

## **SIGNS**

**STATUS:** Council Policy - *A strategic policy that sets governing principles and guides the direction of the organisation to align with community values and aspirations. The policy has a strategic focus and aligns with the Mission, Vision and Strategic directions.*

*Council policies are developed by the Policy Committee for approval by Council.*

**RESPONSIBLE  
DIRECTORATE:** Planning and Development

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. To provide guidance on the design and placement of signs located within the City of Joondalup.
2. To protect the quality of the streetscape and the amenity of adjoining and nearby residents by minimising the visual impact of signs.
3. To encourage signs that are well designed and positioned, appropriate to their location, which enhance the visual quality, amenity and safety of the City of Joondalup.
4. To facilitate a reasonable degree of signage to support business activities within the City of Joondalup.
5. To complement the provisions for signs as specified in the City of Joondalup's Signs Local Law (1999).

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### **AUTHORITY**

This policy has been prepared in accordance with Clause 8.11 of District Planning Scheme No 2 (DPS2) which allows Council to prepare planning policies relating to planning and development within the Scheme area.

This policy provides guidance on the extent and location of various forms of signage that are not exempt from planning approval under DPS2 and complements the requirements of the City's Signs Local Law (1999) which focuses on safety and maintenance issues.

### **POLICY AREA**

This policy applies to signs located throughout the City of Joondalup.

## **1. POLICY STATEMENT**

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the DPS2 and the Signs Local Law (1999) and any relevant Agreed Structure Plan. The provisions of Agreed Structure Plans shall prevail over this policy.

Words and expressions used in this policy shall have the meanings given to them in DPS2 and the Signs Local Law. For the purposes of interpretation, the terms 'sign', 'advertisement' and 'advertising device' referred to within these documents have the same meaning.

DPS2 contains the following objectives for the control of advertising signs:

- a) to ensure that the visual quality and character of particular localities and transport corridors are not eroded
- b) to achieve advertising signs that are not misleading or dangerous to vehicular or pedestrian traffic
- c) to minimise the total area and impact of outdoor advertising commensurate with the realistic needs of commerce for such advertising
- d) to prohibit outdoor advertising which is considered to be superfluous or unnecessary by virtue of their colours, height, prominence, visual impact, size, relevance to the premises on which they are located, number and content
- e) to reduce and minimise clutter; and
- f) to promote a high standard of design and presentation in outdoor advertising

A sign may not be attached or erected on a property within the City unless all necessary approvals have been obtained in accordance with DPS2, Local Laws and the provisions of this policy. Signs that are exempt from the requirement to obtain planning approval are listed in Schedule 4 of DPS2.

Unless otherwise specified in this policy, where signage that is compliant with this policy is shown as part of a development application submitted to the City for development of a property, the signage is deemed approved in the event of the development application being granted approval.

## **2. DESIGN REQUIREMENTS**

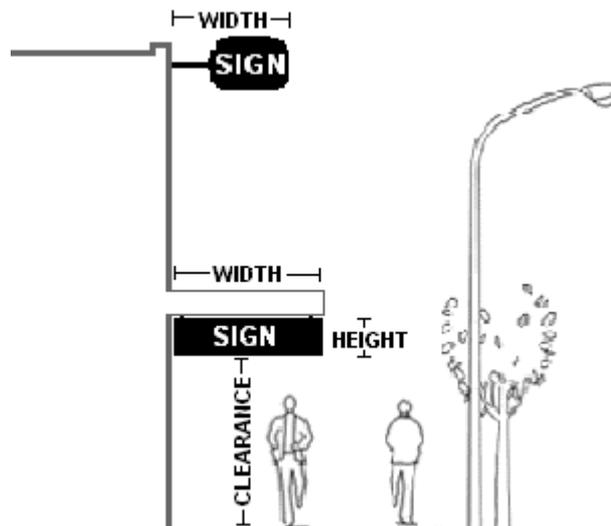
The following design requirements relate to all signs located within the City.

Overall, signs should:

- Not be located on land zoned or used for residential purposes, unless expressly permitted in this policy.
- Advertise goods or services that relate to the land use of the site on which the sign is located.
- Integrate with the building design, particularly through the provision of signage panels within the building façades, where possible.
- Be contained within the boundary of the lot on which they are situated, unless expressly permitted in this policy.

- Maintain the existing amenity of the locality, including minimising noise generated by the sign or supporting structures.
- Not present a hazard or be misleading to vehicles or pedestrians.
- Not obstruct visual sightlines required for vehicular access to and from properties.
- Not obstruct access to or from any door, window or fire escape.
- Not contain any obscene or vulgar material.
- Not be affixed to boundary fences or boundary walls.
- Not include the use of flashing or lights that chase or pulse.

