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### 1 PURPOSE

This policy articulates the rules applicable to parking in all council owned or controlled parking areas of the City Centre. It does not apply to parking on privately owned land where Council may have enforcement arrangements in place with the owners. It is adopted to enable operational staff to manage parking signage and enforcement on a day to day basis

### 2 PRINCIPLES

### 3 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions apply:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Parking Bay</b>	An area marked by lines and signed in accordance with Australian Standards or Guidelines
<b>Loading Zone</b>	An area set aside for use by commercial vehicles for the delivery of goods and services
<b>Disability Permit</b>	A permit issued under the Australian Disability Parking Scheme
<b>Emergency Service Vehicle</b>	A vehicle operating in a roll or function for the Police, Fire or Ambulance service and clearly marked as a Police, Fire or Ambulance vehicle

### 4 POLICY STATEMENT

Council's City Centre parking is dictated by the Palmerston City Centre Parking Strategy. This policy acts to deliver on the Palmerston City Centre Parking strategy in a fair and equitable way.

All parking charges will be set annually in council's Annual Fees and Charges.

Charges will apply to parking within the City Centre Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm excluding NT Statutory public holidays.

Parking zones are shown in the Palmerston City Centre Parking Zone Plan

### **Vehicles to which a Charge Applies:**

Charges for on and off-street parking are applicable to all vehicles with the following exceptions:

1. Emergency services vehicle (ESV) undertaking an emergency service. An ESV is not exempt if that vehicle is not actively attending an emergency at the time of parking.
2. Service Authority vehicles holding a valid temporary parking permit.

### **Exceptions to Parking Charges:**

Parking charges will be applied to all parking bays of 2hr duration or greater with the following exceptions:

1. Disabled parking bays will not incur a charge.
2. Motorcycle parking bays will not incur a charge.
3. Loading zones will not incur a charge.
4. Taxi and mini bus parking bays will not incur a charge
5. Other service authority required bays may be exempt from charges by the Director Technical Services. These bays will be clearly signed as exempt from charges.

### **Disability Permit Holder Charges:**

Vehicles displaying a valid disability permit will be permitted to park in charged bays for twice the period shown on the purchased parking ticket without penalty.

### **Annual Parking Permits**

Annual Permits for all-day parking will be available and priced in accordance with the quarter in which they commence. Eg. A permit purchased in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter will cost 100% of the annual permit fee, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 75% of the annual fee, etc.

The fee for Annual Permits will be set in the Annual Fees and Charges.

## **5 ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

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- 5.1 Palmerston City Centre Master Plan
- 5.2 Palmerston City Centre Parking Strategy
- 5.3 Palmerston City Centre Parking Zone Plan

## **6 REFERENCES AND RELATED LEGISLATION**

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- 6.1 Palmerston Charges By-Laws