Pine Rivers Shire Council

Planning Scheme Policy

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ADOPTION
Pine Rivers Shire Council adopted this planning scheme policy on 19 June 2006.

COMMENCEMENT
This planning scheme policy took effect from 15 December 2006.

I, Ray Burton, Chief Executive Officer, of the Pine Rivers Shire Council, hereby certify that this document is a true copy of the original.

Ray Burton
Chief Executive Officer
HEAD OF POWER
This policy is a document that supports the planning scheme for the Shire and has been made by Council using the process prescribed in Chapter 2, Part 1, Division 5 of the Integrated Planning Act 1997.

OBJECTIVE
The objective of this policy is to establish a standard of waste storage and collection facility which:

1. Provides an equitable waste and recycling collection service to all residents within the Shire;
2. Ensures that all residents in “residential multiple dwellings” have access to a waste and recycling storage and collection service;
3. Ensures the hygienic storage of waste and recyclables prior to, and on, collection day;
4. Ensures that bins are stored in a manner which preserves an acceptable level of visual amenity within and adjacent to “residential multiple dwelling” complexes;
5. Ensures that bins can be serviced in a reliable, efficient and safe manner by Council’s waste and recycling contractor on collection day/s;
6. Ensures that residents are not required to wheel bins an unrealistic distance for servicing by Council’s contractor.

DEFINITIONS/APPLICATION
Application
This policy applies to all “Residential Multiple Dwelling” developments.

Definitions
“Wheeled bin” - an approved waste container as supplied by Council for the purpose of storage and collection of domestic waste or recyclable material.

“Residential Multiple Dwellings” – residential accommodation in the form of a Caravan/Transportable Home Park, Tourist Cabins, Pensioner Units, Retirement Village, Accommodation Units, Motel, High Density Multiple Dwelling Units, Medium Density Multiple Dwelling Units and Low Density Multiple Dwelling Units.

Other terms used have the meanings prescribed in Chapter 7 of the Planning Scheme for the Shire.

POLICY STATEMENT
Residents of self-contained dwelling units within “residential multiple dwelling” complexes are entitled to a standard waste and a standard recycling bin for each unit. The planning and construction of such complexes should ensure that sufficient provision is made for the storage of wheeled bins on collection day in a location suitable for servicing and at all other times.

Applicable codes within Council’s IPA Planning Scheme require that:

“Waste storage, recycling, disposal and bin washout facilities adequately catering for the everyday on site activities of residents, managers/operators and maintenance staff are provided in locations which are:

1. conveniently located in terms of the waste generating activities;
2. appropriately screened from recreation areas, internal thoroughfares, reception areas and adjacent land;
3. of sufficient size to accommodate the everyday anticipated load of the waste generating activity;
4. so located as to not have a significant adverse affect on the amenity of occupants of the site and adjacent land;
5. readily accessible to waste collection vehicles; and
so located that required reversing manoeuvres by waste collection vehicles are minimised in terms of number and travel distance, and are restricted to areas where sight distance are not overly constrained."

One means of satisfying the locational aspects of this planning scheme requirement is for the development proponent to:

1. Ensure that adequate storage is provided within the complex to accommodate two 240 litre wheeled bins for each unit. (This storage shall not be within a garage of a unit, but may be within an open sided carport. Such storage may also be within one or more common corral/s, but such a corral/s must be capable of storing sufficient bins for all units within the complex and must be within a reasonable walking distance of all units within the complex served by that facility); and
2. Provide sufficient storage on the footpath for collection of both bins on waste/recycling collection day without obstructing pedestrian movement along the footpath or driver sightlines at the vehicular access points.

However, if storage of the wheeled bins on collection day on the footpath in this manner cannot be achieved, then the developer shall ensure that:

3. The waste collection vehicle can enter the internal roads of the complex to service the bins, and that the waste/recycling collection vehicle is able to enter and leave the premises and remain in a forward gear at all times; and
4. Car parking within the site will not hinder or obstruct access of the waste or recycling collection vehicles.

The development proponent will also be required to provide suitable bin wash down facilities (Suitable construction standards for such facilities are outlined in detail in Council’s planning scheme policy “Construction Standards for Bin Washout Facilities, Shared Carwash Facilities and Waste Receptacle Storage Areas).

Adequate mechanisms will also need to be put in place to ensure that the bins are:

5. Put in the approved location for servicing prior to collection time on collection days; and
6. Returned to the approved storage area/s after the bins have been serviced.

REVIEW TRIGGERS
This policy is reviewed internally for applicability, continuing effect and consistency with planning scheme and other legislative provisions when any of the following occurs:

1. the planning scheme is amended;
2. the planning scheme is replaced by a new planning scheme;
3. amendments which affect the allowable scope and effect of a planning scheme policy are made to the Integrated Planning Act 1997; and
4. other circumstances as determined from time to time by a resolution of Council.

RESPONSIBILITY
This policy is to be:

1. implemented jointly by the Manager, Development Services and the Manager, Pine Waste; and
2. reviewed and amended in accordance with the “review triggers” by the Manager, Strategic Direction in consultation with the Manager, Development Services and the Manager, Pine Waste.