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PURPOSE

To promote and ensure high quality service delivery in the provision of commercial horse drawn vehicle experiences in Moira Shire through the provision of clear guidelines.

SCOPE

This policy applies to any commercial horse drawn vehicles operating in Moira Shire Council.

DEFINITIONS

Horse

Any animal of the genus Equus.

Carriage

Any device in or upon which any person is or may be transported or drawn, designed to be or capable of being drawn by a horse or horses.

Person

An individual, company, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity.

Stable

Any place, establishment or facility where one or more horses are housed and maintained.

Veterinarian

A registered Veterinarian practitioner.

Work

When a horse is at its carriage stand or place of hire. Work ends when the horse is unharnessed and removed from the carriage.

Driver

A person in charge of a horse-drawn carriage for hire.

Authorised Officer

An Officer of Moira Shire Council or a member of the Victorian Police.

POLICY

1. Horse Drawn Vehicle Guidelines

- 1.1. No vehicle is to be repaired or washed down in the street other than in an emergency.
- 1.2. The Driver must ensure manure bags are fitted to all horses. Horse manure bags must be securely and properly fitted to horses to ensure that all dispelled waste is effectively captured at all times. Manure bags must be regularly emptied and collected to prevent spillage. Drivers must carry appropriate equipment such as disposal bags, shovels, disinfectant and clean water to ensure that any waste is cleaned up immediately.
- 1.3. The Driver must take reasonable care to prevent any person being injured; and unduly inconvenienced from the horse drawn vehicle experience:
- 1.4. The permit holder must ensure that any Horse and Horse Drawn Vehicle, does not cause any undue obstruction or constitute any hazard to other road users and/or pedestrians.
- 1.5. The Person operating the Horse Drawn Vehicle shall at all times be the holder of a current Public Liability Insurance Policy, in respect to the activities specified herein in the name of the permit holder providing coverage for a minimum sum of \$20 million.
- 1.6. The Person operating the Horse Drawn Vehicle shall at all times ensure that all persons employed in the carriage operations are covered by Victorian Work Cover Insurance.
- 1.7. The Person operating the Horse Drawn Vehicle and the Driver shall have a current Working with Children Check
- 1.8. The Person operating the Horse Drawn Vehicle shall provide protective equipment to persons employed in carriage operations during the months of September to April to protect against radiation from the sun.
- 1.9. The Person operating the Horse Drawn Vehicle and all drivers are required to maintain their carriages in a clean and roadworthy condition.
- 1.10. All carriages operating must be inspected annually by a responsible authority and certified as suitable for use.
- 1.11. All horses used in the provision of the Horse Drawn Vehicle experiences must have an annual veterinary report on their condition and appropriateness for the task.
- 1.12. All Drivers will be over 18 years of age.
- 1.13. Drivers will comply with and have a thorough knowledge of the Victorian Road Safety Road Rules 2017.
- 1.14. Drivers will ensure that all passengers are seated within the carriage while it is in motion.
- 1.15. Drivers are responsible for the proper and humane care and treatment of the horses under his or her direct supervision and control.
- 1.16. The Person operating the Horse Drawn Vehicle will supply Moira Shire Council with documentation showing that a particular veterinary practice is willing and in a position to supply emergency veterinary treatment to the horses under their control when requested to do so.
- 1.17. A working horse that becomes unfit for work as a result of injury, illness or disease shall be removed from service until it is examined by a qualified veterinarian and is deemed fit to resume work.

RELATED LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 1989

Charter of Human Rights & Responsibilities Act 2006

Summary Offences Act 1966 - Section 8

Road Safety Act 1986

Road Safety Road Rules 2017

Victorian Code of Practice for the Welfare of Horses, Domestic Animal Act 1994

Code of Practice for the Land Transport of Horses (Victoria), Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986

Victorian Code of Practice for the Welfare of Horses at Horse Hire Establishments

REFERENCES

Policy Development Guidelines

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed three years from the date of adoption, or sooner if required.