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| Council Policy Title: | KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL FREEDOM CAMPING POLICY 2012 |
| Date Adopted: | 30 August 2012 |
| EDOC's File: | 321148 v4 |

1 Title, Commencement and Application

- 1.1 This Policy may be cited as the Kapiti Coast District Council Freedom Camping Policy 2012 and comes into force on **1 September 2012**.
- 1.2 This Policy applies to the Kapiti Coast District.
- 1.3 This Policy updates and replaces the Kapiti Coast District Council Freedom Camping Policy 2010 and gives effect to section 20.3 of the Public Places Bylaw 2010.

2 Policy Validation

- 2.1 The Kapiti Coast District Council Freedom Camping Policy 2012 was approved at a meeting of the Kapiti Coast District Council held on 30 August 2012 after completion of the Special Consultative Procedure set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 2.2 This Policy is made pursuant to section 13 of the General Bylaw 2010.

DATED this day of 2012

**THE COMMON SEAL of THE
KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL**
was affixed in the presence of:

Jenny Rowan, QSO, JP
Mayor of Kapiti Coast District

Pat Dougherty
Chief Executive

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Councillor of Kapiti Coast District

3 Objective

3.1 This objective of the Kapiti Coast District Council Freedom Camping Policy is to better manage freedom camping on the Kapiti Coast. Improved management of this activity will help:

- ensure the quality of the freedom camping experience;
- reduce nuisance complaints;
- reduce damage or degradation of the environment;
- reduce conflict with local residents and commercial interests; and
- ensure people's health and safety.

3.2 In achieving this objective, the Freedom Camping Policy acts as both a regulatory and information tool that will help to ensure visitors and locals have a clear understanding of where freedom camping is prohibited, where freedom camping is restricted and the restrictions that apply to freedom camping in those areas, and the services/facilities available to make it happen successfully.

3.3 Nothing in this Policy derogates from any provision of, or the necessity for compliance with:

- I. any other Council bylaws or District Plan requirements;
- II. any other requirements imposed by either Greater Wellington Regional Council or Department of Conservation; and
- III. any customary rights.

4 Camping facilities on the Kapiti Coast

4.1 The Kapiti Coast District has a range of well maintained commercial campgrounds that cater to most camping interests and budgets throughout the year. For a safe and enjoyable camping experience the Kapiti Coast District Council recommends campers use these facilities and book ahead (over the summer months) so that they can reserve a site for the duration of their stay

4.2 At present the Council provides sites for freedom camping (refer Schedule 1) but for *self-contained* freedom camping only. *Not self-contained* freedom campers must either use commercial facilities or the Department of Conservation facility at Otaki Forks.

4.3 For details on campground facilities on the Kapiti Coast visit one of the Kapiti Coast’s i-SITE¹ visitor information centres or collect a copy of the Kapiti Coast District Freedom Camping Brochures from any Council Service Centre².

5 Interpretation

5.1 In this Policy, the following terms are used:

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| Council Approved Freedom Camping Site | means any Council managed or controlled public place listed in Schedule 1 of this bylaw and is signposted as a freedom camping area. |
| Enforcement Officer | means a person appointed as an enforcement officer under section 32 or 33 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011. |
| Freedom Camping | has the same meaning as in the Freedom Camping Act 2011. |
| Freedom Camping Signpost | means a Council sign indicating that self contained freedom camping is permitted and showing the number of vehicles or caravans permitted to stay at the site at any one time and the maximum duration that they can continuously stay for. |
| Not Self-Contained Freedom Camping | means freedom camping that requires the use of public ablutions, kitchen and waste disposal facilities and vehicles or caravans used for freedom camping that do not comply with the requirements for water supply, sanitary plumbing and solid waste containment as specified in New Zealand Standard (NZS) 5465:2001: <i>Self Containment of Motor Caravans and Caravans</i> . |
| Public Place | means an area that is open to or used by the public, which is under the management or control of the Council, and includes: roads, streets, footpaths, courts, alleys, car parks, pedestrian malls, cycle tracks, lanes, access-ways, bridle-ways, thoroughfares, squares, reserves, parks, pools, community halls, cemeteries, beaches including dunes, and recreational grounds. |
| Self-Contained Freedom Camping | means any vehicle or caravan that meets the ablutionary and sanitary needs of the occupants for a minimum of three days without requiring any external services or discharging any waste and complies with NZS 5465:2001: <i>Self Containment of Motor Caravans and Caravans</i> . |
| The Council | means the Kapiti Coast District Council or any committee, community board or an enforcement officer authorised to exercise the authority of the Council. |

¹ The Kapiti Coast currently has two i-SITES – one at Coastlands, Paraparaumu, and the other at SH1, Otaki.

² The “Motorhome and Freedom Camping in Kāpiti Brochure” is also available at local i-SITES.

