

Ngā Ture ā-Rohe Tōpu o Wairarapa

Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Wāhanga Ono: Tōnuku

Part Six: Traffic

Timatanga | Commencement

The Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw came into force throughout the Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa Districts on 1 November 2025.

Whakaae | Adoption

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Arotakenga | Review

The Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw is next due for review by November 2030. If not reviewed by this date, the Bylaw will revoke in November 2032 in accordance with section 160A of the Local Government Act 2002.

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Tuhinga Pāhekoheko | Referenced Documents

Reference is made in this document to the following legislation:

- Land Transport Act 1998
- Land Transport (Offences and Penalties) Regulation 1999
- Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004
- Local Government Act 2002
- Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004

Tuhinga Hāngai | Related Documents

- Heavy Motor Vehicle Regulations 1974
- Reserves Act 1977
- Land Transport Rule: Setting Speed Limits 2024
- National Policy Statement on Urban Development

Kupu Takamua | Foreword

Part Six is made under section 22AB of the Land Transport Act 1998 and section 145 of the Local Government Act 2002.

If any provision of this Part is inconsistent with Part One – Introductory, then the provisions of this Part prevail.

1. Aronga me te Pūtake | Scope and Purpose

- 1.1. Part Six sets the requirements for parking and control of Vehicles and other traffic on any Road in the Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa districts, including state highways located within the urban boundaries that are otherwise controlled by the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA).

2. Kuputaka | Definitions

Refer to the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw: Part One - Introductory for any definitions not included in this Part.

- 2.1. The following definitions are applicable to Part Six:

Ambulance Service: has the meaning given to it under clause 1.6 of the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004.

Authorised Agency: means the Council, New Zealand Police, Fire and Emergency New Zealand, any Emergency Ambulance Service, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Department of Conservation, any Central Government Department or Ministry, NIWA and any surf lifesaving club registered with Surf Life Saving New Zealand.

Berm: means the edge of a road reserve between the kerb or surface water channel and property boundary.

Bus: has the meaning given to it under Part 2 of the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

Clearway: has the meaning given to it under Part 2 of the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

Cycle Lane: has the meaning given to it under Part 2 of the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

Cycle Path: has the meaning given to it under Part 2 of the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

Disabled Person: has the meaning given to it under section 2 of the Disabled Persons Community Welfare Act 1975.

Driver: has the meaning given to it under section 2 of the Land Transport Act 1998.

Electric Vehicle: has the meaning given to it under clause 1.6 of the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004.

Emergency Vehicle: has the meaning given to it under clause 1.6 of the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004.

Freight Container: means an article of transport equipment that is:

- of a permanent character and strong enough to be suitable for repeated use;
- specifically designed to facilitate the transport of goods, by one or more modes of transport, without intermediate loading; and
- designed to be secured and readily handled having fittings for these purposes.

Heavy Motor Vehicle: has the meaning given to it under section 2 of the Heavy Motor Vehicle Regulations 1974.

Loading Zone: has the meaning given to it under Part 2 of the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

Metered Area: means any Road or portion of a Road or any area of land or any building owned or controlled by the Council, which is authorised by resolution of Council to be used as a Parking Place, and at which Parking Machines or Multiple Space Parking Machines are installed and maintained.

Metered Parking Space: means any part of a Road, or a space, within a Metered Area or Multiple Space Parking Metered Area, indicated by and lying within, markings made by the Council for parking of vehicles.

Mobility Parking Permit: means a permit or concession card, issued by the Disability Action Incorporated CCS, to persons with physical disabilities for the purpose of its operation mobility programme.

Mobility Parking Space: means a Parking Space set aside for exclusive use by Disabled Persons who hold a Mobility Parking Permit.

Motorcycle: has the meaning given to it under section 2 of the Land Transport Act 1998

Motor vehicle: has the meaning given to it under section 2 of the Land Transport Act 1998.

Multiple Space Parking Meter: means a Parking Meter that functions for more than one Parking Space.

Other Users of the Beach: means people, marine mammals, avifauna and protected, rare or threatened indigenous flora and fauna.

Parking Meter: means a device used to measure and indicate the time paid for and which remains to be used, in relation to the time a Vehicle may be parked in a Metered Parking Space. Includes pay and display parking meters and any other device (for example, electronic application) that is used to collect payment in exchange for parking a Vehicle in a particular place for a limited time.

