



Council Policy

Dog Exercise and Prohibited Areas

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Policy scope

This policy outlines the dog exercise areas and dog prohibited areas within the City of Fremantle boundaries and sets out the criteria for dog exercise areas and effective management of dogs in public spaces. In specifying dog exercise and prohibited areas, the City will implement suitable solutions that will provide a balanced outcome for the community.

As defined at the tail end of this policy, a **dog exercise area** is an off-lead area, and a **dog prohibited area** restricts dogs on and off-lead from entering the area. All other public places managed or regulated by the City of Fremantle are considered on-lead areas.

Section 31 of the *Dog Act 1976* prescribes that:

(1) A dog shall not be in a public place unless it is –

- (a) held by a person who is capable of controlling the dog; or**
- (b) securely tethered for a temporary purpose, by means of a chain, cord, leash or harness of sufficient strength and not exceeding the prescribed length.**

Section 32 of the *Dog Act 1976* requires that, if a dog is in a **dog exercise area**, they must be held by a person who is capable of controlling the dog, securely tethered for a temporary purpose (as above) or, must be supervised by a competent person who is in a reasonable proximity to the dog.

(2) A person is a competent person only if:

- (a) they are a person who is liable for the control of the dog; and**
- (b) they are capable of controlling it; and**
- (c) they are carrying and capable of attaching to the dog for the purpose of controlling it, a chain, cord, leash or harness of sufficient strength and not exceeding the prescribed length.**



Policy statement

1. Criteria for Dog Exercise Areas

- 1.1. In accordance with section 31(5) of the *Dog Act 1976*, the following considerations will be applied when specifying dog exercise areas:
 - a. The safety of all users of the area;
 - b. The impact on the natural environment;
 - c. The primary use of the area; and
 - d. The balance of dog exercise, dog on-lead, and dog prohibited areas in the City of Fremantle district.
- 1.2. A dog-exercise area cannot be an area identified in part 3 of this policy (dog prohibited areas), or dog prohibited area as identified by any written law.

2. Approach to Land Types

The City will provide a balanced approach to all areas, indicating requirements with signage. The following land types will be approached as follows when specifying dog exercise areas:

2.1 Recreation Spaces (including beaches)

- 2.1.1 As defined in the City of Fremantle Public Open Spaces Strategy, “recreation spaces” are areas which provide a setting for informal play and physical activity, relaxation and social interaction.
- 2.1.2 Unless specified, recreation spaces will be classified as dog on-lead areas.
- 2.1.3 The City may consider a hybrid approach in accordance with this policy.

2.2 Sport Spaces

- 2.2.1 As defined in the City of Fremantle Public Open Spaces Strategy, “sport spaces” are areas which provide a setting for formal structured sporting activities.
- 2.2.2 Unless specified, sport spaces will be classified as dog on-lead areas.
- 2.2.3 The City may consider a hybrid approach in accordance with this policy.
- 2.2.4 Organised sporting events and training will be prioritised on sporting fields (see part 4).

2.3 Nature Spaces

- 2.3.1 As defined in the City of Fremantle Public Open Spaces Strategy, “nature spaces” are areas that provide a setting where people can enjoy nearby nature and protect local biodiversity and natural area values.

2.3.2 Unless specified, natural areas will be classified as dog on-lead areas.

3. Dog Prohibited Areas

- 3.1 In accordance with section 31 (2B) of the *Dog Act 1976*, the City of Fremantle declares that the following specified areas are classified as dog prohibited areas within the City's boundaries.
- 3.2 A person liable for the control of a dog, other than a bona fide assistance dog, shall prevent that dog entering or being in or upon any of the following specified areas.
- 3.3 In addition to the areas defined in clause 3.4 below, food businesses, such as supermarkets and restaurants/cafes, are dog prohibited areas in accordance with the *Food Act 2008*, inclusive of unenclosed outdoor/alfresco dining areas, unless otherwise signed and authorised by the owner or operator of that area.
- 3.4 The following areas are specified as dog prohibited areas, whereby dogs are strictly prohibited, excluding car parks and immediately outside a public restroom:

Area/Reserve	Location
Playgrounds	An area generally featuring sand, rubber, bark, grass, or another impact attenuating (soft fall) surface, that is provided with equipment and/or objects intended for children's play and includes fixed play equipment such as swings, slides, climbing structures, seesaws, nature play objects, and any similar apparatus or object designed for recreational use by children.
A public building	Any public building which is owned or managed by the local government.
Fremantle Arts Centre	The building and grounds at 1 Finnerty Street, Fremantle
Fremantle Oval	The buildings and grounds at 70 Parry Street, Fremantle, including the oval surface and stadium.
Fremantle Markets	Corner Henderson Street and South Terrace, Fremantle.
Harvest Road Beach	Being that area of the reserve bounded on the south by the prolongation of the northern boundary of Harvest Road, bounded on the north by a parallel line 50 meters north of that southern boundary, and bounded on the

Area/Reserve	Location
	east and west by the reserves eastern and western boundaries.
Hilton Park – Soccer Ground	Corner of Jeffrey Street and Carrington Street, Beaconsfield. The main soccer pitch located on the Eastern side of the reserve, closest to Rennie Crescent South.
Port and Leighton Beaches	Being that area bounded on the south by the prolongation of the southern end of Port Beach Road, bounded on the north by a line 209 meters south of the northern district boundary of the City of Fremantle, where that boundary abuts the Indian Ocean, and bounded on the east and west by the reserves eastern and western boundaries. The circular grass reserve located west of Freeman Loop, North Fremantle is not included in this dog prohibited area.
Rocky Bay Beach	The beach area bordering the Swan River opposite the Rule Street carpark, North Fremantle.
South Beach Reserve (South)	Between its southern boundary and the prolongation of the southern boundary of Douro Road to the South Beach groin, including the playground. Excludes the footpath adjacent to the off-lead area, which is classified as dog on-lead.
Stevens Reserve	The centre wicket of the two playing fields and the practice wickets located in the North West corner.
Sir Fredrick Samson Park	Corner of McCombe Avenue and Sellenger Avenue, Samson, conservation area identified in appendix 1. Remaining area identified in part 4 of this policy.

4. Dog Exercise Areas

- 4.1 In accordance with section 31 (3A) of the *Dog Act 1976*, the City of Fremantle declares that the following specified areas are classified as dog exercise areas within the City's boundaries.

- 4.2 No such area shall constitute a dog exercise area when a Council authorised activity, function or sporting event is being conducted on it. During this time the below areas become a dog on-lead area.
- 4.3 For the purposes of this policy, a sporting event is defined as an authorised activity involving a sport that is governed by a set of rules or customs and often undertaken competitively and is organised by a registered sporting association. Team training for one of these activities falls under the definition of sporting event.
- 4.4 Areas managed or regulated by the City of Fremantle not identified in this part of the policy (as dog exercise areas) are considered dog on-lead areas, unless specified as a dog prohibited area (see part 3 of this policy).
- 4.5 The following dog exercise areas **exclude playgrounds** (and the immediate surrounding area necessary for its safe use), whereby dogs are prohibited, as identified in part 3 of this policy.
- 4.6 Appendix 1 includes a map/s of the dog exercise areas, as identified in clause 4.7.
- 4.7 The following areas are specified as dog exercise areas:

Area/Reserve	Location
Beach Street Reserve	Corner of Beach Street and east Street, Fremantle.
Bruce Lee Reserve	Corner of South Street and Caesar Street, Beaconsfield.
Davis Park	Between Conway Court and Edgar Court, Beaconsfield.
Esplanade Reserve - from 5:00am to 8:00am	45 Marine Terrace, Fremantle.
Frank Gibson Park	Corner of High Street and Chudleigh Street, Fremantle.
Fremantle Park	Corner of Ellen Street and Ord Street, Fremantle.
Gilbert Fraser Reserve	Corner of Johannah Street and John Street, North Fremantle.
Grigg Park	Corner Snook Crescent and Grigg Place, Hilton.
Griffiths Place Park	Corner of Nicholas Crescent and Joslin Street, Hilton.
Hilton Park (North) - Dick Lawrence Oval	The area boarded by Lefroy Road, Shepherd Street, Carrington Street, and Walton Way, Beaconsfield.