In determining the size of a sign, the measurements are taken as the greatest horizontal dimension (width) multiplied by the greatest vertical dimension (height), excluding any support structures.



NOTE: Clearance is measured from the finished ground level to the sign directly above.

Unless otherwise indicated in this policy, signs may be illuminated. Appropriately placed external lights that illuminate the whole or part of a building façade (including signs) are encouraged.

## **2.2 Standard Sign Requirements**

The standards for a range of sign types within the City of Joondalup differ, both with regard to requirements and permissibility, dependant on the zoning or other classification of land on which the sign is erected. The standard sign requirements can be found in Table 1 of this policy.

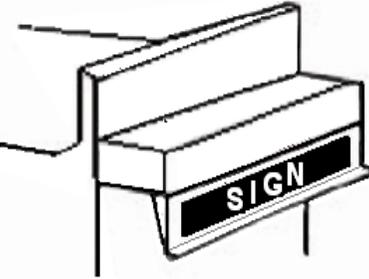
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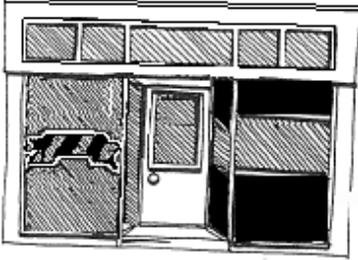
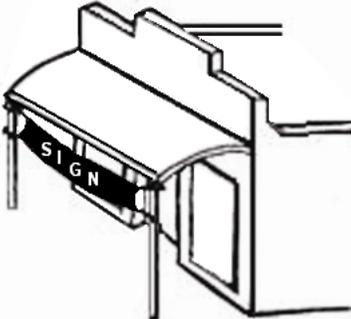
Where an application does not comply, the applicant will be required to submit written justification for the non-compliance and additional information, including but not limited to, an overall plan of the whole of the subject site showing the location, size and details of all existing and proposed advertising signs for the site, as well as the outline of any buildings, car parking areas and vehicular access points and landscaping for the site.

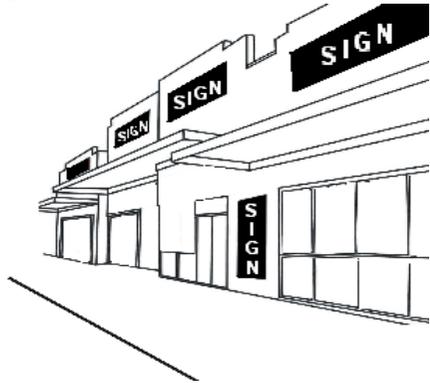
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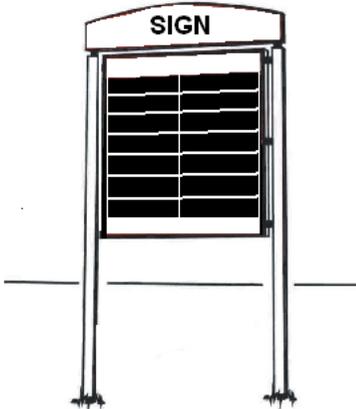
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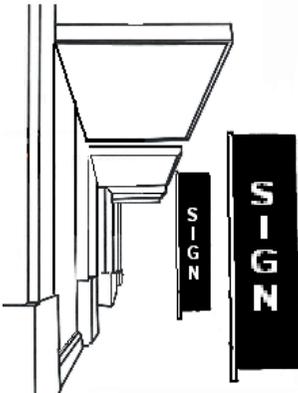
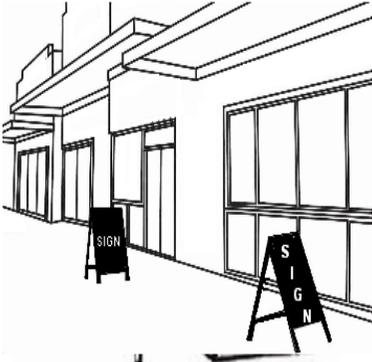
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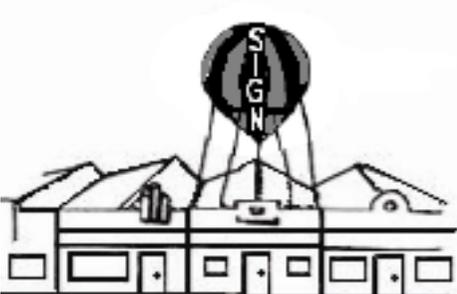
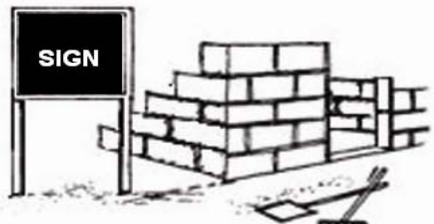
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<b>Signs on Buildings</b>				
<p><b>Semaphore Signs</b></p>  <p>A semaphore sign is a sign that is affixed to a building or structure at or by one of its ends.</p>	<p>Not permitted</p>	<p>Dimension: Maximum 1.5m height Maximum 1.5m width</p> <p>Clearance: Minimum 2.75m</p>		<p>Dimension: Maximum 3.0m height Maximum 1.5m width</p> <p>Clearance: Minimum 2.75m</p>
<p><b>Verandah Sign</b></p>  <p>A verandah sign is a sign affixed on, above or under a verandah and includes a sign that is affixed to cantilevered awnings and balconies.</p>	<p>Not permitted</p>	<p>Dimension: Maximum 0.4m height Maximum 2.4m width</p> <p>Clearance: Minimum 2.75m</p> <p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not extend above or beyond the width of the fascia, verandah, awning or balcony.</li> <li>• Not be located within 2.0m of another such sign on the fascia of the same verandah.</li> </ul>		<p>Dimension: Maximum 1.0m height Maximum 3.0m width</p> <p>Clearance: Minimum 2.75m</p> <p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not extend above or beyond the width of the fascia, verandah, awning or balcony.</li> <li>• Not be located within 2.0m of another such sign on the fascia of the same verandah.</li> </ul>

