

# Parking - Local Law (Amending) Local Law No. 5 (Parking) 2019 And Subordinate Local Law (Amending) Subordinate Local Law No. 5.1 (Parking) 2019

## Local Law No.5 (Parking) 2013

This document relates to Council's current *Local Law No. 5 (Parking) 2013* and *Subordinate Local Law No. 5.1 (Parking) 2013* whose objective is:

- a. to provide for safe, efficient and equitable parking regulation in traffic areas, on roads and in off-street regulated parking areas in the local government area in accordance with Chapter 5, Part 6 of the TORUM Act including:
  - i. establishing and regulating parking in traffic areas, on roads and in off-street regulated parking areas;
  - ii. fixing parking fees and regulating paid parking;
  - iii. regulating the issuing and use of parking permits<sup>1</sup>;
  - iv. Imposing temporary parking prohibitions and restrictions.
- b. to provide for the regulation of parking and storage of heavy vehicles in residential areas

## Have your say

Council has reviewed the existing laws and is seeking your feedback on the proposed amendments.

The consultation period will be from 6.00 am on Wednesday 17 July to 6.00 am on Wednesday 7 August.

To have your say a written submission must be received supporting or objecting to the proposed local laws on or before the last day of the consultation period stating:

- your personal details
- The grounds for your submission (if you support/object to the proposed amendments)
- The facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds (the reasons why you support/object the proposed amendments)

The submission can be made by visiting [ipswich.qld.gov.au/locallawreview](http://ipswich.qld.gov.au/locallawreview) and

- electronically using the 'Have Your Say' link which will be available from 6.00 am on Wednesday 17 July to 6.00 am on Wednesday 7 August
- or completing the form provided and
  - delivering to council's Administration Building at 45 Roderick Street, Ipswich during office hours
  - send to council at PO Box 191, Ipswich QLD 4305

All submissions must be formally received at Council no later than 6.00 am on Wednesday 7 August.

To review a copy of *Local Law No. 5 (Parking) 2013* and the amending laws please visit [ipswich.qld.gov.au/locallawreview](http://ipswich.qld.gov.au/locallawreview) or collect a copy from council's Administration Building at 45 Roderick Street, Ipswich during office hours.

Note: you will need to read the amending laws in conjunction with the existing laws.

## Local law review

The local law review has resulted in the preparation of *Local Law (Amending) Local Law No. 5 (Parking) 2019* and *Subordinate Local Law (Amending) Subordinate Local Law No. 5.1 (Parking) 2019*. It is noted that there have been no anti-competitive provisions identified in the amended law.

A review has been conducted and drafting undertaken to:

- a. correct typographical errors and inconsistencies and provide an improved layout and formatting to the laws;
- b. more rigor and detailed criteria for parking permits and when they can/can't be granted;
- c. increase the scope of heavy vehicle parking as a permit regulated activity to now include rural areas (in addition to the status quo of residential areas) – this has been amended in the Local Law. Rural areas are defined as those rural zones under Council's planning scheme;
- d. Key amendments, primarily in the amended subordinate local law, as listed in the table below.

