

# WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL DOG CONTROL BYLAW 2019

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## WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL DOG CONTROL BYLAW 2019

Pursuant to the powers vested in it by the *Local Government Act 2002*, the Waimakariri District Council makes this Bylaw.

### 1 TITLE AUTHORITY AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 This bylaw may be cited as the Waimakariri District Dog Control Bylaw 2019.
- 1.2 This bylaw shall come into force on 16 December 2019.

### 2 INTRODUCTION

This bylaw is made by the Waimakariri District Council in exercise of the powers and authority vested in the Council by Section 20 of the *Dog Control Act 1996*.

This bylaw applies to all the Waimakariri District.

### 3 OBJECTIVES

- To encourage the responsible ownership of dogs.
- To promote the control of dogs in public places.
- To provide for the needs of dog owners.
- To minimise any danger, distress or nuisance from dogs to the community.

### 4 INTERPRETATION

- 4.1 **Approved** means permitted by the Waimakariri District Council.
- 4.2 **Authorised person** means any person warranted or permitted by the Waimakariri District Council to carry out any functions under this Bylaw or under the Dog Control Act 1996.
- 4.3 **Dog Control Officer** means a dog control officer appointed under Section 11 of the Dog Control Act 1996.
- 4.4 **Dog** includes any bitch, spayed bitch or puppy.
- 4.5 **Infringement Offences** as defined in Section 65 (1) of the Dog Control Act 1996.
- 4.6 **Neutered Dog** means a dog that has been spayed or castrated; and does not include a dog that has been vasectomised:
- 4.7 **Owner** in relation to any dog means every person who:
  - (a) Owns the dog; or
  - (b) Has the dog in his or her possession, whether the dog is at large or in confinement, otherwise than for a period not exceeding 72 hours for the purpose of preventing the dog causing injury, damage, or distress, or for the sole purpose of restoring a lost dog to its owner; or is

- (c) The parent or guardian of the person under the age of 16 years who –
- (i) Is the owner of the dog pursuant to paragraph (a) and (b) of this definition; and
  - (ii) Is a member of the parent or guardian's household living with and dependent on the parent or guardian-

but does not include any person who has seized or taken custody of the dog under this Act or the Animals Protection Act 1960 or the National Parks Act 1980 or the Conservation Act 1987 or any order made under this Act or the Animals Protection Act 1960.

4.8 **Public Places** as defined in section 2 of the *Dog Control Act 1996* and includes:

- A place that, at any material time, is open to or is being used by the public, whether free or on payment of a charge, and whether any owner or occupier of the place is lawfully entitled to exclude or eject any person from that place; and
- Includes any aircraft, hovercraft, ship or ferry or other vessel, train, or vehicle carrying or available to carry passengers for reward.

4.9 **Reserve** means and includes any open space, plantation, park, garden or ground set apart for public recreation which is under the management or control of the Council.

4.10 **Residential Zone** means the areas of the District that are zoned Residential 1, Residential 2, Residential 3, Residential 5, Residential 6, Residential 6A or Residential 7 in the Council's District Plan.

4.11 **Sports fields prohibited** means dogs are not allowed on the playing area of the sports fields while organised sport or practice is undertaken.

4.12 **Under Control** means that the dog is not causing a nuisance or danger and that the person in charge of the dog is able to obtain an immediate and desired response from the dog by use of a leash, voice commands, hand signals, whistles or other effective means.

