

R 5 – Exploration Drilling on Shire Roads and Reserves

1 Policy

It is Council's policy that the following conditions be imposed on all licences to carry out exploration drilling on Shire roads and reserves.

- 1.1 The applicant is required to indemnify the Shire at all times against liability arising from the work.
- 1.2 The applicant shall provide the Shire with a plan showing the site number and location of proposed drill holes with the completed application form.
- 1.3 Application fees to be paid for a licence by applicants for exploration or investigation for minerals, water and other purposes in the road reserve shall be according to the current Schedule of Fees and Charges.
- 1.4 Where an applicant is a company actively mining or drilling in the district and holds a mineral lease that attracts Shire rates, a discount of 20% will apply to the licence fee payable.
- 1.5 A refundable bond being the same amount as the licence fee, is payable to the Shire. No discount will apply to the bond. The bond shall be refunded at the discretion of the CEO or nominated officer on the satisfactory completion of works.
- 1.6 The applicant is required to meet the cost of any damage to any Shire or private property.
- 1.7 All holes, trenches and other excavations are to be backfilled with approved soils and compacted sufficiently to prevent future subsidence. All excess soil to be removed where requested. Capping an uncased hole is not permitted.
- 1.8 Excavation and bores are to be located a minimum distance of 2 metres from any bitumen road, drain, fence or driveway.
- 1.9 All works within road reserves are to comply with the current Road Traffic Act, Mainroads WA Code of Practice and all other relevant legislation.
- 1.10 The applicant is to be covered by a Public Risk policy (minimum \$20 million) and appropriate Worker's Compensation policies, as the Shire will not be liable for any costs arising from the operation.
- 1.11 The applicant is responsible for locating the position of all public services including underground services and avoiding damage to them.
- 1.12 Polluted discharges occurring from the work site are to be trapped and only clean waters will be accepted to the public drainage system.
- 1.13 Large volume discharges are to be dispersed slowly to avoid erosion and scours to land and drain surfaces.
- 1.14 The applicant is required to inform the CEO of significant materials encountered, eg; laterite gravels, limestones, granites, water, etc.
- 1.15 Once approval is grant the applicant shall give a minimum of three (3) days notice prior to commencement of works and submit a timed schedule of works.

2 Applicable Legislation and Documents

Statutory Power <i>(Acts, Regulations, Local Laws, TPS)</i>	s.2.7(2)(b) <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> – The council is to determine the local government’s policies <i>Mining Act 1978</i>
Shire Policies	N/A
Related Documents	N/A
Related Procedure	N/A

3 Administration

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