Related Section	What is changing?	Why is it changing?	Enforcement expectations
<p><b>Rationalisation Section 9 - parking permits issued by Council</b></p>	<p>Permits that currently exist that will <b>no longer exist under the proposed laws:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Media parking permits;</li> <li>▪ Community group or charitable activities for general parking across the City; and</li> <li>▪ Councillor parking permits.</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed permits</b> will be:</p> <p>All proposed permits currently exist however they will have more rigour and transparency about when permits can be issued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A contractor or worker undertaking work on adjoining site. This is a Works Zone Permit – where tools of the trade are required to be near the site for a specific date/time. (Note: work zone permits will not be granted where the site is also subject to a road closure permit – any parking should be included in the road closure permit)</li> <li>▪ A local government employee or contractor carrying out local government related activities (Note: the mere fact that a person is an employee is not sufficient for a permit to be granted. Examples of this permit include contractors who maintain Council's parking metres; undertake maintenance of Council assets etc., and if a Council employee it must be a registered fleet vehicle)</li> <li>▪ A person who resides in a residence (within a regulated parking area) of which the permit is granted or a visitor to the premises (note that conditions and criteria apply to the granting of this permit and how many permits may be issued for one address)</li> </ul>	<p>Under the current laws permits have been issued to many and varied applicants where a perceived imbalance has occurred creating inequitable parking, particularly in the Ipswich CBD. That is, more permits resulting in longer term parking in sought after parking locations and less turnover of vehicles to assist businesses and customers in the area. The city is going through a cultural change through its growth from a country town to a major City in South East Queensland and the proposed permits are in line with other Councils in SEQ. The permits that will cease to exist have been a legacy of previous amalgamated Councils (Moreton and Ipswich) and a contemporary and balanced approach is needed.</p>	<p>Administrative process change but education and promotion needed. Normal parking patrols and complaint processes will continue.</p>

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<p><b>Insertion of new declared traffic area maps</b></p>	<p>Council currently has a declared traffic area for the Central Business District of Ipswich.</p> <p>The proposed laws have added the below traffic areas (as defined by the included maps)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Springfield Traffic Area</li> <li>▪ Willowbank Traffic Area A &amp; B</li> </ul>	<p>Declared Traffic Areas enable Councils to declare an area as a regulated parking area or traffic area with signage on the boundaries to such areas, for example, in Brisbane there are many including New Farm/ Teneriffe; West End; Sunnybank along with traffic areas for Lang Park; The Gabba; St Lucia University of Qld.</p> <p>The addition of Springfield was identified as a growth area in iGO Transport Strategy and its inclusion in the law does not mean that there will be any immediate change to regulated parking hours or enforcement. The inclusion allows for future scoping to best manage the growth of traffic in that area.</p> <p>The Willowbank Traffic Area A &amp; B is also allowing Council to manage the traffic when major events occur to assist with traffic flow &amp; safety; and to ensure any potential impact on residents in the area is reduced.</p>	<p>There will be no immediate changes relating to the Springfield declared traffic area. Any implementation in the coming years will need to go through a community awareness process.</p> <p>Likewise, the Willowbank Traffic Areas implementation will be scoped out with engagement to occur between Council, event organisers and local residents.</p>
<p><b>Insertion of new off-street regulated parking areas</b></p>	<p>Council currently has the below off street regulated parking areas defined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Foote Lane car park</li> <li>▪ Roderick Street Council car park</li> <li>▪ Car park behind RSL building</li> <li>▪ Civic Hall car park</li> <li>▪ Eastern West Street car park</li> <li>▪ Western West Street car park</li> <li>▪ Laneway between Ipswich City Council Library and Administration Building</li> <li>▪ Ipswich Visitors Centre car park</li> <li>▪ Robelle Domain car park</li> <li>▪ Denmark Hill car park</li> <li>▪ Bob Gamble car park</li> </ul> <p>The proposed laws have added the below as additional off street regulated parking areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Marsden Parade car park</li> <li>▪ Robelle Domain and Lagoon</li> <li>▪ Queens park</li> <li>▪ Olga Street car park</li> <li>▪ Limestone Park – Salisbury Road car park</li> <li>▪ Rosewood Library</li> </ul>	<p>The inclusion of the majority of new off street regulated areas is a result of community feedback where Council has received complaints about parking in these areas – primarily dangerous parking (eg parking in spots that aren't defined parks meaning its dangerous to remove vehicles without damaging vehicles; and parking on grassed areas that could be damaging underground utilities or making it dangerous to exit the site into traffic). Council has not had the power to take enforcement action. With these areas added Council's approach would be education and awareness before any fines would be issued.</p> <p>The Rosewood Library has been added now in preparation for its completion and opening.</p>	<p>Awareness campaign to be rolled out with signage on site and any with any relevant user groups.</p> <p>Enforcement would be on complaint or if witnessed by an Authorised Officer.</p>