

24 ACCESS AND PARKING

24.1 RULES

24.1.1 All sites shall have safe, practicable and legal vehicle access to a public road, and shall provide parking, manoeuvring and loading space appropriate for the activity.

Note: the Wairoa District Council's relevant 'Engineering Code of Practice' provides detailed technical standards that would be considered an appropriate means of compliance with the following access and parking standards.

Permitted Activities

24.1.2 Any activity that is able to comply with the standards and conditions for permitted activities, except:

- where the activity is within or adjoining a Residential or Settlement Zone and the parking requirement as set out in Table 2 would require more than 3 parking spaces.

Controlled Activities

24.1.3 Any activity that is unable to comply with all the standards and conditions for permitted activities and does not require access to an Arterial or Secondary Arterial Road (see [Appendix II – Roding Hierarchy](#)).

Discretionary Activities

24.1.4 Any activity that is unable to comply with all the standards and conditions for permitted activities and requires access to an Arterial or Secondary Arterial Road.

Note: Transit New Zealand is the controlling authority for State highways. Section 51 of the Transit New Zealand Act 1989 lists many things that it is an offence to do, cause or permit on a State highway, without the written permission of Transit New Zealand. This includes undertaking any work on a State highway, and reference to the Section referred to is advised before undertaking work on a State highway accordingly. The activity status of the proposed use of land in terms of the District Plan is not affected by the Section of the Transit New Zealand Act referred to.

24.2 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

Access

24.2.1 Where access is to a sealed road, the accessway shall be sealed or paved from the edge of the existing seal of the road pavement to the property boundary, or 5 metres in from the edge of the existing seal, whichever is the closest. This requirement applies to:

- i) Arterial and Secondary Arterial Roads; or
- ii) Any roads where access is likely to exceed 4 vehicle movements per week (averaged over the period of one calendar year).

Note: The requirement only applies in relation to new access or an increase in the level of activity utilising an existing access.

24.2.2 Vehicle crossing design shall be provided in accordance with the relevant diagram in [Appendix I](#), except that access shall be designed to accommodate the swept path of the

largest vehicle expected (i.e. for left turns, the access must be designed so that the vehicle does not cross the road centre line).

24.2.3 Where access is to an Arterial or Secondary Arterial Road, sufficient manoeuvring space shall be provided on-site, adequate to enable vehicles to enter and exit the site in a forward direction.

24.2.4 The accessway shall meet the Property Access Criteria in Table 1, below.

Table 1: Property Access Criteria

Speed Limit (km/hr)	Required Sight Distances (m) See Diagram A (Appendix I)		Location of Property Access Relative to Intersection See Diagram B (Appendix I)		Minimum Spacing between Adjacent Property Accesses See Diagram B (Appendix I)
	Low Use Access	Moderate Use Access	Minimum Distance K (m)	Minimum Distance M (m)	Minimum Distance N (m)
50	65	85	30	20	15
60	85	115	50	30	20
70	115	140	100	45	40
80	140	170	120	60	100
90	170	210	150	60	150
100	210	250	200	60	200

Parking

24.2.5 The number of parking spaces to be provided on-site in association with an activity shall be in accordance with Table 2 below.

Table 2: On-Site Parking Space Requirements

Activity (Refer to Definitions)	Minimum Parking Spaces Required
Rural activities, and home occupations.	2 spaces per unit/home occupation activity.
Dwellings.	2 spaces per dwelling unit (one of these being the garage/carport).
Motel Units	1 space per unit, plus 1 space for heavy vehicles.
Contractor's/tradesperson's depots and workshops. Veterinary Clinics. Pre-school facilities and medical centres.	1 space per 25m ² gross floor area.
Service Stations	2 spaces per 3 staff on the premises 2 spaces for a convenience shop 4 spaces per workshop bay 3 queuing spaces for a car wash
Retail stalls.	3 spaces per stall.
Intensive farming.	1 space per 500m ² gross floor area.

Activity (Refer to Definitions)	Minimum Parking Spaces Required
Boarding kennels and service industries (buildings only).	1 space per 50m ² gross floor area.
Processing and storage facilities.	1 space per 200m ² gross floor area, plus 1 space for heavy vehicles.
Traveller's accommodation, boarding houses, private hotels/residential clubs. Restaurants and takeaway premises.	1 space for every 5 persons the building is designed to accommodate.
Camping grounds	1 space per camp/caravan site
Places of assembly and places of entertainment. Recreation facilities, marae and licensed premises.	1 space for every 10 persons the building is designed to accommodate, plus 1 space for heavy vehicles.
Educational facilities.	2 spaces per classroom, plus a safe pick-up and set-down area for children off the main traffic route.
Feedlots.	5 spaces for truck and trailer units, plus 5 spaces for cars.
Rural service industries.	1 space per 200m ² gross floor area plus 1 space per 400m ² gross site area.
Offices, retail shops and commercial services.	1 space per 40m ² gross floor area.
Rest homes and convalescent homes.	1 space per 5 beds.
Utilities.	1 space per 4 full time equivalent employees.
Hospitals.	1 space per 5 beds and 1 space for each resident doctor.

Note:

- (1) Where the parking requirements listed in the table above results in a fractional space, any fraction shall be counted as one parking space.
- (2) Where there are two or more different activities on the site, the total requirement for the site shall be the sum of the parking requirements in the table above for each activity.

24.2.6 Parking spaces shall have an area of not less than 12.5m² and have minimum dimensions of 2.5m by 5.0m. Such spaces shall be exclusive of access drives or aisles.

Cross References:

Part B – Resource Management Strategy

- [Chapter 10](#) – Safeguarding Amenity Values

Part E – Applying for Resource Consent

- [Chapter 31](#) – Definitions

Appendices:

- [Appendix I](#) – Minimum Standards for Vehicle Access Design
- [Appendix II](#) – Roading Hierarchy

Planning Maps

Other References:

Relevant Wairoa District Council: Engineering Code of Practice