



Policy Owner: Director Open Space & Environment

Category: Strategic

Direction: 2. Our Built Infrastructure

1. STATEMENT OF INTENT

- 1.1 To outline Council's objectives in managing and restricting trailer parking on local streets and to provide a consistent set of guidelines for staff when actioning requests for trailer parking restrictions.
- 1.2 To ensure that access to on-street parking is effectively managed and maximum parking occupancy targets are achieved.
- 1.3 To enhance residential amenity by reducing opportunities for long term parking of trailers in high demand unrestricted parking areas.
- 1.4 To ensure that appropriate community engagement is undertaken where trailer parking restrictions are proposed, and prevent consultation fatigue.
- 1.5 To ensure the effective management of Council's resources.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 This Policy applies to all Councillors and employees of Council, involved in the management of trailer parking restriction requests and enforcement.
- 2.2 This Policy applies to all persons who park trailers within the North Sydney local government area.
- 2.3 Any person who resides, works or owns a property within the North Sydney local government area may request trailer parking restrictions for their street.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 Advertising trailer - a trailer displaying an advertisement but does not include an advertisement that is ancillary to the dominant purpose of the trailer, or an advertisement on a trailer parked by or on behalf of a public authority in the exercise of its functions.

- 3.2 Boat Trailer - means a trailer constructed for, or used for, the conveyance of a boat
- 3.3 Motor Vehicle - as defined in the *NSW Road Rules 2014* means a vehicle that is built to be propelled by a motor that forms part of the vehicle.
- 3.4 On-street parking - all public streets, roads and road related areas within the North Sydney local government area.
- 3.5 Trailer - as defined in the *Road Transport Act 2013*, means a vehicle that:
- a) is built to be towed, or is towed, by a motor vehicle, and
 - b) is not capable of being propelled in the course of normal use on roads or road related areas without being towed by a motor vehicle.

Common examples of trailers include boat trailers, box trailers, and caravans.

- 3.6 Trailer parking restrictions - regulatory on-street parking restrictions that apply to a section of road sign-posted with "No Parking Motor Vehicles Excepted" signs.

4. PROVISIONS

- 4.1 Requests for trailer parking restrictions will be managed in accordance with the provisions in Section 4 of this Policy, including provisions for specific types of trailers in Clauses 4.8 and 4.9.
- 4.2 Where resident parking consultation (timed or trailer parking restrictions) has been undertaken in the street in the past 24 months prior to the receipt of a trailer parking restriction request, the request will not be supported. This is to prevent consultation fatigue of any sector of the community.
- 4.3 Community consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Council's *Trailer Parking Community Engagement Strategy*.
- 4.4 The outcomes of the community consultation will be reported to the next available Traffic Committee meeting at the conclusion of the community consultation period.
- 4.5 In assessing a request for trailer parking restrictions consideration may be given to parking conditions for the whole street or part of the street. For short streets (shorter than 150 metres), the whole street should be taken into consideration. For long streets (longer than 150 metres) it may be appropriate to only consider part of the street, depending on the nature of the request and existing parking

controls in the street, in which case the part of the street should consist of no less than 20 parking spaces and consist of a block or series of blocks between two (2) adjoining roads.

- 4.6 Notwithstanding all other provisions of this Policy, if a trailer of any type is considered by Council's Traffic Engineer to cause a hazardous sight obstruction to pedestrians and/or vehicles, such as on a bend, or near an intersection, the matter shall be referred to the next available North Sydney Traffic Committee to determine whether to pursue the community engagement with regard to the installation of "No Parking Motor Vehicles Excepted" in the location of the sight obstruction. Consideration should also be given to motorbike parking if parking of any vehicle larger than a motorbike at the location would cause similar hazardous sight obstructions.
- 4.7 Where requests for trailer parking restrictions do not meet the criteria outlined in this policy, Council will respond to the customer(s) that the request is not supported and outline the reasons in accordance with this policy.

4.8 **Advertising Trailers**

- 4.8.1 The placement of advertising trailers is regulated under *State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021*.
- 4.8.2 A person must not display an advertisement on a trailer parked on a road or road related area.
- 4.8.3 A person must not display an advertisement on a trailer parked on land other than a road or road related area, but visible from a road or road related area, except with the consent of the consent authority
- 4.8.4 Council will enforce placement of advertising trailers in accordance with the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021*.

4.9 **All other types of trailers**

- 4.9.5 The whole of the North Sydney local government area is a declared area for the purposes of the *Impounding Act 1993 (Unattended Boat Trailers)*.
- 4.9.6 Council will undertake community consultation with regard to community preference for the introduction of "**No Parking Motor Vehicles Excepted**" for streets (or parts thereof) which meet the following criteria:
- 4.9.6.1 In any 60-day period, Council receives requests (or a petition) for trailer parking restrictions to be installed in a section of a

street and the requests are from at least 30% of the households adjoining the same section of the street, or where the number of adjoining households is less than 10, 30% of households overlapping a 50 metre buffer of the section of the street;

- 4.9.6.2 A minimum of two site observations by Council staff, at between 28 and 60 day intervals, confirm on each occasion there are two (2) or more trailers (of any type) parked; or trailers occupy 10% or more of the unrestricted parking in the street, whichever is greater;
- 4.9.6.3 The average occupancy of the unrestricted parking and any existing “No Parking Motor Vehicle Excepted” spaces in the street (or part thereof) is **85% or greater**;
- 4.9.6.4 Where there is a combination of restricted and unrestricted parking in the street (or part thereof), the average parking occupancy is **between 65% to 85%**; and
- 4.9.6.5 Where criteria 4.9.6.1 to 4.9.6.3 are met, but the average parking occupancy for the street (or part thereof) is **85% or greater** and no resident parking consultation has been undertaken in that street in the 24 months prior to criteria 4.9.6.1 being met, Council will undertake community consultation in the street, or Resident Parking Area that includes the street, with regard to the community preference for options including:
 - a) timed parking restrictions with exemptions for resident parking permit holders, and
 - b) “No Parking Motor Vehicles Excepted”.

5. RESPONSIBILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY

- 5.1 Council’s Traffic & Transport Operations Department is responsible for the provision and management of trailer parking restrictions.
- 5.2 Council’s Ranger & Parking Services Department is responsible for the enforcement of parking controls and relevant legislation.
- 5.3 The North Sydney Traffic Committee is responsible for making recommendations to Council on the regulation of traffic on Council roads, including implementation of parking controls.

6. RELATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS/LEGISLATION

The Policy should be read in conjunction with the following Council policies and documents:

- Local Area Traffic Management Action Plans (LATMs)
- North Sydney Integrated Traffic & Parking Strategy
- North Sydney Transport Strategy
- Parking Management and Enforcement Policy
- Resident Parking Permit Policy
- Trailer Parking Community Engagement Strategy

The Policy should be read in conjunction with the following documents/legislation:

- Impounding Act 1993 (Unattended Boat Trailers)
- NSW Road Rules 2014
- Road Transport Act 2013
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021

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Appendix 1. Trailer Parking Request - Decision Tree

