

<b>Title</b>	<b>Short Term Parking Permits for Persons With a Disability</b>
<b>Council Resolution</b>	Item 17 (19 Dec 2016) as per Council Minutes
<b>Responsible Directorate</b>	Corporate Governance
<b>Due for Review</b>	Four (4) years from Council Resolution Date
<b>Strategic Plan Reference</b>	<u>Making Lives Better</u> 1.1.2 Identify roles, responsibilities, and contributions of key stakeholders to address identified community needs. 1.2.2 Facilitate the delivery of services that build community capacities and capabilities 1.3.3 Advocate for, partner with, or deliver services that address identified levels of community need
<b>ECM</b>	Council Policy

## PURPOSE

This policy provides direction on the circumstances under which Council will issue a short-term parking permit to a person with a temporary disability.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to persons with a temporary disability seeking a permit to park in accessible parking spaces (previously referred to as disabled parking spaces) in the City of Glenorchy.

## STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Section 203 of the *Road Rules 2009* provides that a driver must not stop in a parking area for people with disabilities unless:

- (a) the driver's vehicle displays a current parking permit for people with disabilities; and
- (b) the driver complies with the conditions of use of the permit.

<b>Acts</b>	<i>Road Rules 2009</i>
<b>Regulations</b>	Not applicable
<b>Australian/International Standards</b>	Not applicable

## DEFINITIONS

<b>Short-Term Permit</b>	A short-term parking permit issued to a person with a disability, issued by Council for a period specified in this Policy
<b>Complex walking aid</b>	Includes aids such as a walking frame but does not include a standard walking stick.
<b>Parking permit for people with disabilities</b>	Has the meaning given in the <i>Road Rules 2009</i> (Dictionary)
<b>Parking area for people with disabilities</b>	Has the meaning give in the <i>Road Rules 2009</i> (s. 203)

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

### **Purpose of Policy**

1. This Policy is intended to assist people with temporary ambulatory disabilities who need to park close to doctors, shops and other services by providing for them to park in accessible parking spaces within the City of Glenorchy.

### **Term of Short-Term Permit**

2. Council will issue a Short-Term Permit for:
  - (a) an initial period of 12 months, and
  - (b) a renewed period of an additional 6 months, following a review of the person's eligibility.

### **Eligibility**

3. A person will be eligible for a Short-Term Permit where they have a severe ambulatory disability which results in them being:
  - (a) unable to walk, or
  - (b) only able to walk very short distances (e.g. 50 metres or less within 5 minutes) without the assistance of another person or the use of a complex walking aid.
4. Council will not issue a Short-Term Permit to persons who are afflicted by a vision impairment or intellectual disability, except where the person also meets the eligibility criteria in paragraph 3 (above).
5. Council will only issue a Short-Term Permit where the applicant provides evidence from a qualified health care professional that that the applicant will be:
  - (a) disabled for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of application, or
  - (b) in the case of a person whose disability makes them reliant on a wheelchair, a minimum period of 3 months from the date of application.

### **Parking Concessions**

6. A person issued with a Short-Term Permit is entitled to the parking concessions available to members of the State Government's Transport Access Scheme. This includes the ability to park in a parking area for people with disabilities, provided the Short-Term Permit is displayed and the driver complies with the conditions of the permit
7. Short-Term Permit Holders area also permitted to park for longer than the specified time in a parking spaces, where the time limit on the sign:
  - (a) is less than 30 minutes – for a maximum of 30 minutes
  - (b) is 30 minutes or more but 1 hour or less – for a maximum of 2 hours; or
  - (c) is more than 1 hour – for twice the period indicated on the sign.

## **BACKGROUND**

Under the Australian Disability Parking Scheme and the State Government's Transport Access Scheme, persons who meet certain eligibility criteria may be eligible for an Australian Disability Parking Permit.

Council is authorised issue to Short-Term Permits which authorise persons with a temporary disability to stop in a parking area for people with disabilities in the Glenorchy Municipality whilst they have a disability.