

12 Temporary Activities and Events

12.1 Rule Statement

This chapter provides for temporary activities, community events, and associated temporary structures in the district. Temporary activities and community events such as street markets, parades, festivals, concerts, and recreational, cultural and sporting events contribute to the vitality of the district and to community well-being. Council wants to generally enable such community events to occur provided adverse effects are appropriately managed.

Provision is made for temporary structures associated with construction activities (for example scaffolding and portable buildings), event-related temporary structures (for example marquees), the installation and use of equipment for the drilling of bores for water or geothermal investigation, testing equipment such as penetrometers, and anemometers and masts that are established to measure wind. Temporary signage, military exercises, temporary film making activities, and the use of emergency sirens are also provided for in this chapter. Temporary signage advertising upcoming events is important to the success of the district's tourism industry and the promotion of events in the district.

Temporary activities, community events and associated structures can be located across zone boundaries, within road reserve and other reserves administered by Council, and may often not comply with building setbacks and other zone-based performance standards. Temporary activities may also generate noise that exceeds normal limits, require more signage than would normally be allowed in a particular zone, and the number of people attracted to an event may generate significant (but temporary) effects. Given these characteristics, temporary activities would often otherwise exceed district plan standards and require resource consent, if they were not specifically covered by temporary activity provisions. Therefore it is preferable to provide for such activities and structures within a district-wide rule, instead of zone standards for the particular location applying.

All of the potential effects associated with temporary activities, community events and associated temporary structures need to be considered in the context that the structure or activity is not permanent, and will be removed following a period of time with the location being reinstated to its previous condition. Some greater tolerance of temporary effects is therefore appropriate. Consequently, temporary activities, community events, and temporary structures are provided for as a permitted activity throughout the district, subject to compliance with the performance standards listed in this chapter.

12.2 Anticipated Environmental Results

The temporary activities and events rules are intended to achieve the following anticipated environmental results:

- That temporary activities and community events both indoors and outdoors such as street markets, parades, festivals, concerts, and recreational, cultural and sporting events are enabled throughout the district, and contribute to its vitality and prosperity
- That temporary signage can be placed throughout the district for limited duration, and subsequently removed once the reason for it being in position has finished
- That the locations where temporary activities or community events occur, or where temporary structures are assembled, are reinstated as far as practicable to their prior condition, and that permanent effects are avoided.

The temporary activities and events rules are a method to implement the objectives and policies contained within Chapter 4 (Objectives and Policies for the District's Towns), Chapter 5 (Objectives and Policies for the District's Rural Areas), and Chapter 7 (Objectives and Policies for the District's Infrastructure and Development).

12.3 Activities

a) Permitted Activities

The following are permitted activities throughout the district provided they comply with the Performance Standards set out in Rule 12.4 below.

- i) Temporary activities
- ii) Community events
- iii) Temporary structures
- iv) Temporary signage
- v) Temporary military exercises
- vi) Temporary film making activities
- vii) Use of emergency sirens.

b) Restricted Discretionary Activities

The following are restricted discretionary activities throughout the district:

- (i) Any activity listed in Rule 12.3 (a) that does not conform to the Performance Standards in Rule 12.4.

The specific matters where discretion is reserved are identified in Rules 8.3.3 and 8.3.4 and shall be used when considering a resource consent application for a temporary activity, event or temporary structure.

ADVISORY NOTE: The provisions of Section 12 (Temporary Activities) do not apply to temporary works and associated structures related to electricity generation within the Electricity Generation Zone.

12.4 Performance Standards

The following Performance Standards apply to particular permitted activities as stated below, and to restricted discretionary activities if granted. Failure to comply with one or more of the performance standards results in that activity being a restricted discretionary activity.

