

## PARKING RESTRICTIONS POLICY

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### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance and direction on decision making for the installation and alteration of parking restrictions.

### 2. BACKGROUND

The current approach to parking restrictions was implemented following the development of the *CBD Parking Strategy 2008*. Since that time, the policy has remained largely unchanged.

Council adopted the '*Bendigo City Centre Parking Futures Action Plan 2020*' (*Plan*). The Plan sets the direction for future parking requirements and will guide parking related decisions into the future. The principles and approaches included in this Plan will be supported when reviewing and implementing parking management policies, including the Parking Restrictions Policy.

### 3. SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- City employees who assess requests for parking restriction installations or alterations.
- City employees delegated the authority to approve parking restrictions.
- Residents and businesses in the City of Greater Bendigo.

### 4. DEFINITIONS

Parking restrictions: The days, hours and periods of time for which, and the conditions on which, vehicles may stand in a parking area.

## 5. PRINCIPLES

Implement a fair and equitable car parking system that balances the requirements of all stakeholders. To ensure transparent and accountable administration of the City of Greater Bendigo's public parking resources.

## 6. POLICY

The proactive management of parking restrictions supports the growth and effective operation of retail and commercial precincts. It also supports visitor access to residential streets that have a high utilisation of all-day parking.

### 6.1 Parking time restrictions aim to:

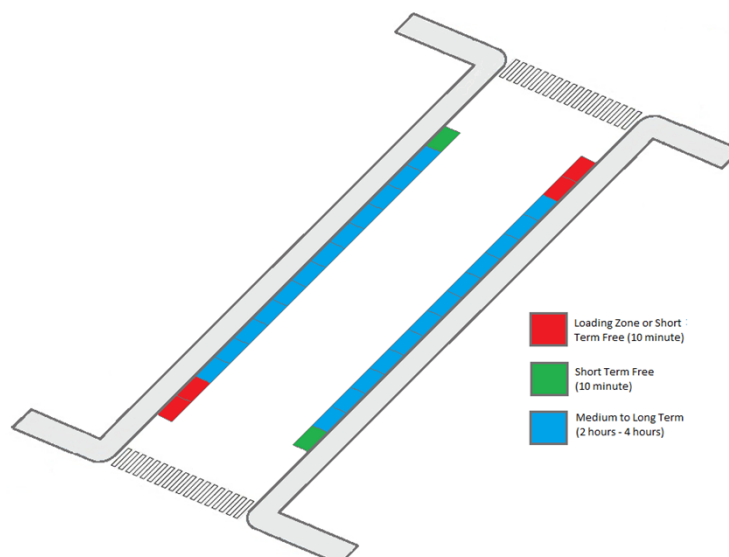
- Encourage turnover of car parking spaces to support businesses and services.
- Discourage staff from parking in time restricted car parks.
- Support the predominant land use in the precinct.
- Provide consistent parking restriction types across the City to ensure users are familiar with them, and parking conditions are predictable.
- Facilitate safe access and traffic flow in high demand locations and precincts.
- Balance the needs of businesses and service providers directly impacted by parking conditions, through consultation and engagement.

### 6.2 Guidance layout for on street parking restrictions in the City's business areas.

To ensure consistent and predictable parking conditions, the following standard time restrictions are used:

- 10-minute.
- 30-minute.
- 2, 3 and 4-hour.

An example of how time restrictions will be implemented is shown in the diagram below:



This approach provides fast turn over delivery vehicle and short-term parking at the end of street. It is understood that not all streets fit within this template, however aiming to implement this as consistently as possible across the City's retail and commercial precincts ensures drivers have a better understanding of what to expect when parking in any street.

### **6.3 Guidance for installation of time restrictions to support businesses in residential areas.**

Time restrictions can be installed adjacent to residential properties, where planning permission has been granted to operate a business:

- To facilitate customer access and deliveries to businesses.
- Where a business is situated in a residential area, time restrictions will only be installed outside adjacent residential properties with consent from the affected resident.
- Where the residential property is within a commercially zoned area and parking turnover is required to support business activity. i.e. residential properties directly adjacent to businesses in Bendigo's City Center. In this case the resident would be informed of the change before installation.

### **6.4 Guidance for installation of time restrictions to supports residents in residential properties.**

The City of Greater Bendigo has streets in residential areas with a high level of daytime parking. Where residents report concerns of daytime access to on street parking, consideration may be given to installing a small number of 2-hour time restricted parking bays. These may be installed:

- If the request for the installation originates from one of the affected residents; and
- The residents directly adjacent to the proposed time restricted parking bays agree to the installation; and
- Where the parking occupancy level on the affected street between the 2 closest intersecting streets is above 80%; and
- Access is required to residential properties for visitors; or
- Restrictions are required to facilitate the use of a Residential Parking Permit where one has been issued in accordance with the Residential Parking Policy.

## **7. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Council has delegated the responsibility for 'Powers concerning parking' - refer to Local Government Act 1989, Schedule 11, cl.1, to Director Health and Wellbeing, Manager Safe and Healthy Environments and Coordinator Parking Strategy.

Local Laws - Parking Officers are responsible for investigating the installation and alteration of parking restrictions and making a recommendation to the Coordinator Parking Strategy based on the criteria in this policy.

The Coordinator Parking Strategy has delegated authority and is responsible for approving parking restriction installation and alterations.

## **8. RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Readers are encouraged to access relevant documents and/or resources which are available as per the below.

These include:

- Residential Parking Policy
- Bendigo City Centre Plan 2020
- Bendigo City Centre Parking Futures Action Plan 2020
- Greater Bendigo Residential Strategy 2014
- Connecting Greater Bendigo: Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy (ITLUS)
- Transforming the City Centre Action Plan 2018-2023
- Greater Bendigo Planning Scheme

Further information or advice on this policy should be directed to Safe and Healthy Environments

## 9. HUMAN RIGHTS COMPATIBILITY

The implications of this policy have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

## 10. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

It is recognised that, from time to time, circumstances may change leading to the need for minor administrative changes to this document. Where an update does not materially alter this, such a change may be made administratively. Examples include a change to the name of a City unit, a change to the name of a Federal or State Government department, and a minor update to legislation which does not have a material impact. However, any change or update which materially alters this document must be made through consultation with the staff Consultative Committee and with the approval of EMT or where required, resolution of Council.

## 11. DOCUMENT HISTORY

<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Change Type</b>	<b>Version</b>	<b>Next Review Date</b>
<i>October, 2008</i>	<i>NZ</i>	<i>Parking and Animal Services</i>	<i>Develop</i>	<i>Version 1</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>December, 2012</i>	<i>JH</i>	<i>Parking and Animal Services</i>	<i>Review (administrative)</i>	<i>Version 2</i>	<i>2019</i>
<i>May, 2022</i>	<i>JS</i>	<i>Safe and Healthy Environments</i>	<i>Review (administrative)</i>	<i>Version 3</i>	<i>2024</i>