

Easter Trading Policy

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This policy is made under Part 2 (subpart 1) of the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 (Act) which provides Council with the ability to establish a local policy to enable shop trading on Easter Sunday.

2 Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy (Policy) is to enable shops to trade on Easter Sunday if they wish to. The Policy neither requires shops to open, or individuals to shop on Easter Sunday.

3 Significance

- 3.1 The review of this Policy could trigger the Significance and Engagement Policy due to significant community interest.

4 Application

- 4.1 This Policy applies to the shops trading in the Waikato District area.

5 Policy Statements

5.1 Shop Trading Locations

- 5.1.1 Shop trading is permitted throughout the Waikato District.

5.2 Exemptions

5.2.1 This Policy does not:

- a) Apply to any day other than Easter Sunday.
- b) Control the types of shops that may open, or their opening hours.
- c) Limit Council's ability to undertake its duties, powers or functions under any other Act (i.e. the regulation of the Sale and Supply of Liquor).
- d) Address shop employee rights, which are governed by the requirements of the Act. For the avoidance of doubt, shop employees have the right to refuse to work on Easter Sunday as per the Act.

5.2.2 Council is not responsible for the enforcement of this Policy. Enforcement is undertaken by the central government department that is responsible for the administration of the Act.

5.2.3 Certain shops may open as per Part I Section 4 of the Act.