4.13 **Working Dog** is as defined in section 2 of the *Dog Control Act 1996* and includes:

- (a) Any disability assist dog.
- (b) Any dog—
  - (i) Kept by the Police or any constable, the Customs Department, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Fisheries or the Ministry of Defence, or any officer or employee of any such Department of State solely or principally for the purposes of carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of the Police or the Department of State or that constable, officer, or employee; or
  - (ii) Kept solely or principally for the purposes of herding or driving stock; or
  - (iii) Kept by the Department of Conservation or any officer or employee of that Department solely or principally for the purposes of carrying out the functions, duties, and powers of that Department; or
  - (iv) Kept solely or principally for the purposes of destroying pests or pest agents under any pest management strategy under the Biosecurity Act 1993; or

- (a) Kept by the Department of Corrections or any officer or employee of that Department solely or principally for the purposes of carrying out the functions, duties, and powers of that Department; or
- (b) Kept by the Aviation Security Service established under section 72B(2)(ca) of the Civil Aviation Act 1990, or any officer or employee of that Service solely or principally for the purposes of carrying out the functions, duties, and powers of that Service; or
- (c) Certified for use by the Director of Civil Defence Emergency Management for the purposes of carrying out the functions, duties, and powers conferred by the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002; or
- (v) Owned by a security guard as defined in section 4 of the Private Investigators and Security Guards Act 1974 and kept solely or principally for the purposes of carrying on the business of a security guard; or
- (vi) Declared by resolution of the Council to be a working dog for the purposes of this Act, or any dog of a class so declared by the authority, being a dog owned by any class of persons specified in the resolution and kept solely or principally for the purposes specified in the resolution, and includes any dog registered with the Council as a search and rescue dog.

## **5 LIMITATION ON OWNERSHIP IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

- 5.1 No occupier of any property in any Residential Zone within the Waimakariri District shall allow or cause to remain or be kept on such premises for any period exceeding fourteen days, three or more dogs, over the age of three months (whether or not such dogs are registered) unless they have a permit from the Council to keep three or more dogs. For the purposes of this subsection the determination of this fourteen day period is to be considered contiguous if any of the dogs are removed from the premises within the initial fourteen day period allowed, thereby reducing the number of dogs below the threshold of three, but are subsequently returned to the same premises within a period of fourteen days, whether they are the same dogs or not.
- 5.2 Application for a permit to keep three or more dogs in a Residential Zone shall be made in writing. Before the application can proceed, the written permission of immediate neighbours should be sought. Animal Management staff will inspect the property.
- 5.3 The Council, in receiving an application for three or more dogs on a property, has the discretion to alter or decline an application on the following grounds:
- That the property under application in the Council's view is of insufficient size to keep the breed of dogs and / or the number being applied for.
  - That the granting of the permit may compromise neighbourhood amenity.
- 5.4 The permit may be issued upon or subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as the Council may consider necessary and any breach of such terms, conditions or restrictions shall be a breach of this bylaw.
- 5.5 An annual fee will be paid for each permit. The permit shall remain in force until the 30th June following the date of issue. The Council will decide the fee by resolution.

- 5.6 The fee for the permit shall be payable on application is in addition to and separate from the dog control fees payable under the Dog Control Act 1996.

## **6 DOGS AT NIGHT**

- 6.1 The owner of any dog shall, during the period from half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise, keep such dog:
- On a line, leash or chain held by such owner and securely attached to the collar or harness on such dog, or similarly secured so that the dog is under control, or
  - Tied fast by a leash or chain which is securely attached to the collar on such dog, or
  - Confined in a fully enclosed yard so that such dog cannot escape there from, or
  - Confined in a kennel, shed or other building so that such dog cannot escape.

Provided, however, that this sub-clause shall not apply to any dog registered as a working dog while under continuous and effective control of its owner or his agent for the time being for working purposes or is being taken by such person to or from the place where it is to be kept or has been employed for such purpose.