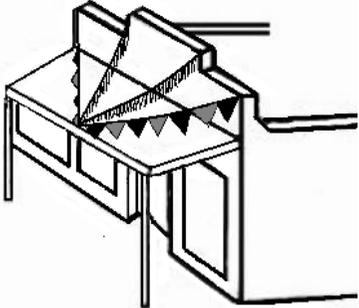
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<p><b>Window Sign</b></p>  <p>A window sign is a sign painted or affixed to either the interior or exterior surface of the glazed area of a window.</p>	<p>Not permitted</p>	<p>Area: Maximum 25% of the glazing or 10m<sup>2</sup> per tenancy, whichever is lesser.</p> <p>Must: be visually permeable (“see through”).</p>  <p>Examples may include the use of cut-out block lettering or transparent materials.</p>		<p>Area: Maximum 50% of the glazing or 20m<sup>2</sup> per tenancy, whichever is lesser.</p>
<p><b>Banner Sign</b></p>  <p>A banner sign is a temporary sign normally made of a lightweight, non rigid material, such as fabric, canvas or cloth attached to a part of a building and is generally used to promote a particular event.</p>	<p>Not permitted</p>	<p>Dimensions: Maximum 1.0m height Maximum 4.0m width</p> <p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be restricted to one banner on any occasion.</li> <li>• Only be displayed for a maximum period of 21 days at a time at no less than 3 monthly intervals.</li> <li>• Be removed within 24hrs following the event or offer.</li> </ul>		

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<p><b>Wall Sign</b></p>  <p>A wall sign is a sign attached to or painted directly onto the external face of a building. A wall sign includes a sign located on support pillars and columns, parapets and fascia.</p>	<p>Area: Maximum 1.2m<sup>2</sup> (non-residential building) Maximum 0.2m<sup>2</sup>(residential dwelling)</p> <p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not extend beyond the top or either end of the wall</li> <li>• not obscure architectural details.</li> <li>• not exceed one wall sign per strata or 'green' title lot.</li> <li>• not be illuminated.</li> </ul>	<p>Area: Maximum 25% of the façade</p> <p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not extend beyond the top or either end of the wall</li> <li>• not obscure architectural details.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Roof Sign</b></p>  <p>A roof sign is a sign that is erected or painted directly on the roof of a building or attached to the top of a parapet wall of a building.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Not permitted</p>			