Parking: means stopping, standing or parking a Vehicle, whether attended or not and "Park" has a corresponding meaning.

Parking Place: means a place (including a building) where any class of Vehicle, may Park, and includes:

- all necessary approaches and means of entrance to, and exit from, any such place;
- all such buildings, ticket offices, waiting rooms, cloak rooms, structures, appliances; and
- any other facilities as the Council considers necessary or desirable for the efficient use of that place for the purpose for which it is provided and the collection of charges in relation to that use.

Parking Space: means a space or section of a Parking Place, Road or other Public Place marked out and defined by painted lines for the accommodation of a Vehicle.

Parking Warden: means a parking warden appointed to hold the office of parking warden under section 128D of the Land Transport Act 1998.

Passenger Service Vehicle: has the meaning given to it under section 2 of the Land Transport Act 1998.

Pedestrian: has the meaning given to it under Part 2 of the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

Reserved Parking Area: has the meaning given to it under Part 2 of the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

Roadway: has the meaning given to it under Part 2 of the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

Small Passenger Service Vehicle: has the meaning given to it under section 2 of the Land Transport Act 1998.

Special Vehicle Lane: has the meaning given to it under clause 1.6 of the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004.

Traffic Control Device: has the meaning given to it under section 2 of the Land Transport Act 1998.

Trailer: has the meaning given to it under clause 1.6 of the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004.

Transport Service Vehicle: has the meaning given to it under section 2 of the Land Transport Act 1998.

Transport Station: means a place where Transport Service Vehicles, or any class of Transport Service Vehicles, may wait between trips and includes all necessary approaches and means of entrance to and egress from any such place, and all such buildings, ticket offices, waiting rooms, cloak rooms, structures, appliances, and other facilities as the council considers to be necessary or desirable for the efficient use of that place for the purpose for which it is provided and the collection of charges in relation to that use.

U-Turn: means turning from facing or travelling in one direction to facing or travelling in the opposite direction.

Vehicle: has the meaning of section 2 of the Land Transport Act 1998.

Vehicle Combination: means a towing Vehicle in combination with one or more Trailer or other motor vehicle that is being towed.

Zone Parking: In relation to a Road, means a parking restriction imposed by the Road Controlling Authority:

- that applies to an area comprising a number of Roads;
- in respect of which persons using Vehicles within the area could reasonably be expected to be aware of the application of the parking restriction to the area without the need for the erection of signs at each intersection within the area, for reasons including:
 - the nature of the area;
 - the nature of the parking restriction;
 - traffic patterns into and within the area; or
 - the nature and number of entry points to the area; and
 - that the controlling authority specifically declares to be a zone parking control.

3. Whānuitanga | Scope

- 3.1. The Council may from time to time by resolution, permanently or temporarily:
- a) prohibit or otherwise restrict, subject to the erection of the prescribed signs, the stopping, standing, or Parking of Vehicles on any Road or part of a Road, or on any piece of land owned or controlled by the Council and not being a Road or part of a Road, including any Parking Place or Transport Station;
 - b) set aside, designate or reserve any Road, part of a Road, or any land owned or controlled by the Council, as:

- i. stopping places or stands for a specified class, or description of Vehicles, including:
 - Bus Stops;
 - Small Passenger Service Vehicle stands;
 - Loading Zones;
 - pie cart stands; and
 - Parks for electric vehicles while in the course of being recharged at an electric vehicle charging station.
 - ii. Mobility Parking Spaces;
 - iii. restricted parking areas, Parking Places, and Zone Parking;
 - iv. Transport Stations;
 - v. Clearways;
 - vi. Cycle Lanes and Cycle Paths;
 - vii. Reserved Parking Areas;
 - viii. Metered Areas;
 - ix. Special Vehicle Lanes
 - x. electric charging stations; or
 - xi. one-way roads.
- c) Prohibit, subject to the erection of the prescribed signs:
- i. U-Turns;
 - ii. left turns, right turns, or through movements;
 - iii. parking of Heavy Motor Vehicles or any specified class or description of Heavy Motor Vehicles, on any specified Road during such hours or exceeding such period as may be specified;
- d) Prohibit or restrict, absolutely or conditionally:
- i. any specified class of traffic (where heavy traffic or not), or any specified motor vehicles or class of motor vehicles that, by reason of its size or nature of the nature of the goods carried, is unsuitable for use on any Road or Roads;
- e) Prohibit or restrict:
- i. use of Roads by Pedestrians; or
 - ii. use of Roads by cyclists.
- f) Prescribing, subjecting to the marking or lanes on the Roadway, that on any Road any traffic lane may be used or any turning movement may be made by:
- i. Passenger Service Vehicles or
 - ii. Vehicles of other specified classes; or

