

Chapter 4 – General Rules

Noise, Lighting, Signage, Temporary Activities and Permitted Building Intrusions



Overview

The above issues all impact the amenity value of people's living environment in the City.

It is important to manage these activities to ensure they do not adversely affect the qualities and characteristics of various zones throughout the City.



Current Rules

- The current rules specify the standards for noise, lighting, signage and building intrusions that are relevant for each particular zone. For example, sign rules are more generous in the commercial zone compared to the residential zone.
- There are specific noise rules for the port, airport and specific rules for temporary activities (eg. festivals and markets, and temporary buildings for construction and storage).



Key Changes Proposed

- Rules will generally remain the same, however, will be centralised into one chapter (rather than spread throughout the plan).
- A new temporary activity provision will be included for the Strand / Waterfront area.
- The requirement for temporary signs to comply with the underlying zone sign rules has been removed.
- Sign standards for non-residential activities in the residential zone have been reduced by 0.5m².
- Zone specific and Port noise provisions have been amended to meet NZ standards.
- Construction noise restrictions have been introduced for the downtown Mount area over the Christmas period.
- Permitted building intrusions will provide for rainwater tanks and solar panels.



Reason for the Change

- The proposed City Plan provides an opportunity to review the appropriateness of the current rules and make amendments where necessary.

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