

RLZ – Rural lifestyle zone

Objectives

RLZ-O1 **Country Living Zone RLZ – Rural lifestyle zone**

- (1) Subdivision, use and development in the **Country Living Zone Rural lifestyle zone** maintains or enhances the character and amenity values of the zone.

Policies

RLZ-PI **Country Living Rural lifestyle** character

- (1) Any building and activity within the **Country Living Zone Rural lifestyle zone** are designed, located, scaled and serviced in a manner that does not detract from the character of the area by:
 - (a) Maintaining the open space character;
 - (b) Maintaining low density residential development;
 - (c) Recognising the absence of Council wastewater services and lower levels of other infrastructure.
- (2) Maintain views and vistas of the rural hinterland beyond, including, where applicable, Waikato River, wetlands, lakes, and the coast.
- (3) Maintain a road pattern that follows the natural contour of the landform.
- (4) Ensures that the scale and design of any non-residential activities maintains the open rural character and addresses site specific issues such as on-site servicing, and transport related effects.
- (5) Requires activities within the **Country Living Zone RLZ – Rural lifestyle zone** to be self-sufficient in the provision of water supply, wastewater and stormwater disposal, unless a reticulated supply is available.

RLZ-P2 Building setbacks

- (1) Maintain the existing spaciousness between buildings with adjoining sites.

RLZ-P3 Scale and intensity of development

- (1) Minimise the adverse effects of development created by excessive building scale, overshadowing, building bulk, excessive site coverage or loss of privacy.

RLZ-P4 Height of buildings

- (1) Ensure building height does not result in loss of privacy or cause overshadowing on adjoining sites or detract from the amenity of the area.

RLZ-P5 Non-residential activities

- (1) Limit the establishment of commercial or industrial activities within the **Country Living Zone RLZ – Rural lifestyle zone** unless they:
 - (a) Have a functional need to locate within the **Country Living Zone RLZ -Rural lifestyle zone**; and
 - (b) Provide for the health and well-being of the community.

RLZ-P6 Existing non-residential activities

- (1) Enable existing non-residential activities to continue and support their redevelopment and expansion, provided they do not have a significant adverse effect on the character and amenity of the **Country-Living-Zone RLZ – Rural lifestyle zone**.

RLZ-P7 Home occupations

- (1) Provide for home occupations to allow flexibility for people to work from their homes.
- (2) Manage the adverse effects on residential amenity through limiting home occupations to a scale that is compatible with the level of amenity anticipated in the **Country-Living-Zone RLZ – Rural lifestyle zone**.

RLZ-P8 Outdoor storage

- (1) The adverse visual effects of outdoor storage are managed through screening or landscaping.

RLZ-P9 Objectionable odour

- (1) Ensure that the effects of objectionable odour do not detract from the amenity on other sites.
- (2) Maintain appropriate setback distances between new sensitive land uses and existing lawfully-established activities that generate objectionable odour.

Rules

Note: For certain activities, consent may be required by rules in more than one chapter in the Plan, i.e. the District-wide chapters. Unless expressly stated otherwise by a rule, consent is required under each of those rules. The steps plan users should take to determine what rules apply to any activity, and the status of that activity, are provided in Part 1, HPW – How the Plan Works.

Land use – activities

RLZ-R1	Residential activity, unless specified below.	
(1) Activity status: PER Activity-specific conditions: Nil	(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: n/a	

RLZ-R2	Homestay	
(1) Activity status: PER Activity-specific conditions: Nil	(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: n/a	

RLZ-R3	A home occupation	
(1) Activity status: PER Activity-specific conditions: (a) It is wholly contained within a building; (b) The storage of materials or machinery associated with the home occupation are wholly contained within a building;	(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: DIS	

<p>(c) No more than 2 people who are not permanent residents of the site are employed at any one time;</p> <p>(d) Unloading and loading of vehicles or the receiving of customers or deliveries only occur after 7:30am and before 7:00pm on any day;</p> <p>(e) Machinery may be operated after 7:30am and up to 9pm on any day.</p>	
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RLZ-R4	Any permitted activity that does not comply with Land use – effects standards, Land use – building standards in the RLZ – Rural lifestyle zone unless the activity is specified as a controlled, restricted discretionary or non-complying activity
(I) Activity status: DIS	