12.4.1 Temporary Activities and Events

- a) The total duration of all temporary activities and community events at any particular site (excluding preparation time) shall not exceed two events or 48 hours in any calendar year. This rule shall not apply to community events in the following locations:
 - Memorial Sports Ground, Tokoroa
 - Glenshea Park, Putāruru
 - Tokoroa Airport
 - Tokoroa Town Centre
 - Tokoroa Youth Park
 - Putāruru Town Centre
- b) Temporary activities and community events shall take place within the following hours:
 - (i) 0700hr to 2230hr Sunday to Thursday
 - (ii) 0700hr to 2400hr Friday and Saturday
- c) That no new permanent structures are constructed as a result of the temporary activity or community event, and the site is re-instated to its condition prior to the activity commencing
- d) Noise associated with temporary activities, temporary military exercises, temporary film making and community events shall comply with the performance standards in Chapter 15 Noise

- e) Managers or promoters of temporary activities shall submit a Traffic Management Plan to Council before starting the activity. The Plan shall include details of the consultation with and the approval of the NZ Transport Agency where the proposal directly accesses or adjoins a State Highway.

12.4.2 Temporary Structures

- (a) Temporary structures related to community events, temporary military exercises, and temporary film making are permitted in all zones but must be removed from the site within five working days after the activity has concluded, and the site must be re-instated to the condition it was in prior to the activity commencing
- (b) Temporary structures related to a construction project are permitted in all zones provided that the related construction project is permitted by the district plan or has an approved resource consent, and the temporary structures are removed within one month of the construction activity being completed
- (c) Temporary structures that are not related to an event or construction project, such as drilling of test bores, auger holes, test pits, and cone penetrometer tests, or anemometers, masts or similar structures established to measure wind, shall be permanently removed within two months of being installed on site.

12.4.3 Temporary Signage

- (a) Temporary signs are permitted in all zones with a maximum of six temporary signs per site, with a total area not exceeding 3m² (per side) per street frontage
- (b) Temporary signs may be displayed for the following time periods:
 - (i) Signs that advertise a community event may be displayed up to one month prior to the event, and must be removed within seven days after the event occurs
 - (ii) Temporary signs that are advertising jubilees or centennials may be erected for a period not exceeding 6 months over a 12 month period prior to the event, and must be removed within seven days after the event occurs
 - (iii) Signs that advertise that the property is for sale, must be on the site that the sign relates to, and must be removed no later than two weeks after the property has been sold
 - (iv) Signs related to a construction project, must be on the site that the sign relates to, and must be removed no later than two weeks after construction activity has ceased
 - (v) Signs that relate to a public election may be displayed up to 3 months prior to an election, and must be removed prior to polling
 - (vi) Signs that are required for the purpose of public notification may be displayed for the period they are required to do so by legislation
- (c) In a speed environment of 70km/h and over, a sign must not incorporate reflective materials, flashing illumination, aerial display, animated display, moving display or any other non-static two or three dimensional mechanism designed to catch attention.
- ca) Signs shall not detrimentally affect traffic safety by creating a visual obstruction or by causing confusion to motorists.
 - i) A sign must not mimic the design, wording, graphics, shape or colour of an official traffic sign
 - ii) A sign may not prevent the driver of a vehicle from having a clear and unobstructed view of official traffic signs or signals, approaching or merging traffic or any corner, bend, intersection or vehicle crossing.
- (d) The owner of a sign shall be responsible for ensuring that it is well maintained

- (e) Signs in areas with a speed limit greater than 50km/h shall be limited to a maximum of six words or 40 characters, and shall not be produced with the aid of reflective material
- (f) The minimum height of all lettering on signs adjoining roads with a speed limit of 60km/h, 70km/h or 80km/h shall be 160mm
- (g) The height of all lettering on signs adjoining roads with a speed limit of 100km/h shall meet the following minimum size:

Operating speed (km/h)	Lettering height (mm)		
	Main message	Property name	Secondary message
60	150	100	75
70	175	125	90
80	200	150	100
95	250	175	125
115	300	200	150

ADVISORY NOTE: Temporary activities, community events, temporary military exercises, temporary film making activities and temporary structures that are located:

- within road reserve need approval by the 'road controlling authority' under other legislation. For land administered as a state highway, approval is needed from the NZ Transport Agency. For local roads, footpaths and street berms, approval should be sought from Council.
- on land administered by Council as reserve under the Reserves Act 1977, also need approval from Council.
- on land administered by the Department of Conservation as reserve under the Conservation Act 1987, require a concession from the Department.