6 Freedom Camping Conditions

- 6.1 Every person freedom camping in the Kapiti Coast District must abide by the following conditions:
- 6.1.1 Freedom camping is not permitted in any *public place* except for *Council approved freedom camping sites*.
 - 6.1.2 Only *self-contained* freedom camping vehicles or caravans can freedom camp in *Council approved freedom camping sites*.
 - 6.1.3 At *Council approved freedom camping sites* where freedom camping parking bays are not clearly marked freedom camping vehicles or caravans must not:
 - (a) block public pathways or private driveways;
 - (b) park on or over public or private gardens or beach vegetation and dunes; and
 - (c) park further than 25 metres from the *freedom camping signpost*.
 - 6.1.4 At *Council approved freedom camping sites* where camping site markers have been installed to identify individual overnight camping bays, freedom camping vehicles or caravans must park immediately in front of these site markers.
 - 6.1.5 Unless marked otherwise on a freedom camping signpost, the maximum time that any *self-contained* freedom camping vehicle or caravan can continuously freedom camp at any one location is 24 hours.
 - 6.1.6 Freedom camping in any public place outside of the Schedule 1 locations listed in this Policy or for longer than the signposted time limit will require written permission from an *enforcement officer*.
 - 6.1.7 Freedom campers must remove all rubbish, solid and liquid waste from the freedom camping site.
 - 6.1.8 Rubbish, solid and liquid waste must be disposed of at approved rubbish transfer sites and dump stations (see Appendix 1 for details on their location).
 - 6.1.9 At the request of an *enforcement officer* any person freedom camping must produce evidence that their vehicle or caravan complies with NZS 5465:2001 **or** permit the *enforcement officer* to carry out an inspection of the vehicle or caravan.

7 Registration

- 7.1 The Council reserves the right to introduce a registration or permit system at any time in the future to collect details or recover any costs associated with managing, maintaining or improving access or facilities for freedom camping.

8 Signage

- 8.1 The Council may introduce ‘no camping’ signage at its discretion. However, any *public place* not listed in Schedule 1 of this bylaw is by default a ‘no camping’ area.

9 Enforcement

- 9.1 If a freedom camper does not comply with the conditions listed in 6.1 of this bylaw or any other lawful instruction imposed by an *enforcement officer*, the Council will, in the first instance:

9.1.1 verbally notify the freedom camper of the issue and the required remedy; or

9.1.2 require the offending person/s to leave the area; and

If the problem is severe or persists, the Council may:

9.1.3 seize and impound the offending property; and/or

9.1.4 pursue Court prosecution.

