

**32.08**22/08/2013  
VC104**GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE**

Shown on the planning scheme map as **GRZ** with a number (if shown).

**Purpose**

To implement the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.

To encourage development that respects the neighbourhood character of the area.

To implement neighbourhood character policy and adopted neighbourhood character guidelines.

To provide a diversity of housing types and moderate housing growth in locations offering good access to services and transport.

To allow educational, recreational, religious, community and a limited range of other non-residential uses to serve local community needs in appropriate locations.

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V8**Table of uses****Section 1 - Permit not required**

<b>Use</b>	<b>Condition</b>
<b>Animal keeping (other than Animal boarding)</b>	Must be no more than 2 animals.
<b>Bed and breakfast</b>	No more than 10 persons may be accommodated away from their normal place of residence.  At least 1 car parking space must be provided for each 2 persons able to be accommodated away from their normal place of residence.
<b>Dependent person's unit</b>	Must be the only dependent person's unit on the lot.
<b>Dwelling (other than Bed and breakfast)</b>	
<b>Home occupation</b>	
<b>Informal outdoor recreation</b>	
<b>Medical centre</b>	The gross floor area of all buildings must not exceed 250 square metres.  Must not require a permit under clause 52.06-3.  The site must adjoin, or have access to, a road in a Road Zone.
<b>Minor utility installation</b>	
<b>Place of worship</b>	The gross floor area of all buildings must not exceed 250 square metres.  The site must adjoin, or have access to, a road in a Road Zone.
<b>Railway</b>	
<b>Residential aged care facility</b>	
<b>Tramway</b>	

<b>Use</b>	<b>Condition</b>
<b>Any use listed in Clause 62.01</b>	Must meet the requirements of Clause 62.01.

## **Section 2 - Permit required**

<b>Use</b>	<b>Condition</b>
<b>Accommodation (other than Dependent person's unit, Dwelling and Residential aged care facility)</b>	
<b>Agriculture (other than Animal keeping, Animal training, Apiculture, Horse stables and Intensive animal husbandry)</b>	
<b>Animal keeping (other than Animal boarding) – if the Section 1 condition is not met</b>	Must be no more than 5 animals.
<b>Car park</b>	Must be used in conjunction with another use in Section 1 or 2.
<b>Car wash</b>	The site must adjoin, or have access to, a road in a Road Zone.
<b>Community market</b>	
<b>Convenience restaurant</b>	The site must adjoin, or have access to, a road in a Road Zone.
<b>Convenience shop</b>	
<b>Food and drink premises (other than Convenience restaurant and Take away food premises)</b>	
<b>Leisure and recreation (other than Informal outdoor recreation and Motor racing track)</b>	
<b>Place of assembly (other than Amusement parlour, Carnival, Circus, Nightclub, and Place of worship)</b>	
<b>Plant nursery</b>	
<b>Service station</b>	<p>The site must either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adjoin a commercial zone or industrial zone.</li> <li>▪ Adjoin, or have access to, a road in a Road Zone.</li> </ul> <p>The site must not exceed either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3000 square metres.</li> <li>▪ 3600 square metres if it adjoins on two boundaries a road in a Road Zone.</li> </ul>
<b>Store</b>	Must be in a building, not a dwelling, and used to store equipment, goods, or motor vehicles used in conjunction with the occupation of a resident of a dwelling on the lot.
<b>Take away food premises</b>	The site must adjoin, or have access to, a road in a Road Zone.

Use	Condition
Utility installation (other than Minor utility installation and Telecommunications facility)	
Any other use not in Section 1 or 3	

### Section 3 – Prohibited

Use
Amusement parlour
Animal boarding
Animal training
Brothel
Cinema based entertainment facility
Horse stables
Industry (other than Car wash)
Intensive animal husbandry
Motor racing track
Nightclub
Office (other than Medical centre)
Retail premises (other than Community market, Convenience shop, Food and drink premises, Plant nursery)
Saleyard
Stone extraction
Transport terminal
Warehouse (other than Store)

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### Subdivision

#### Permit requirement

A permit is required to subdivide land.