Area/Reserve	Location
Hilton Park – South (Upper Oval)	The area located at the corner of Jeffrey Street and Carrington Street, Beaconsfield.
Hilton Park – Ken Allen Field	The area located at the corner of Jeffrey Street and Shepherd Street, Beaconsfield.
Horrie Long Reserve	Corner of Forrest Street and Amherst Street, Fremantle.
Knutsford Street Reserve	Corner of Knutsford Street and Swanbourne Street, Fremantle.
Leighton Beach	Being the area bounded on the south by a line 209 metres south of the northern district boundary of the City of Fremantle, bounded on the north by the northern district boundary of the City of Fremantle, bounded on the east by the reserves eastern boundary and bounded on the west by the Indian Ocean.
North Fremantle Foreshore	Being that area of the reserve bounded on the south by the Stirling Bridge, bounded on the north by the southern boundary of the property located at 15 John Street, bounded on the east by the Swan River and bounded on the west by the reserves western boundaries, (includes Prawn Bay).
Parmelia Park	Corner of Parmelia Street and Lloyd Street, South Fremantle.
Rocky Bay Reserve	Being that area of the reserve bounded on the south by Harvest Road Beach, bounded on the north by the northern district boundary, bounded on the east by the Swan River and bounded on the west by the reserves western boundaries.
Rule street*	36 Rule Street, North Fremantle. *Subject to agreement with Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

Sir Fredrick Samson Park	Corner of McCombe Avenue and Sellenger Avenue, Samson. Excluding the bushland areas that are dogs on lead at all times, and conservation area identified in appendix 1 which are dogs prohibited
South Beach Reserve (North)	From the prolongation of the southern boundary of Douro Road to the prolongation of the southern boundary of Scott Street.
Stevens Street Reserve	Corner of Stevens Street and Swanbourne Street, Fremantle. Excluding those locations listed in the dog prohibited area. Condition: This area will be considered a dog on lead area, during times when wet weather protection covers are placed over the centre wicket of the two playing fields.
Wilson Park	Corner of Ocean Road and South Terrace, South Fremantle.
Virginia Ryan Park	6 Watkins Street, Fremantle.

Definitions and abbreviations

Assistance dog means a dog to which section 8 of the *Dog Act 1976* (WA) applies, and includes a dog trained to guide a person who is blind or vision impaired.

Dog exercise area means an off-lead area, identified in part 4 of this policy.

Dog prohibited area restricts dogs on and off-lead from entering the area, as specified in part 3 of this policy.

Dog on-lead means a dog that is securely held by a chain, cord, leash or similar device that is attached to the dog and held by a person capable of controlling the dog.

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Appendix 1 (Maps)

- i. Full district map
- ii. South-west map
- iii. North map
- iv. East map
- v. Sir Fredrick Samson Park map

Dog Exercise and Prohibited Areas

Legend



Community Facilities
(dogs prohibited)



Playgrounds
(dogs prohibited)