- 6.2 During this period the owner of a dog, while it is kept under proper control, shall ensure that such dog is provided with adequate shelter and that no unnecessary suffering is caused to such dog by the manner in which such proper control is exercised.
- 6.3 Any dog found in breach of sub-clause 6.1 or 6.2 may be impounded under the provisions of Section 52 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

## **7 CONTROL OF DOGS**

- 7.1 Dogs in public places, unless prohibited or required to be leashed as listed in the First Schedule, are to be kept under continuous and effective control at all times.
- 7.2 Dogs that are not able to be kept under effective voice control around horses shall be placed on a lead when in the vicinity of a horse.
- 7.3 Any dog found not under continuous and effective control in any public place or reserve may be seized and detained by any authorised officer, or a person employed by the Council, and be impounded.
- 7.4 No person shall take into or have in their charge any dog in or on any public swimming pools or other bathing places, except on authorised occasions.
- 7.5 No person shall take into or have in their charge any dog in or on any land or premises used as a public school, kindergarten or play centre, except on authorised occasions.
- 7.6 The occupier of any premises whereon any kennel or enclosures in which dogs are kept or housed shall maintain and keep them in a clean condition.
- 7.7 No person shall take into or keep in any cemetery any dog.
- 7.8 No person shall in any public place or private road or street, set on, urge, encourage, aid or assist at the fighting or baiting of any dog or other animal or willingly permit any dog to fight or to rush at, attack or worry any person or animal,

and no person being the owner or having charge thereof shall suffer or permit any dog which has been known to rush at or attack or annoy any person or animal to be at large.

- 7.9 No person being the owner of, or having the control of any dog shall permit the dog to foul any public place with droppings, provided that no offence shall be deemed to have been committed against this bylaw when the person having control of the dog removes the droppings immediately.
- 7.10 The owner or person in charge of any dog in any public place must carry a suitable receptacle for the removal of any faeces defecated by that dog.
- 7.11 Any person allowing a dog to ride on the open tray of a vehicle shall ensure that it is at all times kept under control by a chain that is sufficiently short in length as to prevent the dog from leaving the tray or endangering passers-by.
- 7.12 No person shall exercise their dog(s), in a public place, from a moving vehicle.

## **8 RELEASE FROM POUND**

- 8.1 No dog shall be released from any pound until proof of ownership and identity of the dog is established and payment made of:
- A poundage fee as set by the Waimakariri District Council from time to time by resolution publicly notified.
  - A sustenance fee at such daily rate as the Waimakariri District Council may determine from time to time by resolution publicly notified.
  - In the case of any dog over the registrable age, the current annual fee payable set by the Waimakariri District Council unless previously paid.
  - A fee for microchipping the dog, if the dog has not previously been microchipped.
  - Any charge in connection with transport and advertising of the dog.
- 8.2 Any dog may be sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of unless claimed in accordance with the provisions of the Dog Control Act 1996.

## **9 IN SEASON OR DISEASED DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES**

- 9.1 No owner shall permit their dog to enter or remain in any public place, if that dog is:
- Infected with mange or distemper, or
  - any known contagious disease under treatment, or
  - A bitch on heat.

## **10 PREVENTION OF NUISANCES**

- 10.1 The owner or occupier of any premises where any dog or dogs are customarily kept, has an obligation to ensure that adequate precautions are taken to prevent the keeping of such dogs from becoming a nuisance or injurious to health in terms of the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Health Act 1956.
- 10.2 If the keeping of dogs has become or is likely to become a nuisance or injurious to health, the Council may by notice require the owner or occupier of the premises to do all or any of the following:

- Cease the keeping of dogs on the premises.
- To reduce the number of dogs kept on the premises.
- To alter, reconstruct or otherwise improve the kennels or place where the dogs are kept.
- To take such other action as the Council deems necessary to eliminate the likelihood of nuisance or injury to health.

## **11 CAUSING DOGS TO BECOME UNMANAGEABLE**

Any person shall be guilty of an offence against this Bylaw who behaves so as to cause any dog in any street, private street, or public place to become restive or unmanageable.

## **12 BREACH OF BYLAW**

A person who commits a breach of this bylaw commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to the penalty prescribed by Section 242(4) of the Local Government Act 2002.

## **13 REVOCAION AND SAVINGS**

13.1 The following Bylaw is hereby revoked.

- Dog Control Bylaw 2009.

13.2 All approvals, permits, and other acts of authority which originated under the Dog Control Bylaw 1997 No 1 and the Dog Control Bylaw 2009, and all applications, shall for the purpose of this Bylaw continue as if they had originated under this Bylaw.