RLZ-R5	A commercial activity (excluding produce stall)
(I) Activity status: DIS	

RLZ-R6	A community activity
(I) Activity status: DIS	

RLZ-R7	An education facility, excluding a child care facility for up to 10 children
(I) Activity status: DIS	

RLZ-R8	A funeral home and/or crematorium
(I) Activity status: DIS	

RLZ-R9	A health facility
(I) Activity status: DIS	

RLZ-R10	A hospital, or a hospice with 10 or more beds
(I) Activity status: DIS	

RLZ-R11	Travellers' accommodation
(I) Activity status: DIS	

RLZ-R12	An industrial activity
(I) Activity status: DIS	

RLZ-R13	A place of assembly
(I) Activity status: DIS	

RLZ-R14	A correctional facility
(I) Activity status: NC	

RLZ-R15	An extractive industry
(I) Activity status: NC	

RLZ-R16	A retirement village
(I) Activity status: NC	

RLZ-R17	Multi-unit development
(I) Activity status: NC	

RLZ-R18	Intensive farming
(I) Activity status: NC	

RLZ-R19	Transport depot
(I) Activity status: NC	

RLZ-R20	Motor sport and recreation events
(I) Activity status: NC	

RLZ-R21	Construction of a building on an indicative road
(I) Activity status: NC	

RLZ-R22	A waste management facility
(I) Activity status: NC	

RLZ-R23	Storage, processing or disposal of hazardous waste
(I) Activity status: NC	

RLZ-R24	Any activity that is not listed as Permitted, Restricted Discretionary or Discretionary
(I) Activity status: NC	

Land use – effects

RLZ-S1	Outdoor storage
(I) Activity status: PER Where: (a) Outdoor storage of materials must be fully screened by fencing or landscaping from any:	(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS Council’s discretion is restricted to the following matters: (a) Visual amenity;

(i) public road; (ii) public reserve; (iii) adjoining site.	(b) Size and location of the outdoor storage area; and (c) Measures to mitigate adverse effects
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Land use – building

RLZ-S2	Dwelling
<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) One dwelling within a site; (b) The dwelling must not be located within any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Outstanding Natural Feature; (ii) Outstanding Natural Landscape; (iii) Outstanding Natural Character Area of the coastal environment; (iv) High Natural Character Area of the coastal environment. 	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: DIS</p>

RLZ-S3	Minor dwelling
<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) One minor dwelling within a site must not exceed 70m² GFA. (b) Where there is an existing dwelling located within a site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The minor dwelling must be located within 20m of the dwelling; (ii) The minor dwelling must share a single driveway access with the existing dwelling. 	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: DIS</p>

RLZ-S4	Height – Building general
<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The maximum height of any building must not exceed 7.5m. 	<p>Activity status where compliance not achieved: DIS</p>

RLZ-S5	Height - Buildings, structures and vegetation within an airport obstacle limitation surface
<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A building, structure or vegetation that does not protrude through any airport obstacle limitation surface as shown on the planning maps. 	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: NC</p>

RLZ-S6	Daylight admission	
(1) Activity status: PER Where: (a) Buildings must not protrude through a height control plane rising at an angle of 37 degrees commencing at an elevation of 2.5m above ground level at every point of the site boundary.	(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters: (a) Height of building; (b) Design and location of the building; (c) Extent of shading on adjacent site; (d) Privacy on other site; (e) Effects on amenity values.	

RLZ-S7	Building coverage	
(1) Activity status: PER Where: (a) The total building coverage must not exceed 10% or 300m ² , whichever is the larger.	(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: DIS	

RLZ-S8	Building setbacks – All boundaries	
(1) Activity status: PER Where: (a) A building located on a site containing more than 1000m ² must be set back a minimum of: (i) 7.5m from a road boundary; (ii) 17.5m from the centre line of an indicative road; (iii) 12m from every boundary other than a road boundary.	(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters: (a) amenity values; (b) effects on traffic; (c) daylight admission to adjoining properties; (d) effects on privacy of adjoining sites.	

