

## ON-STREET PARKING POLICY

<b>Policy Type</b>	Council
<b>Responsible Department</b>	City Development
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Manager City Design
<b>Related Policies and Procedures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Venture On-Street Parking</li> <li>• Car Parking Contribution Fund Policy</li> <li>• Unley Parking Management Plan</li> </ul>
<b>Community Plan Link</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community Living               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Our Community is active, healthy and feels safe</li> <li>1.3 Our City meets the needs of all generations</li> <li>1.5 Our City is connected and accessible.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Economic Prosperity               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 Unley is recognised as an easy place to do business</li> <li>3.2 Thriving main streets and other business activities operate across our City</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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### 1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1. Council recognises the complexity and challenges associated with parking management in the City of Unley (the City). The Area experiences substantial demand for on-street parking from local residents and the working community, as well as visitors, contractors and commuters.
- 1.2. Parking demand in the Area is dynamic and continually evolving, driven by the City's inner urban setting and mix and intensity of land uses.
- 1.3. On-street parking is a finite resource, and it is Council's aim to provide fair and equitable access to on-street parking, appropriate to the particular needs of local precincts
- 1.4. Effective parking management plays a crucial role in fostering a more sustainable City by promoting increased use of public transport and encouraging walking and cycling, particularly in locations with good transportation alternatives.

## 2. SCOPE

2.1. The Policy applies to all City parking matters on or under public / Council land.

## 3. POLICY PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES

3.1. Provide a sustainable and equitable process for managing on-street parking in the City and to ensure that Council's decisions relating to parking management are consistent, reasonable and transparent. The On-Street Parking Policy (Policy) recognises that parking management is dynamic, requiring continuous review and assessment in alignment with the Unley Parking Management Plan (Plan).

3.2. The key objectives of this Policy are to manage on-street parking consistent with the aims of the Plan, including:

- *Provide a holistic and strategic framework to guide Council decision-making relating to the management of on-street parking, including permits.*
- *Provide a better balance of parking provisions for residents, businesses, shoppers and visitors.*
- *Optimise existing parking facilities to their full potential and implement new ones as needed.*
- *Better manage changing parking demands over time.*

3.3. The key principles for making decisions on parking management within the City are to align with the six principles of the Plan, including:

- 2.3.1 Acknowledging that parking issues often arise due to safety, accessibility, convenience, and/or productivity factors, but decisions should be made within the context of the Australian Road Rules.
- 2.3.2 Recognising that Council's role is to serve the entire community not just individual needs.
- 2.3.3 Acknowledging the mixed-use nature of the City and considering the needs of all street users when balancing competing demands.
- 2.3.4 Engaging and collaborating with all relevant stakeholders to address and resolve parking management challenges.
- 2.3.5 Viewing all on-street parking as public parking and not for the exclusive use of individual(s).
- 2.3.6 Acknowledging that addressing parking congestion issues goes beyond simply adding more parking spaces, both on and off street. Effective parking management necessitates a holistic approach.

## 4. DEFINITIONS

<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>
<b>Area</b>	means the area of the municipality of the City of Unley
<b>Business</b>	means an organisation or enterprising entity engaged in commercial, industrial or professional activities, including schools, churches and non-for profit organisations
<b>Council</b>	means the Corporation of the City of Unley

<b>Dwelling</b>	means a building or part of a building used as a self-contained residence
<b>Multi-dwelling</b>	means a residential use of premises involving two or more dwellings, whether attached or detached, or where land has been divided to create additional dwellings than previously existed prior to 1 November 2013
<b>Motor vehicle</b>	means a motor vehicle built to be propelled by a motor that forms part of the motor vehicle description as defined in the Road Traffic Act 1961
<b>Narrow street</b>	means any street that is less than 7 metres wide
<b>Operational directions</b>	are the relevant requirements contained within the Parking Management Directions section of the Plan
<b>Parking permits</b>	means an exemption 'label/sticker/disc' issued to an eligible applicant that provides for parking outside of parking zone restrictions. Types of permits provided by Council are detailed in the Plan
<b>Parking congestion</b>	refers to situations where parking spaces along a street or street section are occupied, on average, at 80-85% or more during peak times (typically between 9am and 5pm on a weekday)
<b>Smart parking</b>	means technology that uses real-time data, sensors, cameras, and analytics to boost parking efficiency

## 5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Role</u>	<u>Responsibilities</u>
Transport Lead	Administer the Policy on behalf of Council
Team Leader Regulatory Services	Administer the Policy on behalf of Council

## 6. POLICY STATEMENT

The Policy will be implemented through the decision-making principles, parking management directions and associated operational directions contained in the Plan.

Policy statements have been grouped into the six parking themes contained within the Plan, comprising of 13 parking management directions.

### Local Streets

#### 6.1. Parking congestion

- 6.1.1. **Manage parking congestion** to reach the desired level of parking availability. Council shall follow a clear, transparent and evidence-based approach with parking restrictions generally implemented subject to a three-step process of request, analysis and options, and consultation. Consultation may not always occur where restrictions address traffic safety, child/pedestrian safety and accessibility around schools and to provide accessible parking.

