

HUME CITY COUNCIL

POLICY

Shipping Containers and Waste Skips

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This policy establishes the conditions/guidelines under which permits may be issued for the placing of shipping containers or other similar transport container or waste skips on private residential land or public land as defined in the definitions section of Local Law No 1 – 2004.
- 1.2 Clause 3.11 of General Local Law No. 1 - 2004 states, “Other than in a business or industrial zone, the owner or occupier of land must not, without a permit, allow a shipping container or other similar transport container or waste skip to be placed or kept on the land”.
- 1.3 This policy does not apply to building and works sites already regulated by the Building and Works Code of Practice.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

Council has a commitment to protecting and enhancing the amenity and environment of the municipality and will seek to minimise any negative visual impact on residents by only allowing shipping containers or other similar transport containers or waste skips to be placed in residential areas under the conditions specified in this policy.

3. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1 In accordance with General Local Law No. 1 – 2004, permits for the placing of shipping containers, other transport containers or waste skips on private, residential land and road sides may be approved subject to the following conditions:

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3.1.1 Shipping Containers and other Transport Containers.

(a) Conditions relating to keeping of containers in front yard of private residence:

- (i) A permit will be considered for the number of days stated in the application up to a maximum of 14 Days.

(b) Conditions relating to keeping of containers in backyard of private residence:

- (i) A statement or purpose for the use of the container must accompany any permit application.
- (ii) The occupiers of all adjoining land must be consulted and their signatures and comments obtained by the applicant prior to any permit consideration.
- (iii) Any permits issued under these conditions may be subject to Town Planning department or Building department regulations.
- (iv) Containers must be screened, painted, or otherwise obscured so as to minimise negative visual impact to adjacent occupiers.
- (v) Consideration will only be made for the placement of a container in the back yard for a maximum period of 3 months.

Conditions relating to keeping of containers in public places:

- (i) Placement of shipping containers on a road reserve/public place will only be considered for a maximum of 3 days and only if the placement of such container is not possible within the applicants site.
- (ii) All shipping containers placed in a public place shall be marked so as to provide maximum safety to residents, pedestrians and other road users. Eg flashing yellow lights and/or yellow reflective tape.
- (iii) Any damage caused to the road reserve by the delivery or placement of the container will be borne by the applicant.

3.1.2 Waste Skips

The placement of waste skips on private residential property and in public places will be such as to cause minimal inconvenience to the public and adjacent residents by ensuring that:

- (i) Putrescible material must not be placed in skips;
- (ii) Skips are only permitted to be left on site for a maximum 7 days period in public places and 28 days on private residential property;
- (iii) Skips must be covered so as to prevent the escape of windblown material;
- (iv) Skips must not be overfilled or contain loose material liable to cause pedestrian obstruction or nuisance; and

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- (v) Any damage caused to road reserve assets by the delivery or placement of such skips will be borne by the applicant.
- (vi) That all waste contractors comply with the VicRoads Code of Practice for the Placement of Waste Bins on roadsides (copy attached)

3.2 Notwithstanding the above conditions, Council reserves the right to refuse any application or withdraw any permit it believes will cause a nuisance or detriment to the amenity or safety of the neighbouring environment or restrict the traffic flow in the vicinity.

3.3 That any matters relating to the interpretation of this policy will be determined at the total discretion of the Chief Executive officer.

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