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**GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ**  
Taupō District Council

# TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL RESERVES AND PUBLIC PLACES BYLAWS 2016

## Purpose and Scope

1. The purpose of these Bylaws is to set the requirements for **reserves** and **public places** within Taupō District to ensure the health and safety of any persons, and to protect the public from nuisance.
2. The Bylaws are made under the authority of sections 145 and 146 of the *Local Government Act 2002*, sections 106 to 108 of the *Reserves Act 1977*, section 64 of the *Health Act 1956* and section 22AB of the *Land Transport Act 1998*. In addition, **reserves** and **public places** are also regulated and controlled by other Acts, regulations, standards, rules, bylaws, Taupō District Plan, policies, reserve management plans, and consent conditions which should be referred to in conjunction with this Bylaw.

## Commencement

3. The Bylaw will come into force throughout the district on 28 December 2016.

## Revocations

4. Part 2 – Public Places and Part 6 – Reserves of Taupō District Council General Bylaw No 1: 2008 are revoked at the time of the Taupō District Council Reserves and Public Places Bylaw 2016 coming into force.
5. Sale of Liquor on Reserves 1991, Application Bonds for Commercial Use of Reserves Policy 2000, Blister Island Rental Spaces 1997, Rental for Recreation and Community Service Areas 1994, Leases for Recreation and Community Service Areas in Mangakino 1993, Leases for Recreation and Community Service Areas in Turangi 2000, Encroachment on Reserves Policy 2001, Great Lake Centre: Retail Policy 1996, Northcroft Street Reserve: Artists' Display Licenses 1995, Candidate Election Signs Policy 2001, Utility Service Cabinets on TDC lands Policy 1998, Foreshore Reserve: Waipahihi C75 Maori Reserve, Taupo, Kaiweka Point 1989, Venture Centre Policy 1996, TTCB Board Policy on signage - Elections Turangi-Tongariro Ward policies are revoked at the time of the Taupō District Council Reserves and Public Places Bylaw 2016 coming into force.

## Definitions

6. Any words, phrases or expressions used in these Bylaw which have meanings assigned to them by the *Local Government Act 2002*, the *Reserves Act 1977*, the *Health Act 1956* and the *Land Transport Act 1998* will have the meanings as are respectively assigned in those Acts and corresponding supplementary legislation, unless inconsistent with the context in which such words occur.
7. In this Bylaw, if not inconsistent with the context:

<b>Chief Executive</b>	The chief executive of the <b>Council</b> and any person delegated to perform any duties of the chief executive
<b>Camp or Camping</b>	Temporary overnight lodging using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a tent or other temporary structure;</li> <li>• a caravan; or</li> <li>• a car, campervan, motorhome, house-truck or other vehicle for temporary accommodation.</li> </ul>
<b>Council</b>	Taupō District Council
<b>Encroach</b>	Means to occupy, develop, use, trespass or intrude on a <b>reserve</b> or <b>public place</b> for private benefit, including, without limitation, allowing something to hang over or onto any <b>reserve</b> or <b>public place</b> from an adjoining property.

<b>Psychoactive Substance</b>	The same meaning as the <i>Psychoactive Substances Act 2013</i>
<b>Public Place</b>	Any place under <b>Council</b> control, maintenance and management, and open to or used by the public as of right, including, but is not limited to, <b>roads</b> and footpaths
<b>Reserve</b>	The same meaning as in the <i>Reserves Act 1977</i> and includes reserves under the control, maintenance and management of <b>Council</b>
<b>Residential</b>	The same meaning as land within the residential environment, and includes the towncentre environments and Taupō towncentre environment, of the <i>Taupō District Plan</i> or legislation enacted in substitution
<b>Road</b>	The same meaning as in the <i>Land Transport Act 1998</i>
<b>Skateboard</b>	Means a short narrow wheeled device propelled by a person for recreational purposes, and includes: roller skates, roller blades, in-line skates, and scooters. Wheelchairs, prams and bicycles are excluded.
<b>Stock</b>	Cattle, deer, llamas, alpacas, donkeys, mules, horses, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry and any other animal farmed, and dependent on humans for their care and sustenance.
<b>Vehicle</b>	The same meaning as in the <i>Land Transport Act 1998</i>

