

# **POLICY**

# **TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION**

<b>ASPIRATION</b>	Community
<b>RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE</b>	Development Services
<b>RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS UNIT</b>	Health Services
<b>RELEVANT LEGISLATION</b>	<i>Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995, Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997</i>

## **1. Objective**

This policy seeks to:

- Provide safe and regulated temporary accommodation options by enabling the responsible use of caravans on private property to help address housing pressures.
- Establish requirements for sanitary facilities, ablution facilities and utility connections of the temporary accommodation to promote suitable living conditions whilst maintaining public health and safety within the community.
- Maintain community standards by establishing location, duration and amenity requirements that minimize potential nuisances.

## **2. Scope**

- This policy applies to the use of caravans for temporary accommodation for more than 5 days on private land other than at a caravan park.
- This policy does not apply to ancillary dwellings which are subject to building and planning legislation.

## **3. Policy**

For applications to be considered, the policy requirements below must be adhered to.

### **3.1 General requirements**

- The applicant must own or have a legal right to occupy the land.
- Approval can be for a maximum period of 24 months, and any reapplication will require the completion of a new application.

### **3.2 Zoning requirements**

Applications will only be considered if they relate to land in the following zones under the City's Town Planning Scheme No.4:

- Residential
- Special Residential
- Rural Living
- Special Rural
- General Rural
- Urban Development

### **3.3 Permitted camping and location requirements**

Applications will only be considered for the use of a caravan, no other camps are permitted. The caravan is to be:

- registered and roadworthy;
- a single storey;
- located wholly on the land and behind the building line;
- provided with privacy screening on any window located within 6 metres of a neighbouring property; and
- setback in accordance with the following:
  - In a Residential zone, 1 metre from any side/rear property boundary, fence or structure;
  - In an Urban Development zone with no structure plan in place, as per the Town Planning Scheme setback requirements for the Rural Living zone; or
  - In all other zones, as per the Town Planning Scheme setback requirements.

### **3.4 Health and safety requirements**

Approvals will only be granted where health and safety requirements have been met. This includes the following requirements:

- An adequate supply of electricity and potable water (and gas if required);
- The provision of kitchen, toilet, laundry and bathroom facilities;
- Adequate wastewater management is available;
- Adequate waste management (rubbish and recycling) is available;
- Fire safety management and compliance with any Bushfire Management Plan; and
- Any other requirement at the request of the City.

The City reserves the right to revoke an approval, where a breach of an approval has occurred.

## 4. Influencing Strategies or Plans

Community Health and Wellbeing Plan

## 5. Applicable Legislation

*Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995*

*Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911*

*Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997*

*Health (Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Regulations 1997*

## 6. Definitions

*Camp*

As defined in the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995*.

*Caravan*

As defined in the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995*.

*Vehicle*

As defined in the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995*.

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