**9/005 VEHICLE CROSSOVER POLICY**

Objective

The objective of this policy is to ensure that both new and existing vehicle crossovers are constructed/renewed in accordance with the Town of Port Hedland Vehicle Crossover Specifications/designs to:

1. Minimise the number of vehicle crossovers per Lot.
2. Ensure safe vehicle access from properties and promote safety for cyclists and pedestrians.
3. Minimise any impact on existing verge infrastructure and streetscapes.
4. Provide a consistent framework to assist contractors and owners to meet the Town of Port Hedland standard crossover requirements.
5. Provide information required to be complied with by the property owners to be eligible for the Town of Port Hedland crossover subsidy.

Content

1.0 General

1.1 All crossovers which have access from Town of Port Hedland gazetted roads shall be constructed as per the Town’s vehicle crossover specifications. The owner/agent shall submit a crossover application to the Town prior to the occupation of the residence or prior to clearance of condition of the development.

 The owner/agent shall obtain approval in writing from Main Roads Western Australia with regard to the construction and location of the crossover *(Role of Commissioner of Main Roads in some cases)* for all crossovers from roads controlled by Main Roads Western Australia.

1.2 The crossover shall be constructed in concrete, brick paving or in asphalt as per Town specifications.

1.3 All crossovers are to be approved by the Town prior to construction commencement, and shall be constructed to the satisfaction of the Town. The owner/contractor is responsible for notifying Town staff prior to the preliminary stage of the construction commencement.

1.4 The Town may request a property owner to construct a crossover within a specific timeframe.

1.5 If the footpath has been constructed at the crossover with plain grey concrete, the footpath shall be replaced with reinforced concrete through the crossover, with appropriate construction joints, to ensure uniformity of the pathway.

1.6 If a new shared path is proposed at an existing crossover, a section of the crossover will be removed to ensure uniformity of the pathway construction. The cost of removal and reinstatement will be borne by the Town in this instance.

1.7 Requirement to construct or repair crossing *- Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 1996 - Regulation 13*

 A local government may give a person, who is the owner or occupier of private land, a notice in writing requiring the person to construct or repair a crossing from a public thoroughfare to the land or a private thoroughfare serving the land. If the person fails to comply with the notice, the local government may construct or repair the crossing as the notice required and recover 50% of the cost of doing so as a debt due from the person. Penalty: a fine of $5,000

1.8 An owner requiring a crossover over an open drain shall contact the Town Technical Officer to determine the size of drainage pipe, culvert/headwall, stone pitching and other requirements for the crossover. This crossover shall be constructed to the Town of Port Hedland specifications and at the owner’s expense.

1.9 The owner/contractor shall protect underground services. The owner is responsible for contacting utility providers and *Dial Before You Dig (1100)* prior to commencement of construction works.

1.10 The owner/contractor is responsible for repairs to any infrastructure damaged during construction.

1.11 Redundant crossovers, due to development of the property, are to be removed and kerb/verge/seal shoulders are to be reinstated at the owner’s/developer’s expense.

1.12 The owner/contractor is responsible for reinstatement of the verge, removal of all surplus material from the verge and clean-up of the verge immediately after completion of the crossover construction.

1.13 Contractor shall maintain Public Liability Insurance of twenty million dollars ($20,000,000) during the crossover construction.

1.14 Owner/contractor is responsible for all traffic management and redirection of pedestrians during crossover construction in accordance with Australian Standard current practice.

2.0 Maintenance

The property owner shall be responsible for maintenance of the crossover to ensure that it remains safe, free of dust and in trafficable condition. The Town of Port Hedland may request the owner to undertake repairs to the crossover at the owner’s cost.

3.0 Claim Crossover Subsidy

3.1 Contribution to cost of crossing - *Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 1996 - Sch. 9.1 cl. 7(4) 15*

If stormwater drainage is not applicable;

A crossover subsidy of 50% of the cost of a standard crossover per Lot, up to a maximum of $1,000, will apply only to the first crossover installed at a residential property according to the Town specifications.

A crossover subsidy of 50% of the cost of a standard crossover per Lot, up to a maximum of $5,000, will apply only to the first crossover installed at a commercial property according to the Town specifications.

If stormwater drainage is applicable;

A maximum of an additional $5,000 subsidy payment will apply for the first crossover requiring stormwater drainage components installed to the Town specifications. Owner shall attach supporting invoices to prove that the stormwater drainage components have been installed in accordance with the Town of Port Hedland specifications.

3.2 Requirements for claiming subsidy

1. Submit crossover application prior to commencement of construction.
2. Follow Vehicle Crossover Specifications and carry out inspections with Town officers.
3. Submit subsidy application and supporting invoices within six months from the date of completion of the crossover.

4.0 Roles and Responsibilities

Vehicle Crossover Policy 9/005 is designed to be applied to land developers and property owners/contractors.

Definitions

***“Act”*** *Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 1996*

***“Town of Port Hedland (Town)”*** is the Local Government Authority.

***“Road Reserve (Verge)”*** is the section of land between the edge of the road carriageway and the front property boundary.

***“Crossover (Vehicle Crossing)”*** is the portion of the driveway within the road reserve providing vehicle access to the property. A standard residential crossover shall be defined as 3.0 metres wide; a standard commercial crossover shall be defined as 6.0 metres wide. Residential and commercial crossovers shall be constructed in concrete, brick paving or asphalt.

***“Infrastructure and Town Services (ITS)”*** is the Engineering Services unit appointed by the Town of Port Hedland for crossover inspection and authorisation of subsidy contribution.

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| Relevant legislation | *Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 1996 - Sch. 9.1 cl.7(3) 13 - Sch. 9.1 cl.7(4) 15 - Sch. 9.1 cl.7(2) 12 & Sch. 9.1 cl.7(2) 14* |
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