



Council Policy

LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 10

LOCAL PLANNING POLICY NO. 19: PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

1.0 OPERATION OF THIS PLANNING POLICY

- (a) This planning policy has been prepared in accordance with Part 2 of the Town Planning Amendment Regulations 1999.
- (b) This policy does not bind the Council in respect of any application for planning approval but the Council will have due regard to the provision of the policy and the objectives which the policy is designed to achieve before making its determination.
- (d) This policy applies only to variation to Scheme requirement for the parking of commercial vehicles under Clause 5.7.11 on land zoned Residential, Town Centre and Local Centre as designated on the gazetted Scheme map.
- (e) This policy may also be used as a guide to operators of commercial vehicles making application to park within the Town.

2.0 PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to:

1. Clearly outline the criteria under which Council will consider variations to its Scheme requirements for the parking of Commercial Vehicles.
2. To provide information to residents and potential residents seeking to park commercial vehicles within the Town.
3. Enable a consistent and therefore equitable basis for decision making in regard to commercial vehicle parking within the Town.
4. Allow the delegated approval of planning applications that meet policy requirements.

3.0 APPLICATION OF THE POLICY

This policy shall be applicable where to all land zoned Residential Town Centre and Local centre. There are no restrictions to the size number, and type of commercial vehicles parked on the Industrial zoned land within the Town.

4.0 BACKGROUND

The parking of commercial vehicles within the Town is governed by Clause 5.7.11 of Local Planning Scheme No.10 which states inter alia that:

1. *No person shall park, or cause to be parked or permit to be parked any commercial vehicle in excess of three (3) tonnes combined tare weight on any lot within the Residential, Town Centre or Local Shopping zones without the planning approval of Council.*

The above clause allows 'as of right' commercial vehicles to be parked on private property within the Town up to a maximum of combined tare weight of 3-tonnes.

The Local Planning Scheme also states that in cases where vehicles are in excess of 3 tonnes, that Council may approve commercial vehicle parking within the Town to a maximum as prescribed in the following Scheme extract;:

2. *The parking of any commercial vehicle on any lot within the residential, Town Centre or Local Shopping zones, shall at all times comply with the following standard requirements:*
 - (a) *The commercial vehicle shall not exceed 9 metres in length and 3 metres in height; and*
 - (b) *There shall be a limit of one (1) commercial vehicle per lot.*

5.0 POLICY PROVISIONS

Council is prepared to consider the parking of commercial vehicles that exceed 9-metres in length and more than 3-metres in height subject to the following;

1. The commercial vehicle is not a Prime Mover.

2. There is sufficient space on the lot to park the commercial vehicles behind the building line.
3. There are no objections by immediately adjoining/affected neighbours to the proposal following a 14 day consultation period
4. The commercial vehicles will not operate to and from the site between 11:00pm and 7:00am Monday to Sunday.
5. Approval is restricted to parking only, with servicing and repairs not being carried out on site.
6. The commercial vehicle is parked on a single residential lot.
7. The combined tare weight does not exceed 5-tonnes.
8. The commercial vehicles can access the lot via a constructed crossover to Council specifications.

6.0 ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

The assessment of any planning application for the parking of a commercial vehicle shall take into account the criteria set down under section 5 above.

The applicant shall provide the following relevant information with any application made to park a commercial vehicle;

1. Accurate dimensions and tare weight of the commercial vehicle along with a copy of the registration paper and a photograph of the commercial vehicle.
2. A site plan that indicates the location the commercial vehicle will be parked. Buildings are to be at least outlined.
3. A letter justifying the variations to the Scheme requirements outlined above and the hours of operation.
4. The letter should also indicate that no repair or maintenance works are to be undertaken on the site and that the nature of the business in which the commercial vehicle will be used for.

Any approval granted by the Town is subject to all other provisions under Clause 5.7.11 (3) of Local Planning Scheme No.10.