13.3 The revocation of the Dog Control Bylaw 2009 shall not prevent any legal proceedings, criminal or civil, being taken to enforce those bylaws and such proceedings shall continue to be dealt with and completed as if the bylaws had not been revoked.

## **14 REVIEW OF BYLAW**

14.1 This Bylaw shall be reviewed by the 3th December 2029.

14.2 This Bylaw can be reviewed at any other time before that date at the discretion of the Council.



## FIRST SCHEDULE TO WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL DOG CONTROL BYLAW 2019 (amended 2023)

This schedule provides a comprehensive list of all prohibited and leash dog control areas in the district. If a public area has not been included in this schedule it means the dog control status of that area is “under control” as defined in this bylaw. The schedule’s comments column and definitions at the bottom provide additional information on the nature of the dog control area and why the specific control status has been assigned. The schedule will be reviewed on an annual basis, by resolution of Council, to ensure new development areas have appropriate controls assigned.

### ASHLEY

Area, Park or Reserve	Dog Control Status	Comments
All Children’s Playgrounds and Sports Fields	Prohibited	Currently no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
All the other public areas	Under control	Dogs must be kept under control at all times for public health and safety reasons as defined in the bylaw.

### BUSINESS 1 ZONE AREAS

Area, Park or Reserve	Dog Control Status	Comments
All Business 1 Zone areas (Waimakariri District Plan)	Leash Control	Business Zones and highly populated areas. Dogs must be on a leash for public health and safety reasons.

### FARMERS MARKETS

Area, Park or Reserve	Dog Control Status	Comments
All Farmers Markets in the district	Leash Control	Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety reasons. This applies only when markets are in operation.

### CUST RESERVE CONTROL

Area, Park or Reserve	Dog Control Status	Comments
All Children’s Playgrounds and Sports Fields	Prohibited	Currently no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
Cust Community Centre Grounds	Leash Control	Neighbourhood Park. Leash control with no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
Cust Memorial Reserve	Leash Control	Cultural Heritage Park. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
Cust Waterworks Reserve	Leash Control	Neighbourhood Park. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
All the other public areas	Under control	Dogs must be kept under control at all times for public health and safety reasons as defined in the bylaw.

### KAIAPOI RESERVE CONTROL

Area, Park or Reserve	Dog Control Status	Comments
All Children’s Playgrounds and Sports Fields	Prohibited	Currently no dogs within 10m of playgrounds.
Audley Street Playground	Leash Control	Neighbourhood Park. Leash control with no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
Country Life Esplanade Reserve	Leash Control	Recreation and Ecological Linkage located adjacent to public road. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
Isa- Lei Reserve	Leash Control	New Reserve vested to the council. Leash control with no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
Kaiapoi Lakes	Leash Control	Natural Park. Dogs must be on leash to protect bird life and the Lake environment.
Kaiapoi Memorial Reserve	Leash Control	Cultural Heritage Park. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.

Kiln Place Reserve	Leash Control	Recreation and Ecological Linkage. Leash control with no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
Morgan Williams Reserve	Leash Control	Recreation and Ecological Linkage. Leash control with no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
Moorcroft Reserve	Leash Control	Neighbourhood Park. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
Scott Rose Garden	Prohibited	Public Garden. Dogs are prohibited for public health and safety reasons.
Silverstream Reserve	Leash Control	Natural Park. Bird life and stream environment (fish breeding) would dictate that leash control is relevant for this site.
Tom Ayers Reserve	Leash control	Recreation and Ecological Linkages. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
Trousselot Park	Leash control	Public Garden. Leash control with no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
All the other public areas	Under control	Dogs must be kept under control at all times for public health and safety reasons as defined in the bylaw.

### OHOKA

Area, Park or Reserve	Dog Control Status	Comments
All Children's Playgrounds and Sports Fields	Prohibited	Currently no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
All the other public areas	Under control	Dogs must be kept under control at all times for public health and safety reasons as defined in the bylaw.