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<b>Freestanding Signs</b>				
<p><b>Pylon Signs</b></p>  <p>A pylon sign means a sign supported on one or more poles and not attached to a building and includes a detached sign framework, supported on one or more poles to which sign infills may be added.</p>	<p>Not permitted</p>	<p><u>Single Tenancy Pylon Sign</u> Area: Maximum 6.0m<sup>2</sup> Dimension: Maximum 6.0m height</p> <p><u>Multi-Tenancy Pylon Sign:</u> Area: Maximum 12.0m<sup>2</sup> Dimension: Maximum 8.0m height Clearance: Minimum 2.75m</p> <p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be restricted to one sign per lot except for a corner lot where one sign per frontage is permitted.</li> <li>• where there are multiple tenancies, incorporate all signs into one composite sign.</li> <li>• not be permitted where another free standing sign has been approved and erected on the same frontage.</li> <li>• be no closer than 15m to the intersecting point of corner truncations.</li> <li>• not impede vehicle sightlines for access to and from the property.</li> </ul>	<p>Not permitted</p>	<p><u>Single Tenancy Pylon Sign</u> Area: Maximum 6.0m<sup>2</sup> Dimension: Maximum 6.0m height</p> <p><u>Multi-Tenancy Pylon Sign:</u> Area: Maximum 12.0m<sup>2</sup> Dimension: Maximum 8.0m height Clearance: Minimum 2.75m</p> <p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be restricted to one sign per lot except for a corner lot where one sign per frontage is permitted.</li> <li>• where there are multiple tenancies, incorporate all signs into one composite sign.</li> <li>• not be permitted where another free standing sign has been approved and erected on the same frontage.</li> <li>• be no closer than 15m to the intersecting point of corner truncations.</li> <li>• not impede vehicle sightlines for access to and from the property.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Freestanding Banner Signs</b></p>  <p>A freestanding banner sign is an advertising device made from lightweight material attached to a pole weighted to the ground. Freestanding Banner Signs come in a variety of shapes and may also be referred to as 'Bali', 'Teardrop', 'Blade' or 'Wing' signs.</p>	<p>Not permitted</p>	<p>Dimensions: Maximum 5.0m height Maximum 1.2m width</p> <p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be limited to two per street frontage.</li> <li>• Be securely fixed to a building or pole of sufficient size and strength to support the banner under all conditions.</li> <li>• Be erected within the boundaries of the lot and not project beyond any lot boundary.</li> <li>• Not impede vehicle sightlines for access to and from the property.</li> <li>• Not impede pedestrian access to and from the property.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Portable Sign</b></p>  <p>A portable sign is not permanently attached to a building, structure, fence or the ground. Portable signs include "A-frame" and 'sandwich board' signs.</p>	<p>Not permitted</p>			<p>Not permitted in the Western Business District</p> <p>Dimensions: Max: 1m height Max: 1m width</p> <p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not be erected in a manner than disrupts pedestrian flow</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Inflatable Sign</b></p>  <p>An inflatable sign is a sign that is painted, stencilled or attached to an inflatable device such as a balloon.</p>	<p>Not permitted</p>	<p>Dimensions: Maximum 7.0m diameter Maximum 9.0m height above roof ridge</p> <p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only be displayed for a maximum period of 21 days at a time at no less than 3 monthly intervals.</li> <li>• Be covered by General Liability Insurance, a copy of which is to be provided to the City.</li> <li>• Require a certificate from a structural engineer certifying that the connection of the inflatable object to the building or lot is structurally sound. This should be submitted to the City with the sign application.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Hoarding Sign</b></p>  <p>A sign which is affixed to a structure having one or more supports, other than a pylon sign. Typically a hoarding sign's horizontal dimension is greater than its vertical dimension. Hoarding signs may include property disposal signs, builders signs, display home signs and estate signs</p>	<p>Dimension: Maximum 2.0m width Maximum 1.0m height Maximum 1.2m height of support/posts to which the sign is attached.</p> <p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not be illuminated.</li> <li>• Not be used for any purpose other than a builders, property disposal, estate or display home sign.</li> </ul>	<p>Dimension: Maximum 3.0m width Maximum 2.5m sign height Maximum 1.2m height of support/posts to which the sign is attached.</p> <p>Must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not be illuminated.</li> <li>• Not exceed one sign per street frontage for each property.</li> <li>• For the purpose of a property disposal or display home, the sign must be removed within 10 days of closure or sale of the property.</li> </ul>		

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<p><b>Bunting</b></p>  <p>A bunting is an advertising device that is made from strips of material used for decorative purposes or to highlight a location.</p>	Not permitted			

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2005**

**CITY OF JOONDALUP**

**DISTRICT PLANNING SCHEME NO 2 - AMENDMENT NO 47**

The Council of the City of Joondalup under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon it in that behalf by Part 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 hereby amends the above Town Planning Scheme by:

