



# PARKING RATES

MAJOR AMENDMENT 2025 - TOWNSVILLE CITY PLAN

## What is the Parking Rates Planning Scheme Policy?

The Parking Rates Planning Scheme Policy defines prescribed rates of parking for new development.

It is used to inform an acceptable outcome that development can achieve to demonstrate compliance with relevant assessment benchmarks in the Traffic Impact, Access and Parking Code and Works Code.

## Key Changes

Major Amendment 2025 includes changes that reduces the prescribed parking rates required for some use types. This assists in improving development feasibility and supports alternative transport uses such as public and active transport.

Key changes to SC6.10 - Parking Rates Planning Scheme Policy in the City Plan include:

- Adding a clause to the policy content to allow parking spaces to be consolidated on site for different uses operating at different times.
- Adding a clause to allow for alternative solutions to prescribed parking rates to consider public and active transport.
- Replacement of prescribed parking rates for Community Care Centre with the requirement for sufficient spaces to accommodate the amount of vehicle traffic likely to be generated by the particular use.
- Prescribing no car parking required for Food and Drink Outlet in the following locations if not containing a drive-through in the:
  - Principal Centre Zone
  - Local Centre Zone - North Ward Local Centre Precinct
  - Medium Density Residential Zone - North Ward Villages Precinct and Strand Precinct
  - High Density Residential Zone - Palmer Street Precinct
- Adding a requirement for drive-throughs to accommodate a minimum of ten (10) vehicles, with a minimum of three (3) spaces provided prior to the ordering point.
- Removal of a requirement for a dedicated car wash bay from all applicable uses.
- Reduction of parking rates for a Hotel.
- Increase of parking rate for Place of Worship.
- Removal of requirement for parking required for nursing home beds for Retirement Facility.
- Reduction of parking rates for Veterinary Clinic.