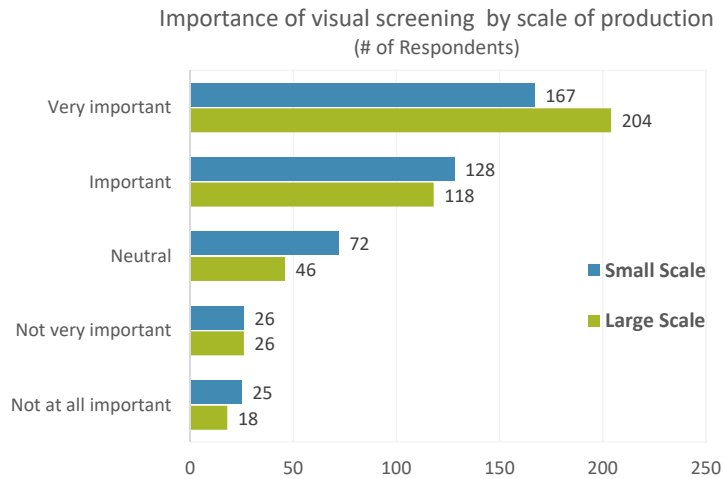


Concern about odour is a key concern raised by survey respondents.

Levels of concern were similar for small and large scale cannabis production



How important is it to have visual screening from Small Scale cannabis production? How important is it to have visual screening from Large Scale cannabis production?



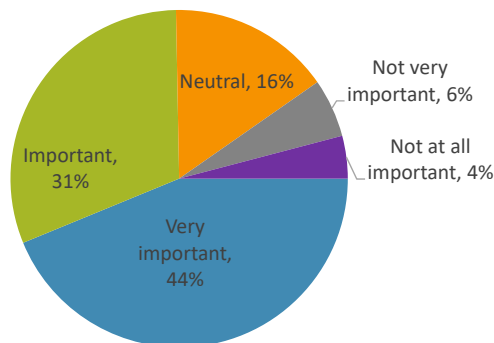
Hedges, fences, and other physical barriers can be used for visual screening

Respondents indicated a strong interest in visual screening requirements.

Slightly more importance was placed on visual screening for large scale production.



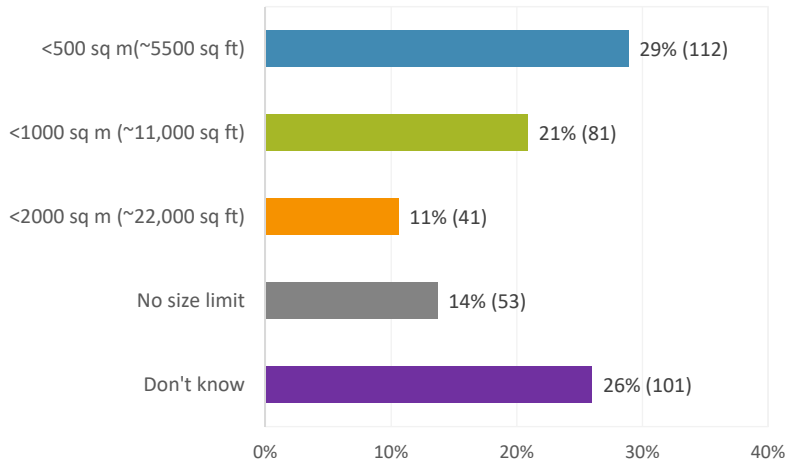
How important is it to restrict the maximum building size for Large Scale cannabis production?



75% of respondents indicated it was important or very important to restrict the maximum building size for cannabis production.



What is an appropriate maximum building size for cannabis production?



Many respondents favoured restricting the maximum building size for a cannabis operation. A building size of <500 sq m would allow for Small scale production only.

Other comments received:

- 50,000 sq ft
- Use a ratio based on lot size
- Depends how close it is to homes/parks/schools.
- No max size – the grower knows their limits



Do you have other ideas or concerns about Large Scale cannabis production?

Key Themes (see full results for all comments)

- Concern about odour
- Concern about light pollution
- Concern about environmental impact (disposal of used water and materials)
- Concern about crime and safety
- Concern about increase in traffic
- Concern about property value decrease
- Concern about conversion of residences to production buildings
- Keep it out of residential areas
- Nothing is done about illegal operations
- Large scale production is only appropriate in industrial areas
- The Chilliwack River Valley is much better suited to small scale cannabis production
- Let the grower take responsibility. More rules are not needed
- Smell and light should not be a problem for legitimate indoor operations
- Cannabis production should have the same set of rules as any other agricultural product
- Stop delaying what is legalized



Do you have any ideas or concerns about indoor cannabis production on Agricultural Lands? Key Themes (see full results for all comments)

- Concern about contamination of crops and agricultural lands
- Cannabis is a type of agriculture and should be permitted on agriculture land
- Agricultural land should be for food crops. Cannabis is not a food crop
- Cannabis should be grown in industrial areas
- Agricultural lands are under enough pressure from residential and industrial uses without adding cannabis
- No concerns if grown professionally
- Buildings should be at a scale in harmony with the local rural and small farm character
- Concern about indoor production, on cement floors on agricultural lands with good soil
- Large scale greenhouses are damaging to the land
- Agricultural properties are often large and could allow for large distances between the grow and residences
- Concern about odour
- Introduce size limit for cannabis buildings. Allow craft producers to retrofit existing buildings.
- It should be allowed like any other farm product