- iii. Vehicles carrying specified classes or loads or not less than a specified number of occupants.
- g) Regulate any other matter specified by section 22AB(1) of the Land Transport Act 1998.
- 3.2. Any matter regulated under clause 3.1 may apply to a specified class, type, weight or description of Vehicle, or any combination of these, and may be expressed or limited to apply only on specified days, or between specified times, or for any specified events or classes of events, or be limited to specified maximum periods of time.

4. Te Tau, te Tū rānei | Stopping, Standing and Parking

- 4.1. A Person must not, without prior authorisation from the Council, stop, stand or Park a Vehicle or Vehicle combination on any Road, public car park, Reserve or any other Public Place, in contravention of a prohibition, restriction or limitation imposed by the Council in the schedules to Part Six and that is evidenced by appropriate signs and/or roading markings.
- 4.2. Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 4.1, the Council may authorise the stopping, standing or Parking of specified Vehicles subject to conditions appropriate for the circumstances and payment of the prescribed fee.
- 4.3. A Person must not conduct any of the following without prior written authorisation of the Council:
 - a) Park a Vehicle or Trailer displaying advertising or sales material on any Road or part of a Road, or on any land owned or controlled by the Council, including any Parking Place or Transport Station. This includes a Vehicle displayed for sale in association with adjacent trade premises and mobile billboards.
 - b) Place or Park, or allow another Person to place or Park a Vehicle on any Road for storage in connection with or as part of a trade or business, whether or not that Vehicle is owned by the Person.
 - c) Park or place any machinery, equipment, materials, waste disposal bins or freight containers on any Road or Public Place. This does not apply to containers used solely for domestic refuse or recycling as authorised by the Council and placed off the Roadway, provided that they are not left there for a period exceeding 72 hours.
 - d) Stop, stand or Park a Vehicle or Vehicle Combination on a Berm, verge, kerb, lawn, garden, or other cultivation adjacent to or forming part of a Road in Urban Area.
- 4.4. The Council may impose conditions to be complied with as part of granting authorisation under clause 4.3.
- 4.5. A Person must not repair, alter or add to a Vehicle during trade while the Vehicle is on the Road, unless it is necessary to enable the Vehicle to be removed from the Road.

- 4.6. A Person must not Park any Vehicle in a Parking Space which is already occupied by another Vehicle. However up to six Motorcycles (including motorcycles with sidecars attached) may occupy a single Parking Space at the same time. Such Motorcycles must be parked at right angles to the kerb.

5. Ngā Wāhi Ine Tūwaka | Metered Parking Space

- 5.1. The Council may designate or reserve any Road, part of a Road, or any land owned or controlled by the Council as a Metered Parking Space as set out in the schedules.
- 5.2. The Driver or Person in charge of a Vehicle may occupy the Metered Parking Space, provided the appropriate fee has been paid and, where required, the Parking Meter controlling the space has been correctly activated, or any instructions on any Parking Meter or signs controlling the Parking Space have been complied with. A Vehicle must not remain Parked in a Metered Parking Space after the time has expired.
- 5.3. The Council may set fees for Parking in a Metered Parking Space by publicly notified resolution. Parking fees must be paid in New Zealand currency and in accordance with the instructions on the Parking Meter or via an online payment process if available. The hours during which payment is required will be indicated by signs or notices affixed to Parking Meters.
- 5.4. When a receipt is issued by a pay and display Parking Meter, it must be displayed on the Parked Vehicle in a way that ensures it is legible through the front window (or visible on the Vehicle if there is no front window).
- 5.5. Where more than one Motorcycle occupies a Metered Parking Space, only one parking fee applies. In the case of more than one Motorcycle occupying a Metered Parking Space without payment or beyond the time limit, each Motorcycle is in breach of this Part of the Bylaw.

6. Ngā Tūnga Waka kua Whakakorengia | Discontinued Metered Parking Space

- 6.1. The Council may temporarily discontinue a Parking Space by placing or erecting (or authorise the placing or erecting of) a 'No Stopping' sign or notice, or a meter hood showing reserved parking at the affected Metered Parking Space(s).
- 6.2. It is unlawful for any Person to Park a Vehicle in a Metered Parking Space when a sign, notice, or meter hood indicates that it is a Reserved Parking Area without Council permission.

