

## 8. PARKING OF VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager Regulation and Democracy Services, DDI 941-8549
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Inspections & Enforcement Unit Manager
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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Board how enforcement action is carried out by Parking Enforcement Officers in relation to the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991 – Displaying Vehicles on Road.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. An issue was raised by a member of the public who had concerns regarding commercial vehicles in residential areas.
3. The Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991 states:

***“Displaying Vehicles On Street***

*No person shall use any road or public place for the keeping, placing or parking of vehicles for sale, exhibition, demonstration, storage or otherwise in connection with any trade or business of such person, unless the written consent of the Council is first obtained.”*

4. At present this bylaw is used to prevent businesses from using the road as a storage area for their business. In most cases businesses use the road to store work vehicles such as buses, truck, trailers etc.
5. To be able to prove that an offence is taking place, the Parking Enforcement Team must be able to prove that the vehicles are parked (stored) outside a property that is being used to conduct business.
6. The Parking Enforcement Team investigates and visits the street on many occasions, to confirm that in fact an offence under the Traffic and Parking Bylaw is being committed. Reliance is heavily placed on the vehicles being registered to the residential address where the vehicles are parked either outside, or close to the property.
7. Should it be found that an offence has taken place, in the first instance the owner of the business is informed by letter that an offence is being committed against a city bylaw. The Parking Enforcement Team then advises the business owner that alternative arrangements must be made within a limited time, for the parking of the offending vehicles.
8. In most instances business owners are unaware of the bylaw and comply with the wishes of the Council and find alternative storage facilities.
9. When a business fails to comply, enforcement action begins and infringement notices are issued. The cost of breaching the bylaw is \$40.00.
10. The Parking Enforcement Team does not pursue under this bylaw any person who takes a truck/bus etc to their residential address on completion of their day’s work, and at present, the Council does not have a bylaw that restricts heavy vehicles parking overnight in residential streets.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. No extra costs are incurred outside the normal operations budget.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

### CHAIRPERSON’S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.