### OXFORD RESERVE CONTROL

Area, Park or Reserve	Dog Control Status	Comments
All Children's Playgrounds and Sports Fields	Prohibited	Currently no dogs within 10m of playgrounds.
Ashley Gorge Reserve Lower Flat	Leash Control	Dogs are not allowed on the bush walks or in the upper terraces and campground. They must be on a lead on the lower flat of the reserve.
Ashley Gorge Reserve Campground and upper flats	prohibited	
Forestdale Wetlands	Prohibited	Natural Park. Dogs are prohibited from the entire wetland to protect wildlife, plants and natural environment.
Matai Place Reserve	Leash Control	Neighbourhood Park. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
All the other public areas	Under control	Dogs must be kept under control at all times for public health and safety reasons as defined in the bylaw.

### PEGASUS

Area, Park or Reserve	Dog Control Status	Comments
All Children's Playgrounds and Sports Fields	Prohibited	Currently no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
Karen Eastwood Memorial Park	Prohibited	Dogs are prohibited for public health and safety reasons.
All the other public areas	Under control	Dogs must be kept under control at all times for public health and safety reasons as defined in the bylaw.

### PINES/KAIRAKI BEACH RESERVE CONTROL

Area, Park or Reserve	Dog Control Status	Comments
All Children's Playgrounds and Sports Fields	Prohibited	Currently no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
All the other public areas	Under control	Dogs must be kept under control at all times for public health and safety reasons as defined in the bylaw.

**RANGIORA RESERVE CONTROL**

<b>Area, Park or Reserve</b>	<b>Dog Control Status</b>	<b>Comments</b>
All Children's Playgrounds and Sports Fields	Prohibited	Currently no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
Aspen Street Reserve	Leash control	Recreation and Ecological Linkage. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
Bells Siding	Leash control	Cultural Heritage Park. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
Bridget Lane Reserve	Leash control	Recreation and Ecological Linkage. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
Chelsea Ct. Reserve	Leash control	Streetscape located adjacent to a recreation and ecological linkage. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
Elephant Park	Prohibited	Neighbourhood Park. Dogs are prohibited for public health and safety.
Elm Tree Reserve	Leash control	Recreation and Ecological Linkage. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
Hazeldean Reserve	Leash control	Recreation and Ecological Linkage. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
Janelle Place Reserve	Leash control	Recreation and Ecological Linkage. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
Kippenberger War Memorial	Leash control	Cultural Heritage Park. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
Newnham Street Reserve	Leash control	Recreation and Ecological Linkage. Currently no dogs within 10m of playgrounds equipment.
Northbrook Wetlands Reserve (Io Io Whenua)	Prohibited	Dogs are prohibited to protect wildlife and, for public health and safety.
Rickton Place Reserve	Leash control	Streetscape. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
Sequoia Reserve	Leash control	Recreation and Ecological Linkage. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
Southbrook Park	Prohibited	Sports and Recreation Reserve with available fenced dog park next door. Dogs are prohibited from the park for public health and safety reasons.
Torlesse Park Reserve (Castle Park)	Prohibited	Neighbourhood Park. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
Town Hall Reserve	Leash Control	Civic space, Rangiora Central Business District (CBD) environment.
Victoria Park	Prohibited	Public garden and high-profile site with playground in CBD locality.
Windsor Park	Leash control	Neighbourhood Park. Leash control with no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
All the other public areas	Under control	Dogs must be kept under control at all times for public health and safety reasons as defined in the bylaw.

**RAVENSWOOD**

<b>Area, Park or Reserve</b>	<b>Dog Control Status</b>	<b>Comments</b>
All Children's Playgrounds and Sports Fields	Prohibited	Currently no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
Ravenswood Reserve	Leash control	Neighbourhood Park. Leash control with no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
All the other public areas	Under control	Dogs must be kept under control at all times for public health and safety reasons as defined in the bylaw.

