

PARKING EXEMPTIONS – DRIVERS OVER THE AGE OF 80 YEARS POLICY

Effective from 15 08 2017

Objectives

To enable the elderly driving community to easily access the City Centre.

Contribution to Community Outcomes

Invercargill City Council seeks to *“enhance our City and preserve its character while embracing technology and change”*.

Council is enhancing the City centre by ensuring “Invercargill’s business areas are bustling with people, activities and culture” and it will preserve the culture by ensuring that “ease of access throughout the City is maintained” for all residents.

Definitions

On street metered parking means any park with a street meter, but does not include Pay and Display car parks.

Background

Council wishes to provide the opportunity to offer parking exemptions to certain members of the Invercargill City District Community. This policy has been developed to ensure that specific criteria are outlined so that both those people receiving the exemption and the Council staff administering the parking services are aware of their responsibilities.

Statistics New Zealand project that Invercargill City’s population aged 80 years and older is likely to be the fastest growing sector in the future. In 2006 those residents 80 years and older made up 4.02% of Invercargill’s population. In 2006 Council provided 719 parking exemptions. Statistics New Zealand project the percentage of the population aged 65 and over in the Invercargill City District increasing to 18% in 2016, 20% in 2021 and 26% in 2031. It is likely that the number of exemptions for drivers over 80 years will also increase. As our population ages and an increasing number and share of people are in the older age groups, reviewing the policy will ensure that the policy remains affordable and relevant.

Policy Statements

Drivers over the Age of 80 Years

The Council intends that drivers who have obtained the age of 80 years be allowed free parking at on street metered car parking spaces, subject to the time limits stated on the parking meter.

The following conditions will apply:

- (a) The appropriate current exemption label must be displayed.
- (b) The exemption applies to the nominated driver only and is not transferable. Each driver is entitled to one exemption only.
- (c) Those eligible must be ratepayers of the Invercargill City Council or residents of the Invercargill City District. If the exemption holder moves out of the City or District, they must advise Council of this and return this to Council.
- (d) The exemption becomes invalid on the expiry of the holder's driver's licence or the exemption becoming invalid after two years, and must be returned to Council.
- (e) If the exemption holder sells or updates their car they must notify Council of this and remove the exemption label.

Monitoring and Auditing

Ongoing monitoring of the policy will be undertaken by the Director of Environmental and Planning Services.

Council will send out letters at the expiration of the two year exemption label and will require the driver to come into the Civic Administration Building to renew this. Upon renewal they will need their current licence, the number plate of the car that the exemption label will be attached to and proof of address.

This exemption will apply to on-street parking only and will only be applicable if the car is legally parked, warranted and registered.

Revision History:

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Effective Date:

Review Period: This Policy will be reviewed every three (3) years, unless earlier review is required due to legislative changes, or is warranted by another reason requested by Council.

Supersedes:

New Review Date: August 2020

Associated Documents/References: Nil

Policy Owner: Director of Environmental and Planning Services

Authorised By: _____ **Date:** _____