An application to subdivide land, other than an application to subdivide land into lots each containing an existing dwelling or car parking space, must meet the requirements of Clause 56 and:

- Must meet all of the objectives included in the clauses specified in the following table.
- Should meet all of the standards included in the clauses specified in the following table.

Class of subdivision	Objectives and standards to be met
60 or more lots	All except Clause 56.03-5.
16 – 59 lots	All except Clauses 56.03-1 to 56.03-3, 56.03-5, 56.06-1 and 56.06-3.
3 – 15 lots	All except Clauses 56.02-1, 56.03-1 to 56.03-4, 56.05-2, 56.06-1, 56.06-3 and 56.06-6.
2 lots	Clauses 56.03-5, 56.04-2, 56.04-3, 56.04-5, 56.06-8 to 56.09-2.

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### **Construction and extension of one dwelling on a lot**

#### **Permit requirement**

A permit is required to construct or extend one dwelling on:

- A lot of less than 300 square metres.
- A lot of between 300 square metres and 500 square metres if specified in a schedule to this zone.

A permit is required to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street if:

- The fence is associated with one dwelling on:
  - A lot of less than 300 square metres, or
  - A lot of between 300 and 500 square metres if specified in a schedule to this zone, and
- The fence exceeds the maximum height specified in Clause 54.06-2.

A development must meet the requirements of Clause 54.

#### **No permit required**

No permit is required to:

- Construct or carry out works normal to a dwelling.
- Construct or extend an out-building (other than a garage or carport) on a lot provided the gross floor area of the out-building does not exceed 10 square metres and the maximum building height is not more than 3 metres above ground level.

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### **Construction and extension of two or more dwellings on a lot, dwellings on common property and residential buildings**

#### **Permit requirement**

A permit is required to:

- Construct a dwelling if there is at least one dwelling existing on the lot.
- Construct two or more dwellings on a lot.
- Extend a dwelling if there are two or more dwellings on the lot.
- Construct or extend a dwelling if it is on common property.
- Construct or extend a residential building.

A permit is required to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street if:

- The fence is associated with 2 or more dwellings on a lot or a residential building, and
- The fence exceeds the maximum height specified in Clause 55.06-2.

A development must meet the requirements of Clause 55. This does not apply to a development of five or more storeys, excluding a basement.

A permit is not required to construct one dependent person's unit on a lot.

## **Transitional provisions**

Despite the amendments made to Clause 55 by Amendment VC100, Clause 55 does not apply to:

- an application to construct or extend a development of four or more storeys made before the approval date of the planning scheme amendment that introduces those amendments into the planning scheme; and
- an application under section 69 of the Act to extend a permit to construct or extend a development of four or more storeys granted on or before the approval date of Amendment VC100.

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#### **Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55**

A schedule to this zone may specify the requirements of:

- Standards A3, A5, A6, A10, A11, A17 and A20 of Clause 54 of this scheme.
- Standards B6, B8, B9, B13, B17, B18, B28 and B32 of Clause 55 of this scheme.

If a requirement is not specified in a schedule to this zone, the requirement set out in the relevant standard of Clause 54 or Clause 55 applies.

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#### **Buildings and works associated with a Section 2 use**

A permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works for a use in Section 2 of Clause 32.08-1.

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#### **Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building**

The maximum height of a building used for the purpose of a dwelling or residential building must not exceed the building height specified in a schedule to this zone.

This does not apply to:

- An extension of an existing building that exceeds the specified building height, provided that the extension does not exceed the existing building height.
- A building which exceeds the specified building height for which a valid building permit was in effect prior to the introduction of this provision.

If no building height is specified, the requirement set out in the relevant standard of Clause 54 and Clause 55 applies.

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#### **Application requirements**

An application must be accompanied by the following information, as appropriate:

- For a residential development of four storeys or less, the neighbourhood and site description and design response as required in Clause 54 and Clause 55.
- For residential development of five or more storeys, an urban context report and design response as required in Clause 52.35.
- For an application for subdivision, a site and context description and design response as required in Clause 56.
- Plans drawn to scale and dimensioned which show:
  - Site shape, size, dimensions and orientation.
  - The siting and use of existing and proposed buildings.

