

7. REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY TRAFFIC AND PARKING BY-LAW 1991

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's recommendation to Council for an amendment to the Christchurch City Traffic and Parking By-law 1991.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Inspector J W Doyle (Area Commander, Southern Christchurch, New Zealand Police) and Senior Sergeant Trevor Pullen recently made submissions to the Council requesting an amendment to the Ninth Schedule of the Christchurch City Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991 to address street racing activities in the Hasketts Road/Barters Road area.
3. The Police are now canvassing all community boards for information relating to problem areas that could be added to the Schedule.
4. A Joint Forum was held by the Shirley/Papanui and Fendalton/Waimairi Community Boards on 21 August 2006 and the following roads were identified for inclusion:
 - Kaianga Road
 - Spencerville Road
 - Lower Styx Road
 - Husseys Road
 - Pound Road
 - Ryans Road
 - Savills Road
 - Guys Road
 - Chattertons Road
 - Miners Road
 - McLean Island Road
 - Coutts Island Road
 - Blakes Road
 - Guthries Road
 - Dickeys Road
5. As the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board's Works and Traffic Committee will be considering this matter further, the staff recommendation of this report relates only to the Shirley/Papanui community.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are financial considerations relating to this report. There will be a need in terms of the By-law to erect signage on all the roads listed in the Ninth Schedule of the By-law. The cost of this signage, across the city, if all boards wish to have roads included in the Schedule could be significant and is currently unbudgeted.
7. It is noted that the Council is required to erect signage on roads added to the Ninth Schedule, and local residents advised accordingly.
8. The By-law provides that the prohibited times in listed streets are Friday – Sunday 9pm -5am, and the same times on statutory holidays.
9. Once all the boards have considered this issue staff will prepare a report for the Council on the implications of including these additional streets to the Ninth Schedule. Inclusion of streets in the Ninth Schedule prohibits the movement of all cars along that street during the prohibited times except for residents living in the street, trade vehicles, security vehicles and Council vehicles.

10. So when a street is listed in the Ninth Schedule it is unlawful for the general public to drive along that street during the prohibited times and requires them to take alternative routes around the city. For this reason it is important for the Council to see from an overall perspective what streets community boards are putting forward to be listed in the Ninth Schedule so as to ensure that the public can move around the city with reasonable ease, and without greatly inconveniencing the public.
11. Once community boards have considered this issue staff will put a report to Council with recommendations on the streets put forward by community boards and with the usual advice regarding the legal and financial issues and any policy issues that may arise.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board recommend that Council resolves:

- a) To add the following roads to the Ninth Schedule of the Christchurch City Traffic and Parking By-law 1991:
 - Kaianga Road
 - Spencerville Road
 - Lower Styx Road
 - Husseys Road
 - Coutts Island Road
 - Blakes Road
 - Guthries Road
 - Dickeys Road

with effect from the date of Council's resolution, subject to the erection of the signs referred to in clause 68A(3) of the Christchurch City Traffic and Parking By-law 1991.

- b) That Council's resolution be publicly notified, as required by clause 68A(4) of the Christchurch City Traffic and Parking By-law 1991.
- c) That staff provide advice to Council on the list of streets submitted by community boards.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.