

1 PURPOSE

City of Darwin's Movement Strategy creates a framework and direction to align transport investment and policy decisions with the aspirations of the community. Parking is an essential and inherent component of transport and land use. City of Darwin manages public parking for the municipality within its land and road reserves and on other land under specific agreements.

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure the efficient operation of City of Darwin owned and/or operated on and off-street parking facilities and to provide a framework that complements the City of Darwin's Movement Strategy and car parking contribution plans.

The overall objective of City of Darwin's car parking policy is to facilitate and supply enough on-street and off-street parking to minimise adverse effects on residents, shoppers, traders, commuters and visitors and to produce outcomes consistent with the Movement Strategy and other economic, development and planning goals.

City of Darwin has developed strategies and car parking contribution plans to facilitate and supply a sufficient amount of on-street and off-street parking within the City. From time to time, other policies have been, or will be, adopted to complement these plans.

2 SCOPE

This policy addresses:

- Car Parking Contribution - Guidelines for Time Payment
- Municipal Parking Rate Exemptions
- Permits to Occupy – Periodic Hire
- On-Street Parking Bays Within Verges
- Loss of On-Street Parking Bays

3 POLICY STATEMENT

3.1 CAR PARKING CONTRIBUTIONS – GUIDELINES FOR TIME PAYMENT

City of Darwin permits the time payment in increments of car parking contributions upon application and on a case-by-case basis. A proposal is to be submitted to the General Manager Innovation for review and endorsement.

Payment periods in excess of 10 years will be subject to Council consideration.

Interest calculation is accrued for all overdue rates at a fixed interest rate declared by Council each year and is calculated daily.

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3.2 MUNICIPAL PARKING RATE EXEMPTIONS

Council has exempted the owners of the following properties from the need to comply with the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, Schedule 4, due to their parking layout:

Lot 2340 Cavenagh Street
 Lot 2347 Smith Street
 Lot 2350 Smith Street
 Lot 2299 Smith Street
 Lot 2406 Smith Street
 Lot 2330 Cavenagh Street
 Lot 1431 Knuckey Street
 Lot 2338 Cavenagh Street

3.3 PERMITS TO OCCUPY – PERIODIC HIRE

A permit to occupy an off-street car parking bay can be provided to a person who requires regular use up to twelve months on application and subject to approval and availability.

3.4 ON-STREET PARKING BAYS WITHIN VERGES

City of Darwin does not approve on-street parking bays within verges as part of parking requirements under the Northern Territory Planning Scheme, or for any other reason, for a particular private development. The verge is defined to be the area between the back of the kerb (or edge of the road if no kerb exists) and the property boundary and excludes any paved or formed footpaths and driveways.

However, City of Darwin can consider an application to construct and use parking facilities on City of Darwin verges. Applications are to comply with the Parking Design Guidelines.

Generally, the process outlined below is to be followed where approval is sought by a developer to construct a car park on City of Darwin owned land:

- Unless otherwise agreed, construction shall be carried out by the developer at no cost to City of Darwin
- All such parking must be available to all
- All such parking must include natural shade to the satisfaction of City of Darwin and in considering City of Darwin's Greening Strategy
- Any other matters City of Darwin sees fit.

A Council Works Permit will need to be applied for and obtained prior to any works commencing onsite.

3.5 LOSS OF ON-STREET PARKING BAYS

Where a development or other use proposes the removal of formal on-street parking bays, a one-off charge per bay will apply for the loss of those bays. This charge amount will be detailed in the Parking Contribution Plan Central Business Zone.

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However, Council is required to provide one vehicle access to a Lot, so parking bays lost to facilitate the single access will not attract payment of this parking charge.

4 DEFINITIONS

Nil

5 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

Local Government Act 2019 (NT)

Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 (NT)

Planning Act 1999 (NT)

6 PROCEDURES / RELATED DOCUMENTS

Movement Strategy 2030

7 RESPONSIBILITY / APPLICATION

The General Manager Innovation is responsible for managing the implementation of this policy.

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