

# Use of Sea Containers Policy

## City Policy

### Responsible Directorate: Planning and Community Development

**Objective:** To guide and control the use of sea containers for storage and other non-habitable uses within the City of Joondalup.

#### 1. Authority:

This Policy has been prepared in accordance with Clause 8.11 of the *City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2*, which allows Council to prepare local planning policies relating to planning or development within the Scheme area.

#### 2. Application:

This Policy applies all land zoned by the City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2

#### 3. Statement:

Due to their bulk and often dilapidated appearance, sea containers can have a negative visual impact on the surrounding area, particularly when used in residential areas. Therefore, this policy seeks to:

- i ensure that the use of sea containers does not detract from the amenity, character and established or intended streetscape of an area.
- ii provide additional guidance and requirements in addition to those contained in the *District Planning Scheme No. 2*.

#### 4. Details:

4.1 The following will apply to the use of sea containers in the following zones:

- i Residential, Special Residential, Mixed Use, Urban Development, Civic & Cultural, and Rural zones

The permanent use of a sea container is not acceptable in these zones unless it is demonstrated that, through the submission of a planning application, the sea container is:

- a. not visible from the street and
  - b. clad with materials and is a colour that matches, or is complementary to, the materials and colour of the existing buildings on the property.
- ii Commercial, Business, Service Industrial, Private Clubs/Recreation, Centre zones, Local Reserves

The permanent use of sea containers may be acceptable in the above zones, with planning approval, provided:

- a. The sea container is not visible from any street or adjoining property.
- b. Where visible from an area internal to the site, the sea container is painted or clad with material in a colour that matches, or is complementary to, the colour of the existing buildings on the property.
- c. The sea container is not located within any approved car parking or landscaped areas.

**4.2** The temporary use of a sea container may be acceptable in any zone without planning approval, whether on the subject private property or the adjoining verge, provided:

- a. The sea container is only used in conjunction with building construction or subdivision work that is occurring or approved to occur on the subject site, and only up to a maximum of 12 months; or
- b. The sea container is only used for the loading or unloading of goods that is occurring on the subject site and only up to a maximum of 7 days; and
- c. The sea container is positioned so as not to obscure vehicle sightlines; and
- d. A formal request is received and a letter is issued from the City approving the temporary nature of the sea container, and its period of use, in accordance with the provisions of clause 6.1.3 (i) of *District Planning Scheme No. 2*.

Note: Clause 4.2 (d) above does not apply if the sea container is in place for less than 48 hours.

**4.3** In all circumstances:

- a. Sea containers shall not be used for any industrial purpose.
- b. Sea containers are only to be used in conjunction with an approved use on the lot.

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**Creation Date:** August 2015

**Amendments:** N/A

**Related Documentation:** • *District Planning Scheme No 2*