7. Te Raukoti Ine Tūwaka | Misuse of Parking Meters

- 7.1. A Person must not operate, or attempt to operate, any Parking Meter by any means other than as prescribed by this Part of the Bylaw.

- 7.2. A Person must not misuse, interfere with, tamper with, or attempt to tamper with the operation of any Parking Meter.
- 7.3. Without Council permission, a Person must not affix or attempt to affix anything, or paint, write upon or disfigure any Parking Meter.

8. Te Takahi Ture Tūnga Waka | Unlawful Parking

- 8.1. A Person must not Park any Vehicle or Vehicle Combination in a Parking Space except as permitted by the provisions of this Part of the Bylaw.
- 8.2. A Person must not Park a Vehicle or Vehicle Combination in a Parking Space in a way that extends any part of that vehicle beyond any line defining that space (unless by reason of its size it is necessary for the Vehicle to extend onto an adjoining and unoccupied Parking Space). If the Parking Spaces occupied by the Vehicle or Vehicle Combination are Metered Parking Spaces the Driver or person in control of the Vehicle must pay a parking fee for each space occupied.
- 8.3. A Person must not Park in an area governed by a non-operational parking meter longer than the maximum timeframe indicated on the meter.

9. Whakaaetanga Tūnga Whaikaha | Mobility Parking Permit

- 9.1. The Council may reserve Parking Spaces as Mobility Parking Spaces as set out in Schedule 2G.
- 9.2. A Mobility Parking Permit must be displayed when using a Mobility Parking Space. The Mobility Parking Permit is to be legible through the front windscreen (or on the Vehicle if no windscreen is fitted).
- 9.3. A Mobility Parking Permit must not be displayed if the Parking Space is not being used for the benefit of the permit holder.

10. Ngā Huarahi Ahutahi | One Way Roads

- 10.1. A Person must only drive a Vehicle or ride any horse or bicycle in the direction specified on Roads or parts of Roads listed as 'one-way roads' in Schedule 2A of Part Six.

11. Ngā Aukatinga Hurihanga | Turning Restrictions

- 11.1. Subject to the erection of the prescribed signs, a Person must not drive contrary to any turning restriction listed in Schedule 2B of Part Six.

12. Ngā Aukatinga Tōnuku Mātotoru | Heavy Traffic Prohibitions

- 12.1. Subject to the exemptions provided for in this Part of the Bylaw, a Person must not drive, or permit to be driven, or Park, any Heavy Motor Vehicle or any specified class of Heavy Motor Vehicle during the hours or exceeding the period specified for the Roads or Public Places listed in Schedule 2C of Part Six.

13. Ngā Ara Waka Motuhake | Special Vehicle Lanes

- 13.1. The Council may prescribe a Road, or part of a Road, as a Special Vehicle Lane by resolution.
- 13.2. Any resolution made under clause 15.1 must specify:
- a) the type of special vehicle lane; and
 - b) the hours of operation of the special vehicle lane (if any) when it is restricted to specific classes of vehicles.
- 13.3. A Person must not use a Special Vehicle Lane listed in Schedule 2D of Part Six, contrary to any restriction made by Council.

14. Ngā Whakaaetanga Hurihanga ki ngā Momo Waka | Turning Movements Permitted by Specified Classes of Vehicles

- 14.1. Subject to the erection of the prescribed signs, the traffic lanes listed in Schedule 2E of Part Six, permit turning movements by specified classes of Vehicles.

15. Ngā Wā Aukatinga ki ngā Huarahi | Prohibited and Restricted Times on Roads

- 15.1. Subject to the exemptions provided for in Part Six, Vehicles are prohibited from being used on any Road or part of Road at the days and times as specified in the schedules.
- 15.2. Before prohibiting any Vehicle under clause 15.1, the Council will consider the views and preferences of persons likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in, the decision which may include:
- a) the occupiers of any properties adjoining the proposed road or part of the road;
 - b) local community, road user group or other organisations;
 - c) NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi.
 - d) any other road controlling authority that may be affected because the proposed road or part of the Road adjoins, or is located near a road controlled by that other Road Controlling Authority; and
 - e) New Zealand Police.