## 6.2. Narrow streets

- 6.2.1. **Manage accessibility in narrow streets.** Council will not allow parking on streets less than five metres in width. For other streets, Council will address Australian Road Rules and technical needs, plus undertake a stepped approach of 'educate, enforce and restrict' to manage parking.

## 6.3. Driveway access

- 6.3.1. **Manage driveway access to properties taking into account established urban character.** Council will consider Australian Road Rules and technical needs, plus undertake a stepped approach of educate, enforce, line marking (only if specific conditions are met) and driveway re-configuration (at the expense of the property owner).

## Precinct parking

### 6.4. Retail and entertainment precincts

- 6.4.1. **Manage parking in key retail/ entertainment precincts to support the local economy.** Council is focussed on improving parking management in these precincts both to improve vibrancy, rate of vehicle turnover and balanced protection of amenity and parking provision in adjoining residential areas. Precinct parking management needs to address visitor, staff, loading and access needs while promoting sustainable travel choices and a pedestrian-friendly public realm. Each precinct presents a different set of challenges and outcomes.

### 6.5. School precincts

- 6.5.1. **Manage parking around Council's schools to improve safety and access.** Enhancing child safety is a top priority in decision-making for streets in these precincts.

### 6.6. Accessible parking

- 6.6.1. **Manage accessible parking to support an inclusive City.** Council is dedicated to increasing and enhancing accessible parking particularly within key retail/entertainment and commercial/business precincts.

## Parking technology

### 6.7. Smart parking

- 6.7.1. **Expand the use of smart technology to optimise existing parking supply.** The Council aims to maximise the use of existing on-street parking assets instead of adding more parking spaces, by improving compliance, enforcement, and customer awareness of parking availability through smart technology solutions.

### 6.8. Parking information

- 6.8.1. **Provide up-to-date detailed parking information.** Council seeks to enhance the parking experience by using on-line resources to expand availability and real-time visibility of parking information.

## 6.9. Pay-for-use parking

- 6.9.1. **Expand pay-for-use parking.** Council has a small number of pay-for-use car parks strategically located near tram and train stops. Council may review and expand pay-for-use parking in retail and entertainment precincts and in other areas to help accommodate some all-day business staff parking.

## Parking Permits

### 6.10. Permits

- 6.10.1. **Manage parking permits.** Council offers a range of parking permits to help residents, businesses and visitors access on-street parking. Permit decisions will be informed by the Plan Operational directions and guidelines pursuant to each permit type.

## Temporary parking: construction and events

### 6.11. Temporary parking: construction and events

- 6.11.1. **Manage parking associated with major construction works and major events.** The Council's objective is not to impede development but rather to implement the Plan's Operational directions to effectively address issues related to construction or event activities. This is intended to benefit contractors, event organisers, and the local community, involving the formulation of Parking Management Plans.

## Advocacy

### 6.12. Sustainable travel

- 6.12.1. **Encourage travel by modes other than private car.** Council shall seek to reduce car usage and parking demand by promoting sustainable transportation options such as public transport, cycling and walking. This comprises a mix of advocacy, education, programs and sustainable travel infrastructure.

### 6.13. Planning and building design

- 6.13.1. **Ensure planning and building outcomes that minimise demand for on-street parking.** Increased building development does impact on on-street parking supply and Council will work to both minimise and address changes as the City develops and grows. Council will advocate to the State Government for improvements to the Planning and Design Code and other regulatory mechanisms relating to parking, garaging and demand.

## 7. POLICY DELEGATIONS

Nil

## 8. LEGISLATION

8.1. The following legislation is relevant to this Policy:

- *Australian Road Rules 1999*
- *Expiation of Offences Act 1996*
- *Local Government Act 1999*
- *Road Traffic Act 1961*

8.2. This Policy applies to Council by “Notice to Council” by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport through:

- *Australian Road Rules: s185 ‘Stopping in a permit zone’,*
- *Road Traffic (Road Rules – Ancillary and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2014: s17 ‘Permits for permit zones’ for parking in permit zones,*
- *Road Traffic Act 1961: s174C – ‘Council may grant exemptions from certain provisions’ for providing exemptions in parking time limit zones and paid parking areas,*
- *Road Traffic (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2014: s63 - Prescribed provisions (sections 174A, 174B, 174C and 174D of Act).*

## 9. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY

9.1. The Policy is available for public inspection during normal office hours at:

The Civic Centre,  
181 Unley Road, Unley SA 5061.

A copy may be purchased for a fee as determined annually by Council.

It is also available for viewing, download and printing free of charge from the Council’s website [www.unley.sa.gov.au](http://www.unley.sa.gov.au).

## 10. DOCUMENT HISTORY

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		Previous numbers 4.4.01 and COU64
26 August 2010	V1	C717/10
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