Dog Areas



Exercise area



Limited exercise area



Prohibited area



Other: dogs on-leash
or private property

***Dogs are prohibited from all City
owned and managed buildings***

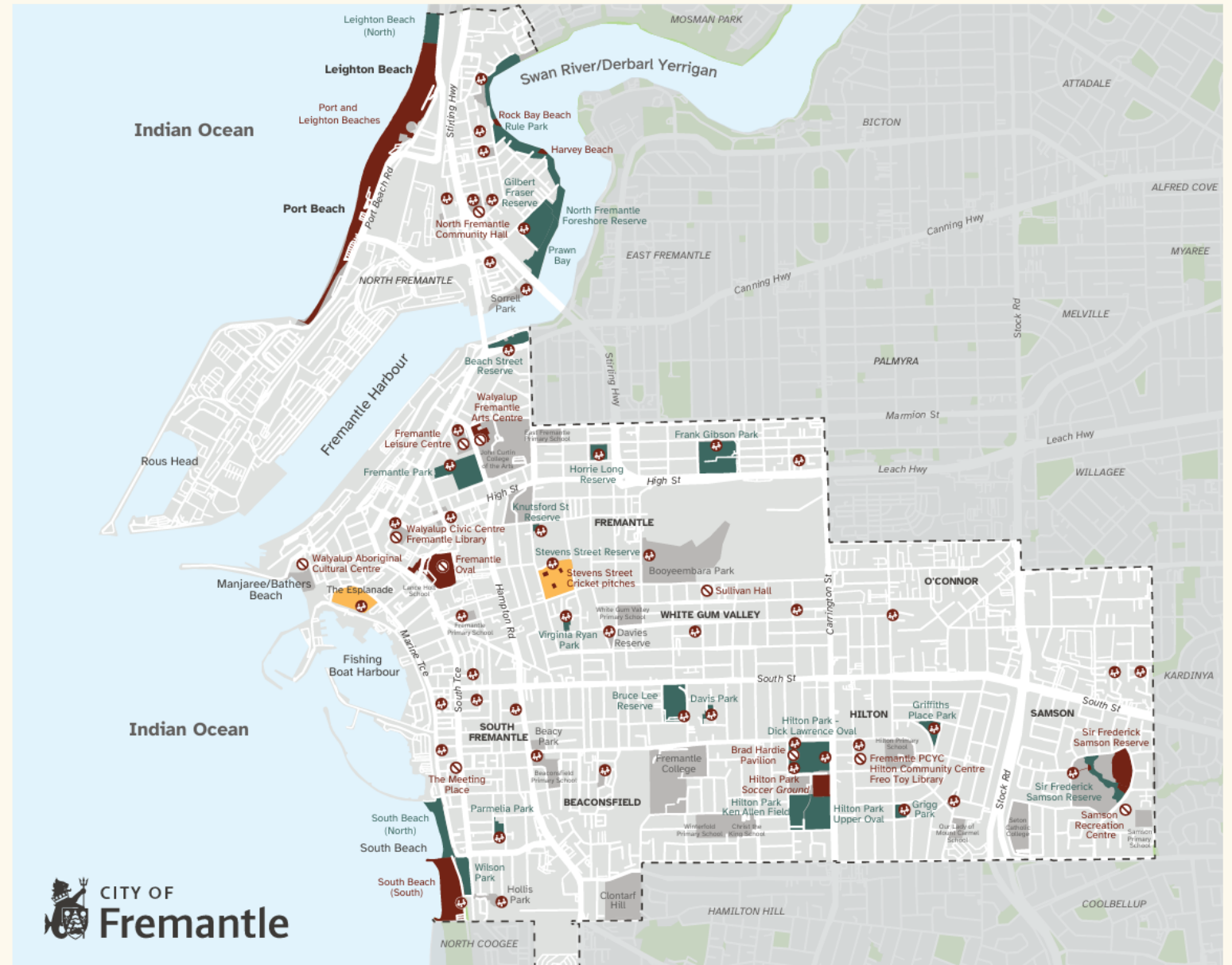
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