

CP.46 Disused Motor Vehicles

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<i>Related Legislation</i>	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>

OBJECTIVE

To provide guidance on the management of disused motor vehicles on private property in the Shire of Northam.

SCOPE

The Shire generally requires the removal of disused materials, including disused motor vehicles in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995* which defines 'disused materials' as including disused motor vehicles, old motor vehicles bodies and old machinery.

It is acknowledged that there is discretion within this section of the Act to make determinations about the storage of materials that could be termed disused. This includes disused motor vehicles which residents may wish to retain for their inherent value, hobby or other reasons.

This policy will be applied to all Residential, Rural Residential and Rural Small Holding areas throughout the Shire of Northam.

POLICY

Disused motor vehicles shall wherever possible be properly garaged rather than being stored in open yard areas;

Storage of disused motor vehicles is to be in accordance with the following:

- (a) No more than two (2) un-garaged disused motor vehicles are permitted on a residential or rural residential lot;
- (b) Disused motor vehicles must be stored such that they are not visible from a public roadway. (NB: Any screen fencing must comply with the Shire of Northam *Fencing Local Law 2019* and Council Policy which generally requires that fencing does not exceed 1.8m in height);
- (c) Disused motor vehicle are to be stored on a suitable hardstand capable of preventing the growth of weeds and grasses around or under a vehicle;

- (d) Storage of loose parts, panels, engines or related materials are to be kept in enclosed storage areas.
- (e) The storage of disused large motor vehicles (e.g. buses) will generally not be approved in residential areas under this policy;

The storage of vehicles must comply with the requirements of the Shire of Northam Local Planning Scheme No. 6.