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**FREEDOM  
CAMPING**  
*Bylaw*

2024



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*Te Kaunihera o Ahuriri*

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### 1. Title

- 1.1** This bylaw is the Napier City Freedom Camping Bylaw ~~2024-2017~~.

### 2. Commencement

- 2.1** This bylaw comes into force on ~~01 February 2017~~ **01 July 2025**.

### 3. Repeal

- 3.1** This bylaw revokes the Napier City Freedom Camping Bylaw ~~2017-2014 (amended 2015)~~.

### 4. Purpose

- 4.1** a. The purpose of this bylaw is to control **freedom camping** in the district in order to:
- a) Protect the area;
  - b) Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area; and
  - c) Protect access to the area.

### 5. Interpretation

- 5.1** In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

**ACT** means the Freedom Camping Act 2011

**CALENDAR MONTH** means a period from a specific day in one month to the day corresponding in the following month, minus one.

**CAMPSITE** a site used for freedom camping in a local authority area.

**CERTIFIED SELF-CONTAINED VEHICLE** means a vehicle designed for camping, meeting the needs of occupants for three days without external services, compliant with NZ Standard 5465:2001.

**COUNCIL** means the Napier City Council.

**ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** as defined in Section 4 of the Act.

**FREEDOM CAMP** as defined in Section 5 of the Act.

**LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA** As defined in Section 5 of the Act.

restrictions.

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## 6. Areas for Freedom Camping

- 6.1** a. A person may freedom camp in the Napier local authority area, except in restricted or prohibited areas as defined in the schedules, subject to the following:
- a) Vehicles must be certified self-contained;
  - b) Stay no longer than one night at any one location; and
  - c) Must comply with general conditions.

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## 7. General Conditions for Freedom Camping in Vehicles

- 7.1** Conditions for freedom camping include:
- a) Waste and litter must be disposed of at approved facilities;
  - b) No fires allowed;
  - c) No excessive noise;
  - d) Parking must be legal and not obstruct public or private access;
  - e) Campers must comply with enforcement officers' directions; and
  - f) No freedom camping for more than 10 nights in any calendar month on land controlled by the Council.

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## 8. Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping

- 8.1** No freedom camping is allowed in prohibited areas as listed in Schedule Two.
- 8.2** Exceptions: McLean Park and parts of Westshore Beach Reserve, as specified.

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## 9. Prior Permission from Council

- 9.1** The Chief Executive of the Council may temporarily waive or modify camping restrictions or prohibitions.
- 9.2** Applications must be submitted in writing 14 days before the planned camping date.

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## 10. Council May Close an Area to Freedom Camping

- 10.1** The Chief Executive may temporarily close or restrict camping to prevent damage, allow maintenance, ensure safety, or provide public access for events.
- 10.2** Notice will be given for any closures or

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## 11. Enforcement, Offences, and Penalties

- 11.1** Council may enforce the bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011.
- 11.2** Breach of the bylaw may result in penalties.

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## 12. Date Bylaw Made

This bylaw as made by the Napier City Council at a meeting of the Council on: .

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Napier City Council in the presence of:

Mayor:

Chief Executive:

Date:

## Schedule 1 - Restricted Areas for Freedom Camping (Certified Self-Contained Vehicles)

### Restricted Areas

#### Ellison Street Carpark

- Vehicles must be certified self-contained;
- Maximum stay: 3 nights
- Must comply with conditions listed in clause 7.1.

#### Perfume Point Carpark

- Vehicles must be certified self-contained;
- Maximum of 4 vehicles;
- Maximum stay: 2 nights
- Must comply with conditions listed in clause 7.1.

#### National Aquarium Carpark

- Vehicles must be certified self-contained;
- Maximum of 4 vehicles;
- Maximum stay: 2 nights
- Must comply with conditions listed in clause 7.1.

#### Westshore Beach Reserve

- Vehicles must be certified self-contained;
- Maximum of 4 vehicles;
- Maximum stay: 2 nights
- No camping between 24 December and 7 February.
- Must comply with conditions listed in clause 7.1.

