

ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT MACHINES POLICY



Responsible Division	Planning and Development Services
Responsible Business Unit/s	Planning Services
Responsible Officer	Planning Manager
Affected Business Unit/s	Planning Services

PURPOSE:

To ensure that premises containing Amusement Machines are located and operated whereby they do not have a detrimental affect on the amenity of the area.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. Acceptable locations where amusement machines may be installed and conditions of installation shall fall within the following three (3) categories:
 - a. Small commercial establishments:
 - i. The maximum number of amusement machines within the building shall not exceed four (4);
 - ii. The amusement machines must be kept within the premises at all times;
 - iii. The amusement machines must be adequately supervised at all times by the proprietor of the premises or an adult employee; and
 - iv. The amusement machines must be located in such a position within the building that they do not affect the movement of people within the premises.
 - b. Licensed premises:
 - i. The Amusement machines must be located in such a position within the building that they do not affect the movement of people within the premises; and
 - ii. The amusement machine must be adequately supervised by the proprietor or an adult employee.
 - c. Amusement Parlours
 - i. All Amusement Centre applications shall be advertised for a period of twenty one (21) days, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Scheme and at the cost of the applicant;
 - ii. The nett floor space must be not less than 2.8 square metres per amusement machine;
 - iii. The number of toilets provided shall be in accordance with the Public Buildings Regulations;
 - iv. The premises must be under adult supervision at all times;
 - v. The amusement machines must be arranged in such a way as to enable supervision from a central control point;
 - vi. All amusement machines must be contained within the premises;
 - vii. The noise from the premises and amusement machines must not be offensive, and shall not be in contravention of the Environmental Protection Act;
 - viii. The hours of operation shall be restricted to between 8.30am and 12.00pm, Monday to Saturday, and 10.00am to 10.00pm on Sunday; and
 - ix. Where applicable, bike racks will be provided within the building and the parking of bikes prohibited on the pavement or building surrounds.
2. An application for the installation of amusement machines shall be supported with the following information.

- a. A plan of the premises which clearly describes and defines the areas of the activities to be contained within the building and location of all amusement machines;
 - b. The number of amusement machines; and
 - c. The number of persons supervising the operation of the premises.
3. Applications for the installation of amusement machines shall be assessed having due regard to:
 - a. Potential noise/nuisance factors
 - b. Parking provision
 - c. Likelihood of increased traffic
 - d. Amenity of the surrounding area
 - e. Health requirements
 - f. Welfare/safety of the community
 4. With the exception of a licensed premise no alcohol shall be sold or consumed on premises containing amusement machines.
 5. Initial approvals granted to premises to contain amusement machines shall be issued for a period of twelve (12) months, after which time the Council shall review the operation of the activity in its determination of a fresh application.
 6. Council reserves the right to cancel the approval of a premises to operate amusement machines should the activity give rise to justifiable complaints in respect to a breach of the above policy or conditions of development approval.

DEFINITIONS:

Nil

RELATED LEGISLATION:

Clause 2.6 of Town Planning Scheme No 24

RELATED DOCUMENTATION:

Nil

Relevant Delegations		
Risk Evaluation		
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