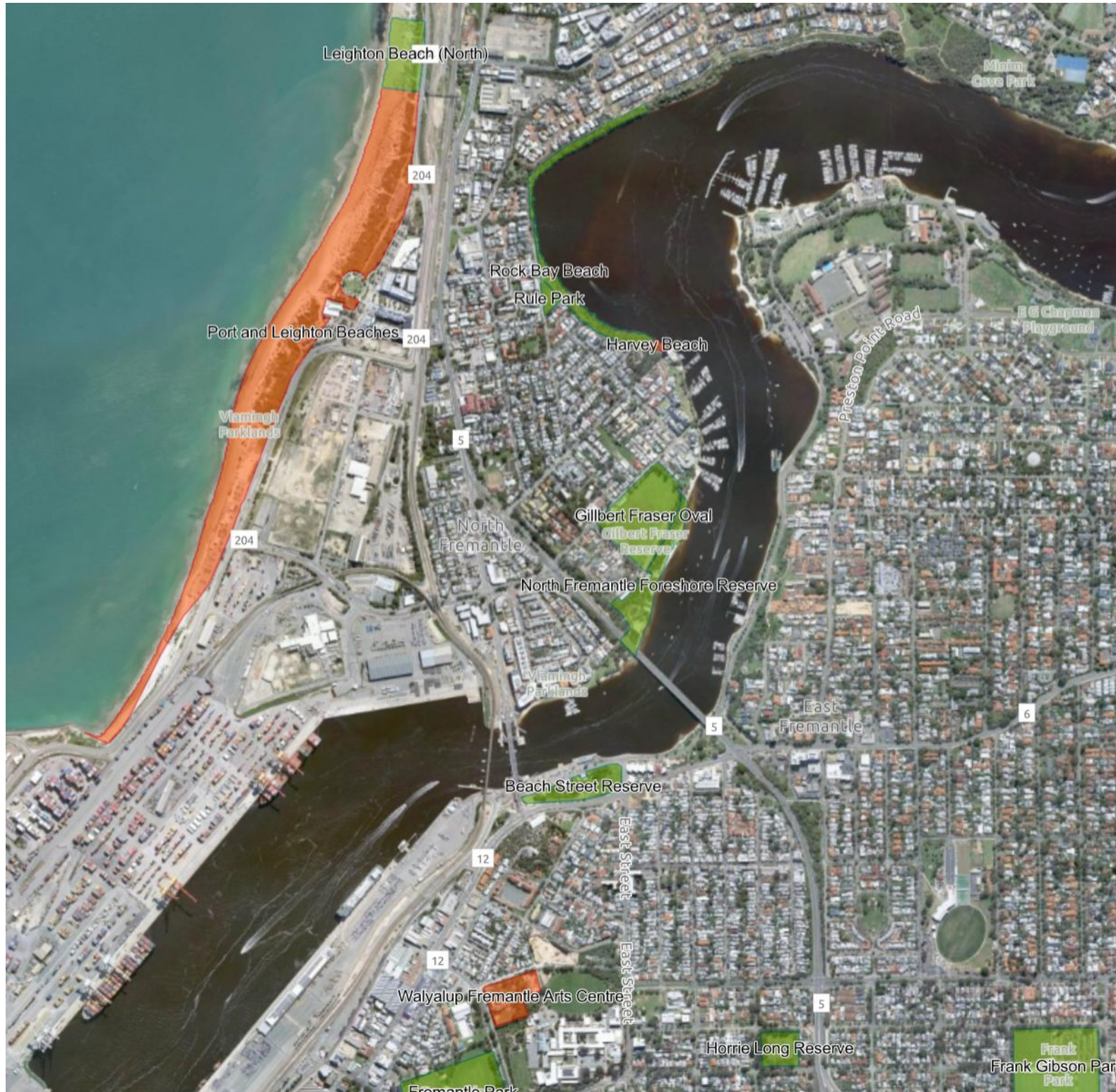
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| ⛔ Playgrounds (Dogs prohibited) | Green Dog exercise area |
| | Orange Dog exercise area - limited |
| | Red Dogs Prohibited |
| | Other: dogs on-lead or private property |

