

NEW BYLAWS ADOPTED BY CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

Four new bylaws come into force on 1 December 2014 after being adopted by the Christchurch City Council on 13 November 2014:

Cruising and Prohibited Times on Roads Bylaw

This brings together the Council's existing bylaws addressing anti-social road user activities such as cruising and street racing. It allows the Council to prohibit cruising on certain roads up to seven nights a week from 10pm to 5am and to specify roads where night time access by light vehicles is restricted. It replaces the following bylaw:

• Christchurch City Council Cruising Bylaw 2010

Traffic and Parking Amendment Bylaw

This amendment bylaw allows the Council to declare shared paths and zones and to resolve the length, route and location of a shared path or zone and the priority of users on a shared path. It also provides for a broader range of payment methods for parking fees. It amends the following bylaw:

Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2008

Urban Fire Safety Bylaw

This updates the bylaw controls for Christchurch's nine urban fire districts to improve fire safety. It provides for bans on open air fires during a prohibited fire season. The bylaw includes new conditions for the lighting of fireworks, amends the conditions for open air fires e.g. requires fires to have a minimum distance of three metres from hedges and fences and changes the definition of 'fire in the open air' to include braziers and setting on fire paper lanterns which are released into the open air. It replaces the following bylaw:

Christchurch City Council Urban Fire Safety Bylaw 2007

Water Supply, Wastewater and Stormwater Bylaw

This aims to protect the Council's fresh water supply, sewerage and stormwater systems from misuse or damage and to maintain public health and safety. It introduces a requirement for new buildings connected to Council's water supply network in the Akaroa basin and Little River areas to provide 5000 litres of rainwater storage. It includes some exemptions from this requirement - temporary buildings and replacement buildings of the same size or smaller than the original will not have to install a rainwater storage 'tank'. Other new provisions are designed to better control the quality and quantity of stormwater flowing into the public stormwater network. The Council can set minimum standards for stormwater discharges into the council's network although Council's approval is not required for discharges that have an Environment Canterbury resource consent or have been approved under a building consent. It replaces the following bylaw:

· Christchurch City Council Water Related Services Bylaw 2008

Copies of the bylaws will be available at service centres, Council libraries and on the Council's website on 1 December 2014 at http://www.ccc.govt.nz/thecouncil/policiesreportsstrategies/bylaws