- Adjacent buildings and uses.
- The building form and scale.
- Setbacks to property boundaries.
- The likely effects, if any, on adjoining land, including noise levels, traffic, the hours of delivery and despatch of good and materials, hours of operation and light spill, solar access and glare.
- Any other application requirements specified in a schedule to this zone.

If in the opinion of the responsible authority an application requirement is not relevant to the evaluation of an application, the responsible authority may waive or reduce the requirement.

### **32.08-9 Exemption from notice and review**

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#### **Subdivision**

An application to subdivide land into lots each containing an existing dwelling or car parking space is exempt from the notice requirements of Section 52(1)(a), (b) and (d), the decision requirements of Section 64(1), (2) and (3) and the review rights of Section 82(1) of the Act.

### **32.08-10 Decision guidelines**

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Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

#### **General**

- The State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.
- The purpose of this zone.
- Any other decision guidelines specified in a schedule to this zone.

#### **Subdivision**

- The pattern of subdivision and its effect on the spacing of buildings.
- For subdivision of land for residential development, the objectives and standards of Clause 56.

#### **Dwellings and residential buildings**

- For the construction and extension of one dwelling on a lot, the objectives, standards and decision guidelines of Clause 54.
- For the construction and extension of two or more dwellings on a lot, dwellings on common property and residential buildings, the objectives, standards and decision guidelines of Clause 55.
- For a development of five or more storeys, excluding a basement, the Design Guidelines for Higher Density Residential Development (Department of Sustainability and Environment 2004).

## **Non-residential use and development**

- Whether the use or development is compatible with residential use.
- Whether the use generally serves local community needs.
- The scale and intensity of the use and development.
- The design, height, setback and appearance of the proposed buildings and works.
- The proposed landscaping.
- The provision of car and bicycle parking and associated accessways.
- Any proposed loading and refuse collection facilities.
- The safety, efficiency and amenity effects of traffic to be generated by the proposal.

### **32.08-11 Advertising signs**

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Advertising sign requirements are at Clause 52.05. This zone is in Category 3.

*Notes: Refer to the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement, for strategies and policies which may affect the use and development of land.*

*Check whether an overlay also applies to the land.*

*Other requirements may also apply. These can be found at Particular Provisions.*

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**SCHEDULE 5 TO CLAUSE 32.08 GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE**

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**FORMAL GARDEN SUBURBAN AREAS**

**1.0 Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot**

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**Is a permit required to construct or extend one dwelling on a lot of between 300 square metres and 500 square metres?**

No

**2.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55**

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	Standard	Requirement
<b>Minimum street setback</b>	A3 and B6	5 metres
<b>Site coverage</b>	A5 and B8	50%
<b>Permeability</b>	A6 and B9	30%
<b>Landscaping</b>	B13	Plant at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height of 8 metres in the setback from the rear boundary of the site.
<b>Side and rear setbacks</b>	A10 and B17	Provide a minimum 1 metre setback from at least one side boundary. Provide a minimum of 1 metre between dwellings constructed within the same site.
<b>Walls on boundaries</b>	A11 and B18	Walls should only be constructed on one side boundary.
<b>Private open space</b>	A17 and B28	Provide one ground level area with minimum dimensions of 5 metres by 5 metres.
<b>Front fence height</b>	A20 and B32	1.2 metres, or 1.8 metres with at least 20% permeability if adjoining a Category 1 (RDZ1) or 2 (RDZ2) road.

**3.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building**

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None specified.

**4.0 Application requirements**

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The following application requirements apply to an application for a permit under clause 32.08, in addition to those specified in clause 32.08 and elsewhere in the scheme:

- Plans showing existing vegetation and any trees proposed to be removed.
- Plans showing proposed landscaping works and planting including tree species and mature height.



## 5.0 Decision guidelines

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The following decision guidelines apply to an application for a permit under clause 32.08, in addition to those specified in clause 32.08 and elsewhere in the scheme:

- Whether the development provides for an appropriate visual transition to residential properties in the Neighbourhood Residential Zone.
- Whether the proposal meets the preferred neighbourhood character statement and design objectives and guidelines for the relevant Precinct, as contained within the *Whitehorse Housing and Neighbourhood Character Review 2014*.

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