

COUNCIL POLICY COMPARISON TABLE

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POLICY DETAILS 1. Signs - General 1.1. <i>Local Government and Public Property Local Law</i> , clause 10 : 10. Activities requiring approval <i>A person shall not on or from any local government property, without having first obtained a written approval from the local government to do so---</i> <p>(p) erect or display any sign.</p> 1.2. <i>Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law 2011</i> , paragraph 3.2: 3.2 Advertising signs and portable direction signs <p>(1) A person shall not, without a permit—</p> <p>(a) erect or place an advertising sign on a thoroughfare;</p> <p>(b) post any bill or paint, place or affix any advertisement on a thoroughfare.</p>	POLICY DETAILS POLICY DETAILS 1. Signs - General 1.1. <i>City of Greater Geraldton Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law 2020</i> : 3.1. Activities requiring a permit <i>A person must not without a permit—</i> <p>(b) Advertise anything by any means on local government property;</p> 4.2 Advertising signs and portable direction signs <p>(1) A person shall not, without a permit—</p> <p>(a) erect or place an advertising sign on a thoroughfare; or</p> <p>(b) post any bill or paint, place or affix any advertisement on a thoroughfare.</p>	The previous local laws – Local Government and Public Property Local Law 2014, and Activities in Thoroughfares and Trading in Public Places 2014 were repealed on 19 January 2021. The provisions of the new Local Law – Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law 2020 have been included in the policy and previous provisions deleted
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