



LONG AND HEAVY VEHICLE PARKING RULES

Parking is enforced by Queensland Police Service and Council Local Laws officers in accordance with Rockhampton Regional Council Local Law No 5 (Parking) 2011 and the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Road Rules) Regulation 2009 (TORUM)*.

If you are driving a heavy or long vehicle, you can stop in built-up areas and on local streets for up to one hour. A built-up area is an area where there are buildings on the land next to the road and/or street lighting at intervals of 100 metres or less, or the whole road is shorter than 500 metres.

You can only stop longer if:

- You are dropping off or picking up goods— for the entire period your vehicle is stopped;
- Signs say otherwise.

You may only stop on the shoulder of roads in non built-up areas.

What is a long vehicle

A long vehicle is:

- A vehicle or trailer that is 7.5 metres or longer;
- A vehicle or trailer that, together with any load or projection, is 7.5 metres or longer;
- Any combination (a prime mover connected to one or more trailers) which is 7.5 metres or longer.

What is a heavy vehicle

A heavy vehicle is defined as:

- Any component of a combination with a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) of 3 tonnes or more;
- Any other vehicle with a GVM of more than 4.5 tonnes

Exemptions

Heavy and long vehicles that have broken down are exempt from this restriction but only for the minimum time necessary to make minor repairs that would allow the vehicle to be moved to a place where it is lawfully parked.

Other exemptions include vehicles:

- Carrying out emergency work
- Delivering goods or providing services to the area
- Under a parking permit

Refrigeration trucks

Noise from refrigeration equipment can be disturbing to residents by interfering with their sleep and/or normal daily activities.

Queensland's Environmental Protection Act noise limits includes equipment that is on or in a vehicle.

Refrigeration equipment must not be used:

- a. Before 7am or after 10pm on any day, if the noise is more than 3dB(A) above background noise; or
- b. From 7am to 10pm on any day, if the noise is more than 5dB(A) above background noise.

Council is legally required to enforce the noise limits, so will investigate complaints and take the required action.

Enforcement

If a Local Laws Officer finds your vehicle parked illegally, an infringement notice may be issued to the registered vehicle owner.

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