#### Public Places bylaws made under the Local Government, Health and Land Transport Acts

8. **Council** may by resolution manage, restrict, exclude, regulate, control, prohibit, prescribe or generally regulate access, encroachment or use, of any **public place**, by any persons, any vehicles, any bicycles, skateboards, dogs, horses, or other animals. This is to prevent any nuisance and for the safety of any persons using a **public place**.
9. A person must not use any **public place** contrary to any of the prohibitions, restrictions, exclusions or regulations of this bylaw.
10. A person must not act in a manner that interferes with the safety, use or enjoyment to any users, causes a nuisance, or interferes with any person's right to use the **public place**.
11. A person must not use any vehicle on any **public place** in a manner contrary to any of the prohibitions, restrictions, exclusions or regulations.
12. A person must not damage, interfere, move, remove, deface or destroy any **Council** property, vegetation or equipment on any **public place**.
13. A person must not **encroach** on, or wilfully or negligently obstruct any **public place** in any manner which causes a nuisance to other users or interferes with any person's right to use the **public place**.
14. A person must not wilfully or negligently obstruct, erect or leave any vehicle, structure or object on any **public place** in any manner which causes a nuisance to other users or interferes with any person's right to use the **public place**.
15. A person must not set off fireworks or other explosive devices on any **public place**.
16. A person must not set any fires on any **public place**.
17. A person must not consume, inject, or inhale any **psychoactive substances** on any **public place** that interferes with the safety, use or enjoyment of any other person's right to use the **public place**.
18. A person must not distribute or leave printed advertising material in any **public place**.
19. Except where provided for by the Taupo District Plan, or by way of a lease, licence, consent or other permission granted by Council, a person must not, either:
  - a. construct, use or maintain any awnings, blinds, porticos or similar extension item over any **public place**; or
  - b. place any removable items on any **road** or **public place**, such as, but without limitation, sandwich boards or similar, that create an obstruction to users of the **road** or **public place**.

20. A person must not allow any vegetation to **encroach** on any **public place** that may obstruct or interfere with any person's access to any **public place**.
21. A person must not **skateboard** on any **public place** unless in the designated areas of the main shopping areas outlined in Schedule 1: Skateboarding banned areas.
22. A person must not lead or allow any **stock**, except horses, to cross any **public place** if they have not applied and obtained the relevant approvals from **Council**.
23. A person must not play or practice golf on any **public place** unless prior written approval is sought from **Council**.
24. A person must not erect election signs on any **public place**.

### Fences

25. A person must not construct a barbed wire fence or electric fence within 1 metre of any boundary of any **reserve** or **public place** within a **residential area**.
26. A person must maintain any fence, wall or retaining wall on any boundary of any **reserve** or **public place** in a manner that is safe and unlikely to cause damage to any persons or structures.