RLZ-S9	Building setbacks – All boundaries	
(1) Activity status: PER Activity-specific conditions: (a) Any building located on a lot containing 1000m ² or less must be set back a minimum of: (i) 3m from a road boundary; (ii) 1.5m from every boundary other than a road boundary; (iii) 24m from an existing dwelling on any adjoining site.	(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters: (a) amenity values; (b) effects on traffic; (c) daylight admission to adjoining properties; (d) effects on privacy of adjoining sites.	

RLZ-S10	Building setback - sensitive land use	
(1) Activity status: PER Where:	(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: DIS	

<p>(a) Any new building or alteration to an existing building for a sensitive land use must be set back a minimum of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 5m from the designated boundary of the railway corridor; (ii) 15m from a national route or regional arterial boundary; (iii) 35m from the designated boundary of the Waikato Expressway; (iv) 200m from an Aggregate Extraction Area containing a sand resource; (v) 500m from an Aggregate Extraction Area containing a rock resource; (vi) 300m from the boundary of another site containing an intensive farming activity; (vii) 300m from oxidation ponds that are part of a municipal wastewater treatment facility on another site; (viii) 30m from a municipal wastewater treatment facility where the treatment process is fully enclosed. 	
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RLZ-S11 Building setbacks from Tamahere Commercial Areas and A and B	
<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Any new building or alteration to an existing building for a sensitive land use must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Set back at least 100m from Tamahere Commercial Area A; or (ii) Within 100m of Tamahere Commercial Area A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the alteration is to a dwelling that has existed since 30 June 2012; (2) no part of the alteration is located between the existing dwelling and any boundary of Tamahere Commercial Area A; (3) it is designed and constructed to achieve the internal design sound level specified in APPL – Acoustic Insulation Application 	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS</p> <p>Council’s discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) reverse sensitivity; (b) the means to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on amenity within the site; (c) the setback distance from Tamahere Commercial Area A and Tamahere Commercial Area B; (d) the position, orientation and design of the building and outdoor living court in relation to Tamahere Commercial Area A and Tamahere Commercial Area B.

RLZ-S12 Building setbacks from Tamahere Commercial Areas and A and B	
<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p>	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS</p>

<p>(a) Any new building or alteration to an existing building for a sensitive land use must be:</p> <p>(i) Set back at least 100m from Tamahere Commercial Area B; or</p> <p>(ii) Within 100m of Tamahere Commercial Area B and either:</p> <p>(1) the alteration is to a dwelling that has existed since 30 June 2012 and no part of the alteration is located between the existing dwelling and boundary of Tamahere Commercial Area B; or</p> <p>(2) it is a new dwelling that is placed within the building platform approved in the course of any subdivision and it is designed and constructed to achieve the internal design sound level specified in APPI – Acoustic Insulation: Application – Table 14;</p> <p>(3) Within Tamahere Commercial Area B, be designed and constructed to achieve the internal design sound level specified in APPI – Acoustic Insulation: Application – Table 14.</p>	<p>Council’s discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <p>(a) reverse sensitivity;</p> <p>(b) the means to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on amenity within the site;</p> <p>(c) the setback distance from Tamahere Commercial Area A and Tamahere Commercial Area B;</p> <p>(d) the position, orientation and design of the building and outdoor living court in relation to Tamahere Commercial Area A and Tamahere Commercial Area B.</p>
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<p>RLZ-S13 Building setback – waterbodies</p>	
<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>(a) Any building must be set back a minimum of:</p> <p>(i) 23m from the margin of any;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(1) lake; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(2) wetland;</p> <p>(ii) 23m from the bank of any river (other than the Waikato River and Waipa River);</p> <p>(iii) 37m from the banks of the Waikato River and the Waipa River; and</p> <p>(iv) 27.5m from mean high water springs.</p> <p>(b) RLZ-S13(1)(a) does not apply to a public amenity of up to 25m², or a pump shed.</p>	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: DIS</p>

<p>RLZ-S14 Building setback – waterbodies</p>
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<p>(1) Activity status: PER Where: (a) Any building must be set back a minimum of 3m from an Environmental Protection Area.</p>	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: DIS</p>
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