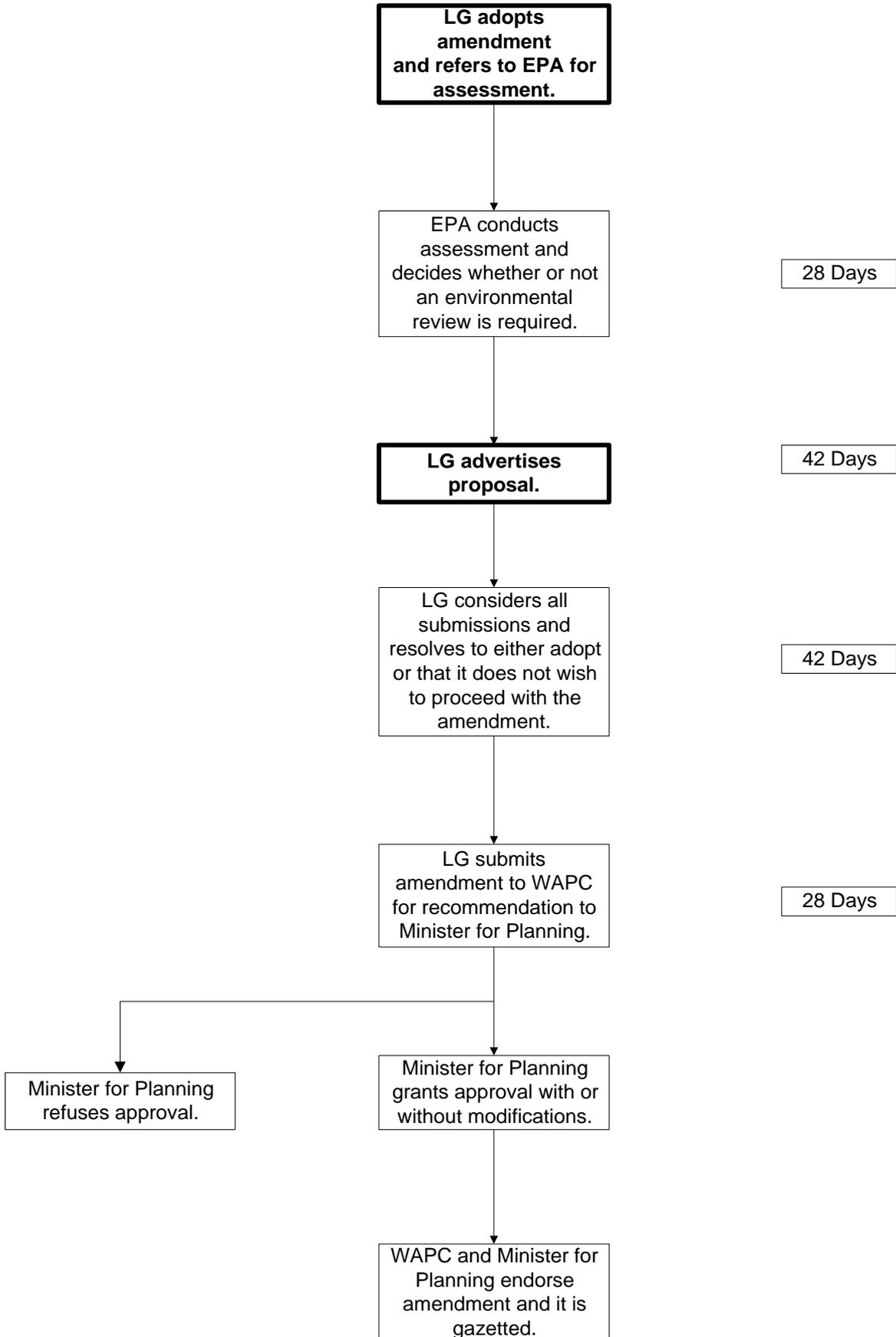
1. Amending Schedule 4 – Exempted Advertisements by:

(a) deleting part (f) which reads;

*(f) an advertisement affixed to or painted on a shop window by the occupier thereof and relating to the business carried on therein;*

(b) re-number the parts (g) through (r) that follow accordingly.

**Scheme Amendment Process**



**PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO 47  
SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS (CLOSED 17 MARCH 2010)**

NO	NAME OF SUBMITTER	DESCRIPTION OF AFFECTED PROPERTY	SUBMISSION SUMMARY	OFFICER OR COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION
1	A Olson	11 Shinji Court Joondalup 6027	<p>Objection</p> <p>The amendment would burden businesses with the need to obtain planning approval for all window signs.</p> <p>The amendment would burden the City of Joondalup with a high rate of compliance matters.</p>	<p>Noted and upheld</p> <p>The effect of Scheme Amendment No.47 is that it would mean all window signs to obtain planning approval. Given the temporary and changing nature of window signs, this is considered to be unduly onerous.</p> <p>It is recommended that Scheme Amendment No. 47 be modified to exempt window signs that meet the standards of Policy 3-7 Signs.</p> <p>This will help to regulate and minimise the proliferation of large widow signs whilst reducing the need for some planning approvals.</p>