

Do I Need Shire Approval?

Subject to the provisions of the local law no person shall erect, make or maintain a sign or advertising device and the owner or occupier of premises shall not suffer or permit a sign or advertising device to remain on those premises so as to be visible from a street, reserve or other public place, except pursuant to a Permit issued under the Shire of Kalamunda Local Laws Relating to Signs, Hoardings and Bill Posting.

For complete details of the requirements for a sign Permit applications and specific requirements for particular signs please refer to the full text of the Shire of Kalamunda Local Laws Relating to Signs, Hoardings and Bill Posting.

Some signs also require planning approval in addition to a sign Permit. Some signs are also exempt from planning approval and a list can be found in the Shire's Local Planning Scheme 3—Schedule 5 Exempted Advertisements.

Extracts from the Shire of Kalamunda Local Laws Relating to Sign, Hoardings and Bill Posting

The following signs are exempt from the requirements to obtain a Permit:

- a) a sign erected or maintained pursuant to any Act having operation within the State;
- b) a sale sign not exceeding 1m² in area;
- c) a plate not exceeding 0.2m² in area erected or affixed on the street alignment or between that alignment and the building line to indicate the name and occupation or profession of the occupier of the premises;
- d) a direction sign;
- e) signs of use solely for the direction and/or control of people, animals and/or vehicles or to indicate the name and/or street number of a premises, providing the area of any such sign does not exceed 0.2m²;
- f) advertisements affixed to or painted on a shop window by the occupier thereof and relating to the business carried on therein;
- g) The name and occupation of any occupier of business premises painted on a window or wall of those premises;
- h) signs within a building unless such signs are deemed to be objectionable by the Council;
- i) building name signs on residential flats or home units where they are of a single line of letters not exceeding 300mm in height, fixed to the facade of the building;
- j) newspaper posters

A sign shall not be erected or maintained:

- a) so as to obstruct the view from a street or public place or traffic in any street or public place;
- b) so as to be likely to be confused with or mistaken for an official traffic light or sign or so as to contravene the Traffic Act 1919 or the Traffic Regulations;
- c) except with the specific approval of the Council on any ornamental tower, spire, dome or similar architectural feature or on a lift machinery room, bulkhead over stairs or other superstructure over the main roof of a building;
- d) on any land that is zoned in a Town Planning Scheme as residential or used for residential purposes other than a site of lawful non-conforming use other than residential unless specifically permitted in these Local-Laws;
- e) on any building of which the stability is, in the opinion of the Building Surveyor, likely to be affected by the sign;
- f) as a movable sign in a street or public place, unaffixed to a building;
- g) on a light or power pole without the approval of the relevant authority responsible for the erection of that pole;
- h) in any position where it obstructs or obscures a person's view from a dwelling of a river, the sea or any other natural feature of beauty;
- i) On land zoned or used for residential purposes unless it is a sale sign or a sign authorised under Council's Town Planning Scheme;
- j) in any position where, in the opinion of Council, the advertisement will be out of harmony with the surroundings in the locality in which the advertisement is proposed to be exhibited or where Council considers it will be undesirable for reasons to be stated by the Council.

Temporary Signs

Temporary signs for Fairs, Exhibitions and Home Open etc. may be erected for a maximum period of two (2) weeks without the issue of a sign Permit or approval stickers providing the following conditions are complied with:

1. Signs are not to be erected in a manner that they are likely to cause any obstruction or interference with persons using the road reserve (this includes footpath, verge and roadway), or in such a way as to create a traffic hazard.
2. Signs are not to be erected on either Roe Highway or Tonkin Highway.
3. Signs not to be placed in vicinity of Stirk Park without Shire Engineer's approval. Approval only possible for events at Stirk Park.
4. Signs are not to be erected within 50 metres of an intersection.
5. Signs are not to be erected within 2 metres of the kerb line.
6. Signs are not to be located on a traffic island or within the median strip.
7. Signs must be free standing and therefore not attached to any structure, service poles, trees or road furniture.
8. Signs must be removed at close of Fair, Exhibition, etc.
9. The organisers must accept responsibility for any claims arising out of the placing of the signs within the road reserve.
10. 'Home Open' signs only to be displayed when the home is open.

Any signs that do not comply with these conditions or by reason of content or appearance are considered to be unsuitable will be removed.

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