**SEFTON**

<b>Area, Park or Reserve</b>	<b>Dog Control Status</b>	<b>Comments</b>
All Children's Playgrounds and Sports Fields	Prohibited	Currently no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
All the other public areas	Under control	Dogs must be kept under control at all times for public health and safety reasons as defined in the bylaw.

**TUAHIWI**

Area, Park or Reserve	Dog Control Status	Comments
All Children's Playgrounds, hard courts and Sports Fields	Prohibited	Currently no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
All the other public areas	Under control	Dogs must be kept under control at all times for public health and safety reasons as defined in the bylaw.

**WAIKUKU BEACH RESERVE CONTROL**

Area, Park or Reserve	Dog Control Status	Comments
All Children's Playgrounds, and Sports Fields	Prohibited	Currently no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
Waikuku Beach Domain	Leash Control	Leash control with no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
Pegasus View Park Reserve	Leash Control	Neighbourhood Park. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
All the other public areas	Under control	Dogs must be kept under control at all times for public health and safety reasons as defined in the bylaw.

**WOODEND**

Area, Park or Reserve	Dog Control Status	Comments
All Children's Playgrounds and Sports Fields	Prohibited	Currently no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
Owen Stalker Park Reserve	Leash Control	Neighbourhood Park. Leash control with no dogs within 10m of playground equipment.
Skevington Park Reserve	Leash Control	Neighbourhood Park. Dogs must be on leash for public health and safety.
All the other public areas /places	Under control	Dogs must be kept under control at all times for public health and safety reasons as defined in the bylaw.

**CEMETERIES**

- Dogs are prohibited in all cemeteries throughout the district excluding Kaiapoi Anglican Cemetery Reserve.

**COASTAL AREA**

- All dogs are prohibited from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas, but this requirement shall not apply to holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses who are permitted to use gamebird dogs during gamebird hunting season in accordance with this bylaw and Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016 (amended 2023).
- All dogs are prohibited from within the areas marked by surf lifesaving patrol flags and from an area extending 50 metres beyond the flags in accordance with this bylaw and Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016 (amended 2023).
- All dogs on the beach shall be kept under control at all times in accordance with this bylaw and Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016 (amended 2023).
- Dogs which are not able to be kept under effective voice control around horses shall be placed on a lead when in the vicinity of a horse.

## DOG PARKS/ DOG EXERCISE AREAS

- Dogs must be on a lead when entering and exiting the dog park
- Council has designated the following areas as Dog Parks or Dog Exercise Areas:

Gladstone dog park  
Kaiapoi dog park  
Millton Memorial Park dog park  
Southbrook dog park

## PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

Dogs are prohibited in all public swimming pools.

### DEFINITIONS OF PARKS AND RESERVES

**Neighbourhood Parks:** Smaller sites, of local or community significance, which add to the attractiveness of neighbourhoods and provide space for informal recreation, social interaction and play.

**Sports and Recreation Parks:** Designed and used for sport and recreation, is often multi-use, providing for a range of community activities and facilities.

**Recreation and Ecological Linkages:** Have a variety of characteristics ranging from undeveloped green areas, to developed areas with mown grass, trees and other low-key facilities. They enhance urban form and landscape values providing opportunities for linked walking and cycling networks.

**Natural Parks:** Widely defined to include native bush areas, wetlands, coastal and lake margins, forestry, farm parks, esplanade reserves and restoration areas and other natural landscapes.

**Cultural Heritage Parks:** Include historic sites, historic buildings and structures, monuments, cemeteries and other sites of cultural or heritage significance. The primary objective of these parks is to provide a respectful environment that is attractive, restful and suitable for reflection and grieving.

**Public Gardens:** Include parks that are of significance to the District, with an emphasis on horticultural displays.

**Civic Space:** Open spaces within central business districts or other retail business areas which provide space for casual gatherings, they may also provide for large public gatherings, events and entertainment.