

ROADSIDE SALE OF VEHICLES

IT IS AN OFFENCE

Selling vehicles on public places is considered a nuisance under Council's Local Law 8 (*Nuisances and Community Health and Safety*) 2013. Public places include road reserves, roadways, footpaths and other public land.



WHY IS IT AN OFFENCE?

The objective of Local Law 8 is to protect the community, its environment and amenities by eliminating or reducing nuisances and risks to the community's health and safety. In particular, Section 7 refers to nuisances resulting from cars parked for sale on public land.

Parking cars for sale on public land can cause a hazard for pedestrians, cause damage to the ground surface which may not be intended for vehicular traffic, as well as cause a hazard for motorists when prospective purchasers are stopping to view the vehicles.

It is also an inappropriate use of public land to allow commercial activity to be conducted as the car owner may be achieving a financial gain at a cost to the wider community.

In addition, placing a car for sale on public land without appropriate permission may result in the vehicle not being insured.

In many cases the vehicles may also be parked illegally on a footpath or nature strip, too close to an intersection or in a 'no stopping' area.

CONSEQUENCES

If Council observes a vehicle for sale on public land, an on-the-spot fine may be issued. Additionally, if Council believes the vehicle is located where it is a public safety risk, the vehicle will be towed with the costs to be borne by the owner.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

If you wish to sell your vehicle yourself you may do so from private land provided:

- You comply with all Department of Transport and Main Roads regulations. Visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au or more information
- And you do not breach any Council regulations in relation to advertising and home-based businesses. Download the fact sheet at www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/about_council/fact_sheets/public_places