## ~~Schedule 2 - Restricted Areas for Freedom Camping (Non-self-Contained)~~

#### ~~Foreshore Reserve Carpark~~

- ~~Maximum stay: 2 nights~~
- ~~Must comply with conditions listed in clause 7.1.~~
- ~~No person may freedom camp for more than 10 nights in any calendar month on land controlled or managed by Napier City Council~~

## Schedule 3.2 - Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping

### Prohibited Areas

- a) Napier CBD;
- b) Marewa Shopping District;
- c) Tamatea Shopping District;
- d) Taradale Shopping District;
- e) Westshore Beach Reserve;
- f) McLean Park;
- g) Areas with speed limits exceeding 50km/hr
- h) Grassed reserves (listed below)

### Open Space Reserves

- Anderson Park
- Bluff Hill Domain
- Church Road Reserve
- Coote Road Corner Reserve
- Dolbel Reserve
- Halliwells Walkway Reserve
- Harold Holt Avenue Reserve
- Hyderabad Road Reserve
- Kent Terrace
- Kent Terrace Detention Dam
- Lance Leikis Reserve
- Meeanee Domain
- Missionview Walkway Reserve
- Oaklands Reserve
- Onekawa Plantation Reserve
- Orotu Drive Reserve
- Otatara Hillside Reserve
- Pirimu Stream Reserve
- Prebensen Drive Reserve
- Redclyffe Recreation Reserve
- Riverbend Reserve
- Shakespeare Road Reserve
- Sturms Gully
- Sugar Loaf Reserve
- Taipo Stream Reserve
- Taradale Reservoir Reserve
- Tiffen Park
- Tironui Reserve
- Watchman Road Reserve

- Westshore Wildlife Reserve

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### **Individual Foreshore Reserves**

- Beacons Recreation Reserve
- Humber Street Reserve
- Meeanee Quay Reserve
- Spriggs Park

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### **Individual Neighbourhood Reserves**

- Ahuriri Park
- Alexander Avenue Reserve
- Allen Berry Avenue Reserve
- Ascot Park Reserve
- Chaucer Road Reserve
- Churchill Drive Reserve
- Donegal Crescent Reserve
- Duckworth Crescent Reserve
- Essex Street Reserve
- Fitzgerald Place Reserve
- Forward Street Reserve
- Glamorgan Avenue Reserve
- Gleeson Park
- Petane War Memorial Reserve
- Tamatea Park
- Taradale Park
- Tareha Park
- Whitmore Park
- Harris Street Reserve
- Hetley Crescent Reserve
- King George's Reserve
- Knightsbridge Place Reserve
- Lee Road Reserve
- 1Lesser Park
- McKeefry Avenue Reserve
- Maraenui Shopping Centre Reserve
- Ngarimu Crescent Reserve
- Norfolk Street Reserve
- Oldham Avenue Reserve
- Pirimai Park
- ait Drive Reserve
- aradale Road Reserve
- Te Awa Estate Reserve
- Thackeray Street Reserve

- Upham Crescent North Reserve
- Upham Crescent South Reserve
- Warren Street Reserve (Siberia)
- York Avenue Reserve

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### **Individual Public Gardens**

- Botanical Gardens
- Centennial Gardens
- Centennial Park
- Clive Square
- Kennedy Park Rose Gardens
- Marine Parade Gardens
- Memorial Square
- Taradale Clock Tower Reserve and Ornamental Gardens

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### **Individual Sports Parks**

- Bledisloe Park
- Hawke's Bay Lawn Tennis and Squash Club Reserve
- Maraenui Golf Course Reserve
- Maraenui Park
- Marewa Park
- Nelson Park
- Onekawa Park
- Papakura Domain
- Park Island
- Petane War Memorial Reserve
- Tamatea Park
- Taradale Park
- Tareha Park
- Whitmore Park

**Map 3: Westshore Beach Reserve**

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Map 4: Foreshore Reserve Carpark

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