

## Keeping of Animals

Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2022

Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2022

### Definitions

**Animal:** Animal means an organism (other than a Human Being) that is not a plant and includes eggs and semen. For example, cats, dogs, birds, stock, poultry etc

**Birds:** Birds means all birds other than special birds, poultry, roosters and racing pigeons

Animal	Circumstances in which keeping an animal is prohibited
Dog	<p>Keeping a dog on a vacant or unoccupied premises is prohibited</p> <p>Keeping of one (1) or two (2) dogs on a premises is allowed as long as the dogs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Microchipped and registered with Council</li> <li>• Contained within a proper enclosure on the premises that prevents the dog getting under, over or through the enclosure (including open gates)</li> <li>• Not causing amenity (including barking) nuisance.</li> </ul> <p>Keeping of 3 dogs on a premises will require a permit from Council and this will only be given in exceptional circumstances (e.g.: elderly parent moving in with a dog).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping 4 or more dogs on premises is prohibited</li> <li>• Dogs must be securely held on a leash when in public areas</li> <li>• Dog poo must be picked up when in a public place</li> <li>• Owners are responsible for the behaviour and control of their dog in designated off leash areas</li> <li>• Dogs are to be desexed – unless the owner is a responsible dog owner.</li> </ul>
Cat	<p>Keeping a cat on a vacant or unoccupied premise is prohibited.</p> <p>Keeping up to 2 cats on a premises is allowed if the cats are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adequately identified with owner's name, address &amp; phone no. (i.e.: Microchip or collar)</li> <li>• contained within an enclosure on the premises that is 10m from neighbouring premises, prevents the cat escaping from the premises onto the road &amp; has adequate shelter and water</li> <li>• not causing unreasonable nuisance</li> <li>• Cats are to be desexed – unless the owner is a responsible dog owner.</li> </ul>
Poultry	<p>Keeping up to 10 poultry is allowed on a premises if poultry are kept in an enclosure (house or run) which is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 metres from a dwelling on an adjoining premises &amp; a place where food is kept, processed or stored and,</li> <li>• not within 2 metres of any premises boundary or road.</li> </ul> <p>Keeping poultry on a premises that is less than 300 m<sup>2</sup> is prohibited</p> <p>Keeping more than 10 poultry in an urban area is prohibited</p>

Rooster	<p>Keeping a rooster on a premises less than 8,000m<sup>2</sup> is prohibited.</p> <p>Keeping a rooster closer than 50m from a neighbouring dwelling is prohibited.</p> <p>A rooster is required to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• contained within an enclosure on the premises that is 10m from neighbouring premises, prevents the roosters escaping from the premises onto the road &amp; has adequate shelter and water</li> <li>• kept so it does not causing unreasonable nuisance or become injurious or prejudicial to health.</li> </ul>
Bird	<p>Keeping more than 60 birds on a premises in an urban area is prohibited</p> <p>Birds must be kept so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• they do not cause a nuisance</li> <li>• they are enclosed in a cage or aviary</li> <li>• the cage or aviary is set back a minimum 2metres from each boundary of the premises</li> <li>• birds food is kept in a sealed vermin proof container.</li> </ul>
Noisy Bird	<p>Noisy Birds are described as:</p> <p>(a) a cacophonous bird such as a galah, sulphur-crested cockatoo, geese or guinea fowl, but does not include a rooster; or</p> <p>(b) a bird that is not a cacophonous bird about which a decision has been made for the purpose of section 11(2)(i) of Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2022 that the bird causes an unreasonable nuisance.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keeping a noisy bird is prohibited on a premises less than 600m<sup>2</sup>.</li> <li>2. Keeping more than 2 noisy birds on a premises smaller than 4000m<sup>2</sup> is prohibited.</li> <li>3. Keeping a noisy bird closer than 50m from a neighbouring dwelling is prohibited.</li> </ol>
Stock	<p>Keeping stock on a premises less than 8,000m<sup>2</sup> is prohibited</p> <p>Stables are to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not located within 10m of a dwelling on adjoining premises or a place used for manufacture, preparation or storage of food (owners domestic kitchen exempted)</li> <li>• set back min. 2m from each boundary of premises</li> <li>• located min. 20m from any watercourse, well or bore</li> <li>• stable floor covered with absorbent soft floor material changed every 6 weeks</li> <li>• planning approval compliance</li> <li>• maintained in good condition</li> </ul> <p>Stock are to be kept as per the Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals</p>
Bees	<p>On premises:</p> <p>Less than 800m<sup>2</sup> = bee hives are prohibited</p> <p>800m<sup>2</sup> – 2,000m<sup>2</sup> = 1 x hive permitted</p> <p>2,000m<sup>2</sup> – 10,000m<sup>2</sup> = 2-8 hives permitted</p>

	<p>10,000m<sup>2</sup>+ = 8+ hives permitted (Planning Approval may apply)</p> <p>Keeping non-native beehives closer than 15m from a neighbouring residence or place of public access is prohibited.</p>
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**Note:** These conditions do not apply to premises where a development approval pertains to the use of premises for animal husbandry

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