- 15.3. Where Council prohibits Vehicles from being used on any Road, or part of a Road, the schedule must specify the Road or part of the Road, the prohibited times, and the class of Vehicle it applies to.

16. Ngā Waka i Tātahi | Vehicles on Beaches

- 16.1. A person operating a Vehicle on a beach must operate that Vehicle in a courteous, appropriate, safe and responsible manner, giving due consideration to other vehicle operators and to Other Users of the beach at all times.
- 16.2. Any person operating any Vehicle on the beach must not operate that Vehicle in a manner as to present a real or implied danger or threat to the wellbeing and safety of any Other Users of the Beach at all times.
- 16.3. A person must not operate a Vehicle on a beach in excess of any speed limit imposed by the schedules to this Part of the Bylaw.
- 16.4. Subject to the exemptions provided for in this Part of the Bylaw, all Vehicles are prohibited in any prohibited beach areas identified in the schedules, at all times.

17. Ngā Tohu Huarahi me ngā Māka | Road Signs and Markings

- 17.1. The Council will indicate by road markings (e.g. lines painted on the road) and/or signage on any Road or part of Road, or any land owned or controlled by the Council, as necessary to give effect to any resolution made in accordance with this Part of the Bylaw. This includes to indicate Metered Parking Spaces, pay and display zones and areas of zone parking.
- 17.2. Markings and signage will be in accordance with the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

18. Ngā Momo Waka kua Kapea | Exempted Vehicles

- 18.1. Part Six does not apply to Emergency Vehicles carrying out their legitimate business (e.g. fire appliance, ambulance).
- 18.2. Sections 5, 6, and 13 of Part Six do not apply to medical practitioners such as doctors, nurses and midwives who are attending an emergency.
- 18.3. Clauses 12.1 and 15.1 of Part Six do not apply to Vehicles engaged in the maintenance of roads or of utilities or services which are erected on, under or over any roads in the prohibited area or Vehicles that have been approved in writing by the Council.
- 18.4. Clause 16.4 of Part Six does not apply to any employee, contractor or nominee of an Authorised Agency who is carrying out the lawful functions or activities of that Authorised Agency or Vehicles that have been approved in writing by the Council.

19. Ngā Hara me ngā Hāmene | Offences and Penalties

- 19.1. Any person who breaches Part Six commits an offence and may be liable to a penalty under section 22AB of the Land Transport Act 1998, schedule 1B of the Land Transport (Offences and Penalties) Regulations 1999, or section 242 of the LGA. Refer to Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw Part One - Introductory (Section 15) for details of what constitutes a breach.
- 19.2. A person breaches Part Six and commits an offence, who:
- a) fails to comply in all respects with any prohibition, restriction, direction or requirement indicated by the lines, markings, traffic signs and other signs or notices laid down, placed, made or erected on or upon any road, public car park, reserve or other places controlled by the Council under any of the provisions of this Part of the Bylaw; or
 - b) fails to comply with any condition, duty, or obligation, imposed by this Part of the Bylaw.
- 19.3. A person may not be subject to proceedings under clause 19.1 of Part Six, if that person is also, for the same facts, being proceeded against for a breach of the Land Transport Act 1998.

Explanatory Note:

As at the date the Bylaw comes into force, a Person who is convicted of an offence against Part Two is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 in accordance with section 242 of the Local Government Act 2002;

20. Ngā Āheitanga | Defences

- 20.1. It is a defence to Part Six if the Person proves that the act or omission:
- a) took place in compliance with the directions of an Enforcement Officer, a Parking Warden or a Traffic Control Device; or
 - b) was performed by an Enforcement Officer or a Parking Warden and was necessary in the execution of that person's duty.

21. Te Mana Whakatau Panonitanga | Power to Amend by Resolution

- 21.1. The Council may by resolution publicly notified:
- a) add schedules;
 - b) make additions or deletions from the schedules; or
 - c) substitute new schedules.
- 21.2. Where Council intends to make a resolution under clause 21.1, consultation will be undertaken as required, in accordance with section 156 of the LGA.

- 21.3. After making a resolution under clause 21.1, the Council shall:
- a) record the matter in its traffic control schedules and publish the updated version; and
 - b) mark the roads and install signs in accordance with the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

22. Ngā Hōtaka Whakahaere Tōnuku | Traffic Control Schedules

- 22.1. The Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa District Councils will maintain schedules of the traffic control measures in their respective districts.