

MEDIA RELEASE

Note to media: this media release is written for use in the week beginning Monday 13 July 2009. Consultation opens that day. It has been dated accordingly.

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PAPAKURA DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTS ON NEW BYLAWS

Consultation is now open on three new bylaws proposed for Papakura.

They update existing bylaws covering parking and traffic issues, speed limits and dog ownership.

The proposed Parking and Traffic Bylaw 2009 simplifies the existing bylaw and addresses issues created by heavy vehicle parking, parking on footpaths, planted areas, median strips and traffic islands, “boy racer” behaviour and limits on the display of vehicles for sale, exhibition or demonstration.

Changes to current “on leash” approved dog exercise areas are one of a range of measures covered by the proposed Dog Policy and Control Bylaw 2009. It is proposed that dogs will now be allowed in the following areas so long as they are on a leash:

- Central Park
- Cemeteries
- Southern Park
- Graham Tagg Park
- Rollerson Park
- Drury Domain

The bylaw also updates provisions for dogs for people with special needs, and adds to the existing bylaw’s rules governing responsible dog ownership.

New 10 km/h and 90 km/h speed limits are added to the Council’s existing bylaws governing speed limits in the district, meaning the proposed new bylaw would enable the Council to set speed limits of 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 or 100 km/h. Penalties for exceeding the limits remain as set out in national land transport law.

Consultation on the proposed new bylaws opened on Monday July 13 and will close at 5.00 pm on Friday August 14.

Copies of the bylaws and blank submission forms are available at the Papakura District Council offices, 35 Coles Crescent, Papakura, and at the Sir Edmund Hillary Library, level four, Accent Point, East Street in downtown Papakura. All documents are also available on the Council web site, www.papakura.govt.nz

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