

# Truck and Heavy Vehicle Parking



If you own or drive a vehicle that weighs more than 3 tonne tare (3000 kg) and you wish to park it on a residential property, you must have councils consent.

The type of vehicles which need consent include buses, vans, trucks, prime movers and earth moving equipment and associated trailers.

## What problems are associated with large vehicles?

Each year Council receives complaints from residents who are concerned about their neighbours parking these vehicles at home. Generally, people are worried about:

- The visual impact of the parked vehicle;
- The noise involved in starting and running the vehicle
- The times that a truck leaves and returns to a property;
- Associated washing down, maintenance and repair of the vehicle; or
- Parking the vehicles on the road way and the way they are backed into or out of driveways.

Council is also concerned that this can:

- Cause early failure of the road surface by placing above-normal loads on residential streets; and
- Create problems by manoeuvring large vehicles in confined residential streets

## Can vehicles be parked on the road?

In some circumstances, yes. If a vehicle is no longer than 7.5 metres or less than 4.5 tonne Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM), it may be parked on a public roadway for up to 24 hours at a time. Vehicles that are longer than 7.5 metres or 4.5 tonne GVM can be parked on a public roadway for only 1 hour.

The most appropriate place to park these vehicles is in industrial and commercial areas. If you cant find suitable premises and wish to park your vehicle at home, you must obtain development approval from Council.

Council will also need to notify the public- see Information Sheet 9 for further information.

## What information is required with an application?

**With your application, you must provide written information on:**

- What the vehicle is used for eg removalists van;
- The type and make of the vehicle,
- Vehicles registration number;
- The vehicles weight, height, width, and length;
- The usual times that the vehicle leaves and returns to the property;

- What sort of associated activities are carried out at home eg washing, maintenance, repairs; and
- What associated equipment is stored on the property eg compressors.  
You must also include a scaled, accurate plan of the whole property:
- The location of all buildings;
- The position where the vehicle will be parked; and
- Any existing trees, shrubs and fences that may help to screen the vehicle from view.

**The above information is advisory and a guide only to give you a general understanding of the key points associated with the approval system. It is recommended that you seek professional advice or contact the City of Mitcham, Development Services on 8372 8888 or email [development@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:development@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au) regarding any specific enquiries or further assistance concerning the use and development of land. Being properly prepared can save you time and money in the long run.**