

Title	Licensed Premises (Liquor)
Policy Number (Governance Purpose)	LPP 3.6



Policy Type

Local Planning Policy

Policy Purpose

The Western Australian Health Department and the Liquor Licensing Authority have expressed the view that the impact of some licensed premises, that serve to increase the availability of liquor in a high risk manner, can contribute to alcohol related harm in the community. Research suggests that alcohol availability has the potential to contribute to harm in the community. The issue of whether there is a public impact should be taken into consideration when determining planning applications for liquor licensed premises.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance in the decision making process by the Council in relation to the location of all existing and liquor licensed premises within the City, including modifications to existing premises. In this respect information about the public impact of liquor licensed premises is required to be provided with an application in order for the potential for adverse public impact to be assessed and determined in the decision making process.

Policy Statement

This policy arises from the provisions of the City's Town Planning Scheme No. 3 (TPS 3) where the aims of TPS 3 are to ensure development complies with accepted standards and practices for public amenity and convenience. Also, to ensure that the quality of life enjoyed by the City's inhabitants is not jeopardised by poor planning, unacceptable development and incompatible use of land. Inappropriate distribution and function of liquor licensed premises is considered to have a significant potential to conflict with these town planning objectives.

- (1) Council will take into consideration the public interest when assessing applications for planning approvals for liquor licensed premises. In this respect the potential for adverse public impact is to be considered alongside other matters such as community and economic development.
- (2) The City may require some of the information contained in a Public Interest Assessment Report (PIAR) to be submitted prior to determination of any planning application for liquor licensed premises, in order to inform the community about how the proposal will be in the interest of the community. Specifically, the information required includes:
 - How the licenced premises will operate;
 - Hours of operation;
 - Marketing and pricing of liquor;
 - External advertising and signage;
 - Information about the cumulative impact of nearby licenced premises; and

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- Information about sensitive land uses in the vicinity (e.g. schools, youth centres, health care facilities etc.).
- (3) Operational procedures will be prepared and contained within the Statutory Planning Department's procedure manual for the assessment of liquor licensed premises applications.
- (4) Higher profile Liquor Licences will be advertised to enable the City to consult with the owners/occupiers of nearby premises. Advertising/consultation will involve a letter drop to all premises within 400m of the proposed licenced premises. High profile licenced premises include Hotels, Taverns, Nightclubs and bottle shops.

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