### Reserves bylaws made under the Reserves Act

27. A person must not use any **reserve** contrary to any reserve bylaw.
28. A person must not act in a manner that interferes with the safety, use or enjoyment to any users, causes a nuisance, or interferes with any person's right to use a **reserve**.
29. A person must not use any vehicle on any **reserve** in a manner contrary to any reserve bylaw.
30. A person must not damage, interfere, move, remove, deface or destroy any **Council** property, vegetation or equipment on any **reserve**.
31. A person must not **encroach** on, or wilfully or negligently obstruct any **reserve** in any manner which causes a nuisance to other users or interferes with any person's right to use a **reserve**.
32. A person must not wilfully or negligently obstruct, erect or leave any vehicle, structure or object on any **reserve** in any manner which causes a nuisance to other users or interferes with any person's right to use the **reserve**.
33. A person must not set off fireworks or any other explosive devices on any **reserve**.
34. A person must not set any fires on any **reserve**.
35. A person must not consume, inject, or inhale any **psychoactive substances** on any **reserve** that interferes with the safety, use or enjoyment of any other person's right to use the **reserve**.
36. A person must not distribute or leave printed advertising material in any **reserve**.
37. Except where provided for by the Taupō District Plan, or by way of a lease, licence, consent or other permission granted by the **Council**, a person must not construct, use or maintain any awnings, blinds, porticos or similar extension item on any **reserve**.
38. A person must not allow any vegetation to **encroach** on any **reserve** that may obstruct or interfere with any person's access to any **reserve**.
39. A person must not **skateboard** on any **reserve** unless in the designated areas of the main shopping areas outlined in Schedule 1: Skateboarding banned areas.
40. A person must not ride, lead or allow any **stock**, poultry or other animal (except dogs and domesticated cats) onto any **reserve**.
41. A person must not play or practise golf on any **reserve** unless prior written approval is sought from the **Council**.
42. A person must not erect any election sign on any **reserve**.
43. A person must not **camp** in a **reserve**, unless in a place set aside for **camping** by **Council** or the relevant Reserve Management Plan.

## Exemptions

44. A person is not in breach of these Bylaws if that person:
  - a. proves the act was taken to avoid death or injury of a person; or
  - b. was taken at the direction of an enforcement officer.
45. Any person may apply in writing to the **Chief Executive** for permission for any activity that would be in breach of any prohibition under these Bylaws.
46. Fees may be prescribed for processing these permissions. This fee may be refunded, remitted, or waived at the **Chief Executive's** discretion.

## Offences/Penalties/Powers

47. A person commits an offence under these Bylaws if that person uses a reserve or a public place contrary to the prohibitions, restrictions, exclusions or regulations of these Bylaws.
48. A person is in breach of this Bylaw who fails to comply with this Bylaw and commits an offence under section 239 of the *Local Government Act 2002*, and is liable on conviction to the penalties set out in section 242(4) of the *Local Government Act 2002*, for which a person is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$20,000.
49. Any person who commits a breach of a provision of this Bylaw made under section 106 of the *Reserves Act 1977* commits an offence and is liable to a fine under section 104 of the *Reserves Act 1977* as follows:
  - a. Not exceeding \$5,000.00 and, where the offence is a continuing one, a further fine not exceeding \$500.00 for every day on which the offence continues.
50. Any person that commits a breach of a provision of this Bylaw made under section 64 of the *Health Act 1956* commits an offence and is liable to a fine under section 66 of the *Health Act 1956* as follows:
  - a. Not exceeding the amount fixed for any breach for which an infringement notice is issued;
  - b. Not exceeding \$500.00 and if the breach is a continuing one, not exceeding a further \$50.00 per day thereafter.
51. Any person that commits a breach of a provision of this Bylaw made under section 22AB of the *Land Transport Act 1998* commits an offence and is liable to a fine under section 139 of the *Land Transport Act 1998* as follows:
  - a. Not exceeding the amount fixed for any breach for which an infringement notice is issued;
  - b. Not exceeding \$500.00 and if the breach is a continuing one, not exceeding a further \$50.00 per day thereafter.
52. **Council** may, after the conviction of any person for a continuing offence against this Bylaw, apply to the court for an injunction to restrain the further continuance of the offence.
53. **Council** may remove, or cause to remove, from any **reserve** or **public place**, any persons, any vehicle, structure or object, in breach of this Bylaw, and/or recover all charges in connection with the removal of any vehicle, structure or object.

## Public Availability

54. This Bylaw, and any supporting documentation, is available for public inspection.

THIS BYLAW WAS MADE BY RESOLUTION TDC201604/07 OF COUNCIL AT AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD ON 26 APRIL 2016.

MINISTERIAL APPROVAL RECEIVED 16 NOVEMBER 2016.

The Common Seal of Taupo District Council was hereto affixed in the presence of:

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Mayor

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Chief Executive



Schedule 1: Skateboarding banned areas





