



Works Zone

Additional Information

Introduction

1. Works Zones are provided to facilitate the efficient operation of construction projects and to minimise traffic disruption.
2. Works Zones are provided in accordance with the provisions of the NSW Road Rules 2014 (Rule 181) and permit a driver to stop in a Works Zone if:
 - the driver is driving a vehicle that is engaged in construction Works in or near the Works Zone; or
 - Dropping off, or picking up, passengers.

Vehicles using the zone must be constructed principally for the conveyance of goods (not being station wagons) and be actually engaged in taking up or setting down goods or building materials for the building site.

3. Works Zones can only be enforced by Council's Rangers in accordance with the NSW Road Rules 2014. Vehicles parked illegally in a Works Zone cannot be towed and the roadway cannot be barricaded by the applicant.
4. Where a Works Zone is to be installed on a property frontage with an existing driveway:
 - i. The driveway shall be included within the Works Zone if buildings are to be demolished or the property is to be unoccupied during the construction Works.
 - ii. The driveway shall be excluded from the Works Zone if full time non-construction vehicular access to the site is to be maintained.
5. Council cannot be held responsible for any costs incurred, should the applicant not be able to gain access to the road space covered by the installed Works Zone.

Sites unsuitable for Works Zones

- The following locations are generally deemed to be unsuitable for designation as Works Zones:
- Intersections with traffic lights – within 20m of the intersection
- Intersections without traffic lights – within 10m of the intersection
- Pedestrian crossings – within 20m (approach and departure sides)
- Bus Zones/Bus Stops
- Transit Lanes or Clearways
- On a crest or curve or other location where sight distance of the Works Zone is under 50m
- Notwithstanding any of the above, Works Zones will not be permitted in any area which is signposted as No Parking / No Stopping, where statutory restrictions apply (whether these restrictions are signposted or not) or where it is deemed to be unsuitable by Council.

Works Zone application process and conditions

1. The application will be considered by Council in consultation with RMS and the Police at the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

This process will generally take four to six weeks.

2. Once a determination has been made, you will be advised in writing of the outcome of this application, including, as may be applicable, any conditions to the Works Zone and the applicable installation fee. The expiry date of the zone will be calculated from the date the signs are installed by Council's sign installer.
3. Works Zone fees must be paid in full before the Works Zone will be installed by Council. The Works Zone will only become active after the signs have been installed approximately seven working days after payment of the Works Zone Permit Fee has been received. Payment for the Works Zone will constitute acceptance of the Works Zone Approval Conditions.
4. It is an offence under Section 667 of the Local Government Act to wilfully remove, destroy, deface, damage, or otherwise interfere with notices or signs erected by Council. A minimum penalty of \$2,200 applies.

5. If a builder/ developer uses any additional parking (outside the Works Zone) during construction, the applicable fee will be charged.
6. The applicant must provide safe pedestrian access adjacent to the Works Zone during the hours of operation. All traffic and pedestrian control shall be in accordance with the current version of AS1742.3 and its associated handbooks; and RMS' Traffic Control at Works Sites Manual.
7. Goods and materials are not to be stored in Works Zones. Only licensed skip bin companies are permitted to place bins on the roadway in approved locations, including Works Zones.
8. Mobile cranes and concrete pumps may be used within the Works Zone area subject to the following conditions:
 - The plant must be wholly contained (lengthwise) within the Works Zone area
 - The plant must not exceed 2.5m in width
 - A minimum 3m of clearance is available between the outside edge of the plant and any centerline markings/ obstructions
9. If the mobile crane and/or concrete pump cannot meet the above conditions, a separate Permit to Stand Plant application must be submitted to Council.
10. You must comply with all conditions of the Works Zone permit. Penalties apply for breaches of the conditions. Woollahra Municipal Council reserves the right to cancel the Works Zone at any time and install No Stopping restrictions should the applicant not comply with the approval conditions as stated in this application and the approval letter.
11. If payment is not received within six (6) months of the date of the letter of approval (refer 2 above) the application will be deemed to have lapsed. Requests to install the Works Zone after the approval has lapsed will be subject to a new application and processing time frame. Requests to place the Works Zone installation on hold may be granted at the discretion of Council officers and may require full payment for the Works Zone at that time.

Extension of Works Zone

If you require an extension of an approved period, you must write to Council stating the reason for requesting the extension, at least four weeks before the expiry date. Once a Works Zone has expired, the signs will be removed. Reinstatement will require a new application and a further application fee.