

Amendments to the 2020

PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW

Introduction

The Manawātū District Council's Public Places Bylaw 2020 was adopted on 2 July 2020. Council is proposing to amend some of the provisions relating to street user activities and alcohol control areas (liquor bans). This summary of information is a shortened version of the 'Statement of Proposal' document that Council is legally required to make when making or amending a bylaw. We recommend that you read the Statement of Proposal in full to understand the context for the proposed amendments, the evidence to support the proposals and the reason change is needed.

Council's Have Your Say Webpage includes other supporting documents for the review, including the Statement of Proposal, digital and downloadable submission forms and a tracked changes version of the draft bylaw. Hard copies of these documents are also available from the Council Office and Feilding Public Library during the consultation period (5 November - 6 December 2021).

Street User Changes

The proposed changes to the street user provisions are designed to improve the clarity of the permit system and to ensure that we strike a good balance between providing for street user activities while protecting existing businesses in the Feilding CBD. The changes will only affect permits for hawkers and those operating mobile shops or street stalls. The key changes are as follows:

- * Hawkers, mobile shops and street stalls wanting to operate within the Feilding CBD will be restricted to two locations – Denbigh Square and the carpark on Aorangi Street, opposite the intersection with Gladstone Road. Exceptions apply to those operating in association with an approved event.
- * Permits will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis for a maximum period of two weeks (unless otherwise agreed with Council).
- * Up to two permits will be issued in each location at one time.



Alcohol Control Changes

The Public Places Bylaw currently includes one Alcohol Control Area (liquor ban) that applies over the Feilding Central Business District (CBD). This bylaw prohibits anyone from bringing alcohol into this area, drinking alcohol within this area or having alcohol in a container or vehicle in this area during the hours of 9pm and 6am the following day (unless an exception applies). This part of the bylaw is enforced by the Police.

The key changes to the alcohol controls in the bylaw are as follows:


- * Extension of the Feilding CBD Alcohol Control Area to include the Makino Skate Park and the surrounding area, including the St Paul's Presbyterian Church Carpark, the public carparks at the Feilding Countdown and New World supermarkets, and the Railway Station platform.
- * Making the alcohol ban within the Feilding CBD apply 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- * New alcohol control areas at Timona Park, Kōwhai Park and the Highfield Hill lookout that will apply overnight (9pm to 6am the following day, 7 days per week).





How to give us your feedback

Before making any final decisions, we'd like to know your views. The closing date for submissions is **5pm, Monday 6 December 2021**.

You can submit:

 **Writing**
Fill out a submission form

 **Online**
Go to <https://www.mdc.govt.nz/Contact-Us/Have-Your-Say>

 **Talk to Councillors at the hearing**
When you make a submission, please indicate if you wish to speak at the hearing and we will be in contact to arrange a speaking time.



Timeline

5 Nov - 6 Dec 2021	17 Feb 2022	3 Mar 2022	17 Mar 2022
Submissions period	Hearing	Council will deliberate on submissions and make decisions on any amendments to the bylaw	Adoption of the final bylaw amendments