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### **601 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS**

**601.1** Every owner or occupier who constructs or substantially reconstructs, alters or adds to a building on any site or changes the use of any land or building shall provide adequate site access, off-road parking and standing areas as set out in Section 18 of the District Plan.

**601.2** An obligation to provide or increase provision for parking, loading and access may arise even if no building consent or resource consent is required.

### **602 DESIGN OF PARKING AREAS**

#### **(i) Vehicle Dimensions**

Parking spaces provided under this ordinance shall be of sufficient size and suitability laid out to accommodate a "90 Percentile Design Motor Car" as defined by the Ministry of Transport. The dimensions and turning circle of this vehicle, break-over angle specifications and the standard parking dimensions are shown in figures 25 and 26 of the Code. Design for any critical access conditions, shall be adequate for a "99 Percentile Design Motor Car" as defined by the Ministry of Transport.

Council may, where it thinks fit in the particular circumstances, reduce to nil the amount of manoeuvring space required by figures 25 and 26 in the following circumstances:

- a. Staff parking, provided access to any staff car park does not entail the movement of more than one other vehicle.
- b. Standing space, between adjacent standing spaces provided off-road.

#### **(ii) Typical Layouts**

The layout adopted will depend on the area and shape of the land or floor space available and its relationship to buildings; open space and vehicular or pedestrian thoroughfares. There are usually several alternative methods of achieving satisfactory parking layout having adequate access and manoeuvring space. The parking dimensions tabled in figs 25 and 26 of the Code are suitable for most conditions.

#### **(iii) General Design and Constructional Detail**

All public and private parking areas shall comply with the following general requirements.

- a. The parking area shall be formed and sealed or otherwise maintained to the satisfaction of Council so as not to create a dust nuisance or permit vehicles to carry material such as mud, stone, chip or gravel on to the public road or footpath.
- b. Stormwater originating from the parking area shall be dealt with in a manner approved by Council.
- c. The parking area shall comply with all relative clauses in 604 relating to access to and from the site.

**603           LOADING REQUIREMENTS**

**603.1**           Standing space is designed to be used for picking up or unloading passengers and/or goods for use of periods up to five minutes duration.

**603.2           *Commercial and Industrial Zones***

- (i)   Every standing space shall have adequate access to a road or service lane and the building which it is intended to serve.
- (ii)   All standing spaces shall have a minimum width of 4 metres and minimum depth of 8.5 metres.  
  
Where articulated vehicles are likely to be used, Council may require a greater depth to be provided.
- (iii)   Council may consent to the spaces being wholly or partly located on the whole or part of any parking spaces.
- (iv)   Wherever possible, standing spaces in a shopping area shall be placed to the rear of the building it serves.
- (v)   Standing spaces should be located on the site and clear of the adjacent road, or service lane.

**603.3           *Rural Areas***

- (i)   Stock loading races and other facilities for the loading or unloading of stock and farm products shall be so located within the farm property as to ensure that vehicles are completely clear of the road reserve when loading or unloading. Except that bobby calf pens may be located on the road provided that they are in accordance with paragraph 603.3(iii).
- (ii)   All loading or unloading of stock or any other produce, machinery, fertiliser, goods or materials including the transfer from one vehicle to another vehicle or trailer shall be carried out completely clear of the road except for:
  - a.   The loading of bobby calves into or from pens located in conformity with this Code of Practice.
  - b.   Passenger carrying vehicles setting down or picking up passengers.
  - c.   Rural mail delivery to or collection from mail boxes sited in conformity with this Code of Practice.
  - d.   Vehicles, machines and materials being used to construct or maintain roads or public services or utilities.
- (iii)   No heavy trailers detached from their towing units, containers, pens, goods, materials or machines shall at any time be placed either wholly or partly on any part of any carriageway, or within 2 metres of the carriageway, or on any other part of any road where this will cause an obstruction to the view of the road ahead of any driver using the roadway, except where special marked, paved areas have been provided after consultation between road carriers and the Council, so as to allow the parking of trailer units and/or the transfer of goods and stock from one unit to another to be carried out in safety and within the provisions of this Code of Practice.



**604 ACCESS**

- 604.1** Every parking or standing space in a Commercial or Industrial Zone shall be provided with such access drives and aisles as are necessary for unobstructed vehicle access to a formed public road and shall be so located as to avoid, where possible, reverse manoeuvring onto or off the road.
- Provided that alternative arrangements may be approved by Council if in its opinion the safety and flow of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic would not be adversely affected by the backing of vehicles into or from that site.
- 604.2** The design of such access shall be in general accordance with the widths and turning circles as set out in Appendix C with reference to the types of vehicular traffic likely to require such access. No access drive shall exceed a gradient of 20%.
- 604.3** Vehicles shall be prevented from entering or leaving the site except by the vehicle access provided, and from approaching and damaging any boundary fence.
- 604.4** Access to or outlet from a corner site shall not be located closer than 8m from the road boundary intersection in urban areas or 20m in the rural area unless the Council approves the design and location of that access or outlet.
- 604.5** All vehicle access drives shall be formed and maintained so as to adequately control stormwater and prevent material such as mud, stone, chip and gravel being carried out onto a public road or path.
- 604.6** Farm entrances and other vehicular access onto all roads shall be sited, constructed and maintained to standards satisfactory to the Council. Appendix C, figure 17 of the Code illustrates generally acceptable as farm access for heavy vehicles.
- 604.7** Transit New Zealand retains control of the location, design and construction standard of crossing places and road intersections with a State highway which has been declared to be a Limited Access Road.