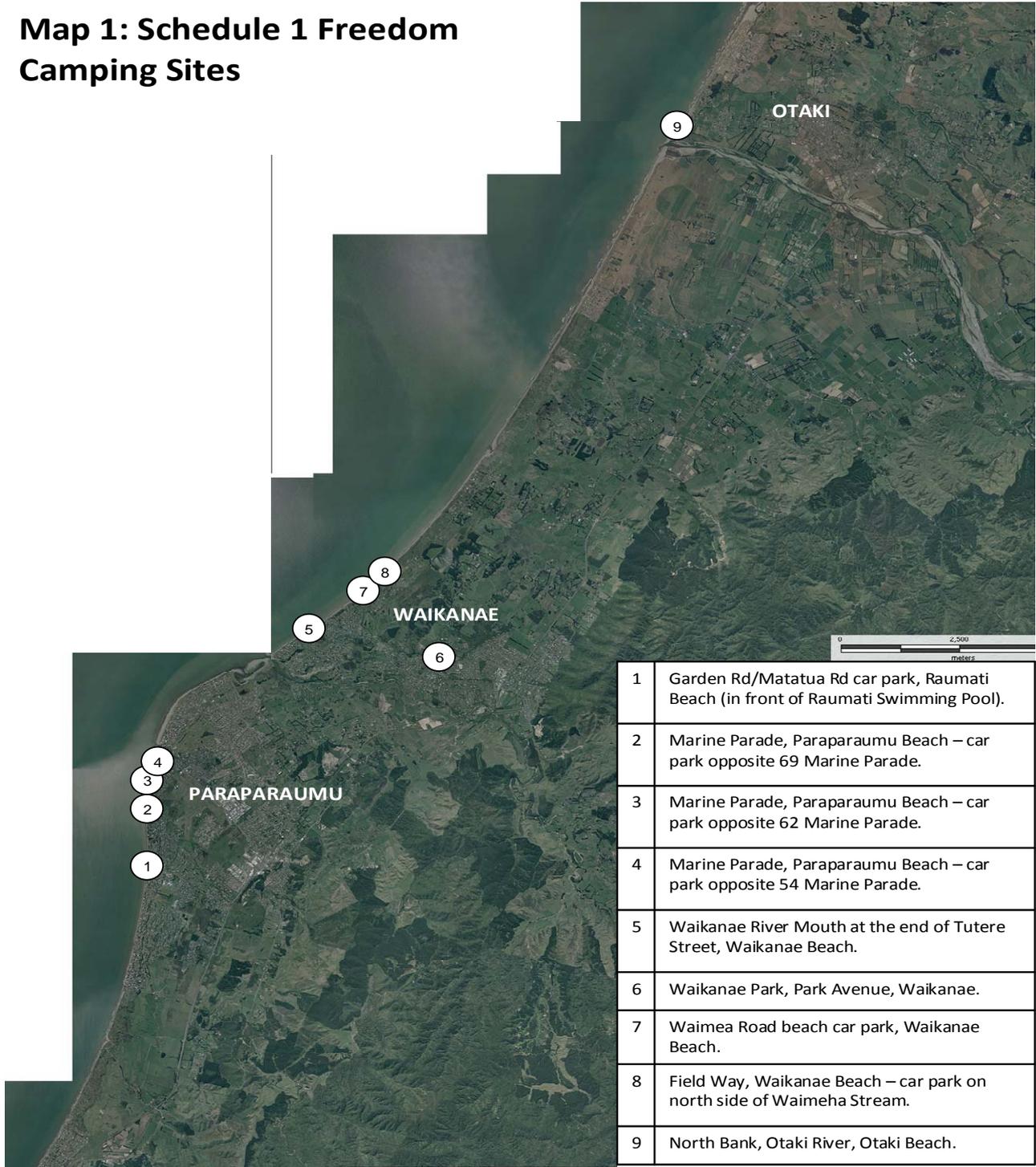
10 SCHEDULE ONE

10.1 Self-contained freedom camping is permitted at the locations described in Table 1 and highlighted in Map 1.

Table 1: Council Approved Freedom Camping Locations

| No. | Location | Freedom Camping Parking & Time Restrictions |
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| 1 | Garden Rd/Matatua Rd car park, Raumati Beach (in front of Raumati Swimming Pool). | Maximum parking for 3 freedom camping vehicles at any one time. Maximum 24 hour time limit for each vehicle. |
| 2 | Marine Parade, Paraparaumu Beach – car park opposite 69 Marine Parade. | Maximum parking for 2 freedom camping vehicles at any one time. Maximum 24 hour time limit for each vehicle. |
| 3 | Marine Parade, Paraparaumu Beach – car park opposite 62 Marine Parade. | Maximum parking for 2 freedom camping vehicles at any one time. Maximum 24 hour time limit for each vehicle. |
| 4 | Marine Parade, Paraparaumu Beach – car park opposite 54 Marine Parade. | Maximum parking for 1 freedom camping vehicle at any one time. Maximum 24 hour time limit for each vehicle. |
| 5 | Waikanae River Mouth at the end of Tutere Street, Waikanae Beach. | Maximum parking for 4 freedom camping vehicles at any one time. Maximum 24 hour time limit for each vehicle. |
| 6 | Waikanae Park, Park Avenue, Waikanae. | Maximum parking for 2 freedom camping vehicles at any one time. Maximum 24 hour time limit for each vehicle. |
| 7 | Waimea Road beach car park, Waikanae Beach. | Maximum parking for 2 freedom camping vehicles at any one time. Maximum 24 hour time limit for each vehicle. |
| 8 | Field Way, Waikanae Beach – car park on north side of Waimeha Stream. | Maximum parking for 2 freedom camping vehicles at any one time. Maximum 24 hour time limit for each vehicle. |
| 9 | North Bank, Otaki River, Otaki Beach. | Maximum parking for 6 freedom camping vehicles at any one time. Maximum 48 hour time limit for each vehicle. |

Map 1: Schedule 1 Freedom Camping Sites



Please refer to the Kāpiti Coast Freedom Camping Policy 2012 for conditions on Freedom Camping in the Kāpiti Coast District www.kapiticoast.govt.nz

APPENDIX 1

Table 2: Waste Dump Stations in the Kapiti Coast District

| Location |
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| Outside Otaki Refuse Transfer Site 1 Riverbank Road, Otaki |
| Mobil Service Station 22 Amohia Street, SH1, Paraparaumu |

Table 3: Rubbish Transfer Sites

| Location | Hours of Operation |
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| Otaihanga Waste Recovery Centre 220 Otaihanga Road, Otaihanga Ph: (04) 298-5207 | Please contact the Council for the latest up date on opening hours - phone 04 296 4700 or FREECALL 0800 486 486. |
| Waikanae Greenwaste & Recycling Centre 50 Park Avenue, Waikanae | |
| Otaki Refuse Transfer Station 1 Riverbank Road, Otaki Ph: (06) 364-8198 | |