All City owned and managed Buildings are Dogs Prohibited.



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- ⛔ Playgrounds (Dogs prohibited)

Dog Areas

- Dog exercise area
- Dog exercise area - limited
- Dogs Prohibited
- Other: dogs on-lead or private property

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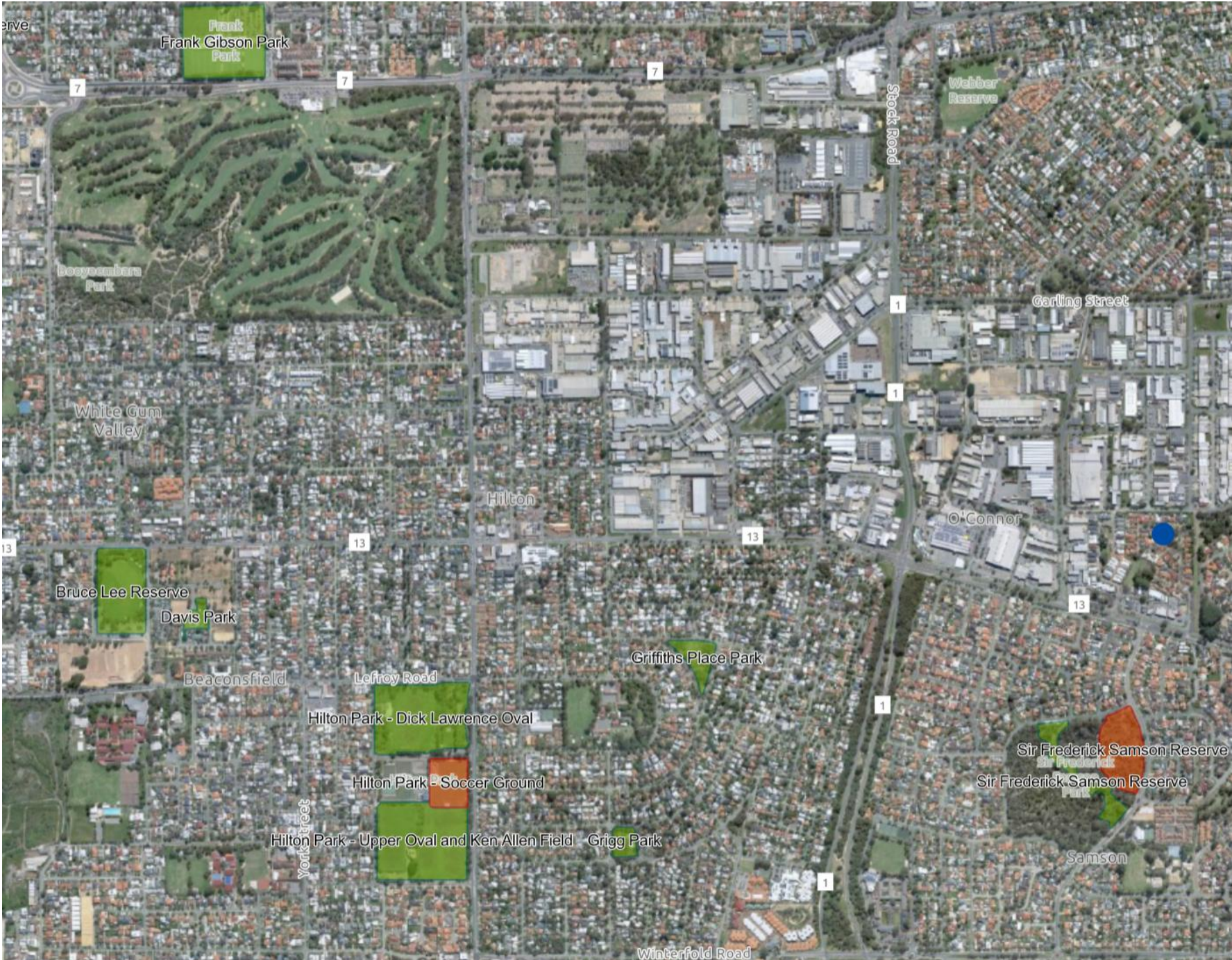


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- Legend**
- ★ Community Facilities (Dogs prohibited)
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- Dog Areas**
- Light Green: Dog exercise area
 - Yellow: Dog exercise area - limited
 - Orange: Dogs Prohibited
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Dogs settings

Simple, consistent dog rules keep everyone and wildlife safe with on-leash on hard paths, off-leash in signed open parkland, and no dogs in specified fenced playgrounds or fenced bushland zones. Clear signage at key entries and gates at select locations will remind visitors of the rules and support safe, wildlife-friendly use of the park.

-  Gate access - dogs on leash
-  Gate access - no dogs
-  Dogs allowed off-leash
-  Dogs allowed on-leash
-  No dog access

