

# **Crossover Policy**

# **Objectives**

To provide a consistent and considered approach to the approval, construction and maintenance of crossovers within the Town of Bassendean to ensure that the verge continues to provide for a safe, aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sustainable space for the community.

## Scope

This Policy applies to all crossovers within the Town, including new crossovers, the upgrade of existing crossovers and the Council contribution towards the construction of a new crossover.

### **Definitions**

Crossover:	a constructed crossing, located on crown land, giving access from a public thoroughfare to private land or a private thoroughfare serving the land.		
Driveway:	is that part of the vehicle access to private land between the front property boundary and an approved parking location.		
Taper 1:5	the gradual reduction of a driveway 1 metre in width over a 5-metre length.  Any taper less than 1:5 is considered too difficult for a vehicle to manoeuvre between the parking space and the road reserve.		
Thoroughfare:	horoughfare:  means a road or other thoroughfare and includes structures or other things appurtenant to the thoroughfare that are within its limits, and nothing is prevented from being a thoroughfare only because it is not open at each en		

## **Policy statement**

In conjunction with the Town's Specification for the Construction of Crossovers, this Policy provides information about the application process, Council contribution for new crossovers, allowable crossover widths and the maintenance of crossovers within the Town.

# **Application and Construction**

- 1. All owners of improved private land located with the Town shall have a formalised vehicle crossover constructed from a public thoroughfare to their property.
- 2. The property owner is required to complete and submit a crossover installation application to the Town for assessment before a crossover is constructed or modified.



- 3. Construction of a new crossover, or modification of an existing crossover, may not commence until written permission has been granted by the Town.
- 4. The Town shall assess the required clearance from street trees considering the calculated Tree Protection Zone and extent of root disturbance, however, will be a minimum of 2.0m.
- 5. Street trees shall be protected during the construction of a crossover, in accordance with the Street and Reserve Trees Council Policy
- 6. The approval to construct a crossover is valid for a one-year period from the date it is issued. If construction of the crossover has not been commenced within this period, a new application must be submitted to the Town for approval.
- 7. All vehicle crossings are to be constructed in accordance with the Town's "Specification for the Construction of Crossovers," available on the Town's website www.bassendean.wa.gov.au.

## **Crossover Widths**

1. Crossover widths, excluding wings, shall be:

Single residential 3.0 metres – 4.5 metres
 Duplex or multi-residential 3.0 metres – 4.5 metres
 Commercial 3.0 metres – 6.0 metres

- 2. Increases to these widths will only be considered where:
  - the crossover connects to and aligns with a driveway which is subject to development approval for a wider width, such as multi-unit developments which require two-way movement; or
  - a parking bay, carport or garage has been approved in a location that would require a driveway taper exceeding 1:5; or
  - a greater width is deemed necessary by the Town or Main Roads WA to provide for improved vehicle and pedestrian safety.
- Where increased crossover widths have been approved, the owner may be required to pay for the upgrade the verge landscaping as a condition of approval.
- 4. In all circumstances, the width of the driveway is to match the width of the crossover at the property boundary line.



# **Financial**

- 1. The Town will contribute 50% of the cost of a standard vehicle crossover when it is constructed to the Town's specifications up to a maximum amount as outlined in the Town's annual "Fees and Charges".
- 2. Where lots are strata-titled, more than one contribution may be made, at the discretion of the Town, if more than one crossover is constructed. The number of crossovers attracting the contribution shall not exceed the number of separately titled units on the lot.
- 3. The owner of the property to which the crossover is being constructed shall bear the cost of any public utility services adjustments that are required because of the construction of the crossover.
- 4. The subsidy applies to the first standard crossover for each individual property. A second crossover approved for corner properties with two road frontages of sufficient width (crossing on each frontage), but the cost of construction shall be borne fully by the owner.

## **Maintenance and Removal**

- 1. The renewal and maintenance of a vehicle crossover is the responsibility of the property owner.
- 2. If a crossover becomes redundant, it shall be removed at the owner's cost.
- 3. Where the location of a new crossover requested by the property owner conflicts with existing road reserve infrastructure assets, the cost to relocate the assets will be borne by the property owner.

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