

RESERVES, PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS

STATUS:	City Policy - <i>A policy that is developed for administrative and operational imperatives and has an internal focus.</i> <i>Developed by the Policy Committee and/or the administration and adopted by Council.</i>
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE:	Infrastructure Management and Operations
OBJECTIVE:	To support best management practice for Council controlled reserves, parks and recreation grounds while recognising community needs and community and Council responsibilities.

STATEMENT:

Council will provide a variety of public open spaces that aim to fulfil the community's recreation and environmental needs.

The City will endeavour to provide a range of both passive and active, developed and undeveloped parks throughout the City.

Decisions regarding the development and maintenance approach to each park will relate directly to its classification in the City's Parks Management Plan. Individual management plans will be progressively developed for all parks within the City, in consultation with the community.

Reticulation:

Reticulation in parks will be established and maintained in accordance with the Reticulation Plan and individual park management plans.

Sports Lighting:

Council will install and maintain, at its cost, 2 lighting standards each fitted with up to two floodlights of approximately 1,000w capacity per luminary per cricket or football oval.

Any additional lighting will be the installation and ongoing responsibility of the sports association seeking lights. Installation of additional lights may only be undertaken following the receipt of the relevant Director's written consent and approval of the lighting design and provision of planning consent as required.

Commercial Activities

The City will support the provision of small-scale commercial activities where the applicant is a community organisation that utilises that facility, such as a local surf life saving club or football association.

Where such application is made, the written support and a resolution of the organisation's Management Committee must be provided as part of the application.

Applications for any such service must be made in accordance with the City's relevant Local Laws and must be accompanied by a Certificate of Currency for public liability insurance in accordance with the advice of the City's insurers.

In considering applications for such services, the following will be taken into consideration:

- Environmental impact;
- Demonstrated community demand;
- Provision of alternative commercial services already available.

Child Protection

Prior to making a permanent booking for the use of a City facility, all community groups and associations that have members under 18 years of age are required to provide the City with a copy of their organisation's Child Protection Policy. If the organisation does not have a current policy in place, a permanent booking will not be confirmed.

Alcohol on Council Parks & Reserves

The Chief Executive Officer may approve the consumption and/or sale of alcohol on Council parks and reserves under the following circumstances:

- The Chief Executive Officer is satisfied that the application will not cause undue disruption to the community.
- Appropriate liquor licence/s are in place;
- Restricted Licence applications as follows:
 - Thursdays to 11 pm;
 - Fridays & Saturdays to 12 midnight;
 - Sundays to 10.00 pm

Amendments:	CJ213-06/99, CJ189-06/01, CJ269-11/04, CJ148-06/00, CJ253-11/03, CJ206-10/05, CJ207-10/07
Related Documentation:	Local Government & Public Property Local Law 1999; Trading in Public Places Local Law; Parks Management Plans; Reticulation Plan
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