

Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to clearly regulate how privately owned infrastructure is proposed, installed, maintained, and managed within road reserves, while protecting public safety, road assets, and environmental values.

Background

Private Service providers, Private Developers, Contractors and other Statutory or Approved Users, will commonly need to use road reserves in order to install and maintain infrastructure. They also need to meet current standards, to achieve required level of service outcomes and to address road safety issues.

All works require prior approval of the Shire of Northampton in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and adopted Local Laws.

Objective

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Provide a clear and consistent framework for the assessment and approval of private services within road reserves;
- Ensure that the installation, maintenance, upgrade or replacement of private infrastructure within road reserves is managed in a safe, orderly and coordinated manner; and
- Protect road infrastructure, public safety, access, and the efficient operation of the road network.

Area of Application

Whole of Shire.

Any land required for Public Work as defined in the *Land Administration Act 1997*, the *Public Works Act 1902*, the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Main Roads Act 1930*.

Policy Measures

The following guidelines shall apply to applications for the installation of private services in road reserves. It does not apply to the activities of government service agencies.

1. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or delegate shall have authority to assess and approve applications for underground services in road reserves
2. Approval shall be subject to such conditions as deemed necessary to ensure protection of the road, other services and the public.

3. A bond of \$1000 is required or as otherwise determined in the Shire of Northampton's Statutory Fees & Charges Schedule, considering the risk to the Shire infrastructure. The bond payment to be retained by the Shire either until the point in time proposed works completed or for a period of twelve months from that point forward, which will be determined by the Shire officer on case-by-case basis.

Administration

Responsibility for implementing this policy is delegated to the Executive Manager Works and Technical Services.

Adoption and Date Due for Revision

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<p>The Administration of this Policy is by Office of Works and Technical Services.</p>
