

Waitomo District Council

Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy

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INTRODUCTION | KUPU ARATAKI

The Local Easter Trading Policy is made under Part 2 (Subpart 1) of the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 ("STHA") which provides Council with the ability to establish a local policy to permit shops to open on Easter Sunday.

While having a policy is not mandatory under the STHA, once a policy is adopted, it then becomes a legislative requirement that the first Policy must be reviewed no later than 5 years after adopting the Policy using the special consultative policy (s5C(4) STHA).

The STHA does not specify when the subsequent reviews should be undertaken after the first review but requires territorial authorities to use the special consultative procedure whenever reviewing the Policy.

Council's Policy was first adopted in 2017 with the required 5 year review completed in 2022. In May 2026 staff advised Council that the Policy is working effectively in practice and advised no review of the Policy was required. Minor administrative updates were made to staff job titles in the Policy and noting the next review date is "as required" which are not deemed to constitute an amendment to the Policy.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE | TE ARONGA ME TE KORAHĪ

1. The purpose of the Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy ("the Policy") is to enable shops to trade on Easter Sunday if they wish to. The Policy neither requires shops to open, or individuals to shop on Easter Sunday.
2. This policy applies to the entire Waitomo District – refer to Schedule 1 for a map of the Waitomo District.
3. This Policy does not:
 - a) Control the types of shops that may open, or their opening hours,
 - b) Limit Council's ability to undertake its duties, powers or functions under any other Act,
 - c) Apply to the sale and supply of alcohol which is regulated under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, or
 - d) Address shop employee rights, which are governed by the requirements of the Act.
4. Council is not responsible for the enforcement of this Policy. Enforcement is undertaken by the central government department that is responsible for the administration of the Act.

DEFINITIONS | NGĀ WHAKAMĀRAMATANGA

Shop	Shop means a building, place, or part of a building or place, where goods are kept, sold, or offered for sale, by retail; and includes an auction mart, and a barrow, stall, or other subdivision of a market; but does not include – <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) A private home where the owner or occupier's effects are being sold (by auction or otherwise), orb) A building or place where the only business carried on is that of selling by auction agricultural products, pastoral products, and livestock, or any of them, or
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- c) A building or place where the only business carried on is that of selling goods to people who are dealers, and buy the goods to sell them again.

Goods	Goods includes all personal chattels other than alcohol (within the meaning of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012), money, and things in action.
Council	Means Waitomo District Council

POLICY | KAUPAPA HERE

Any shop is permitted to open on Easter Sunday throughout the Waitomo District.

SCHEDULE 1 – MAP OF WAITOMO DISTRICT

