

1 Policy History

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2 Policy Objective

To establish a consistent procedure for dealing with postponed rates when (a) person(s) who occupy an eligible parcel of land where rates have been postponed, cease(s) to use or occupy the land solely as a site for a single dwelling or rural land, or has/have sold or transferred all or portion of the property.

3 Policy Statement

- 3.1 Where an eligible property ceases to be used or occupied as a site for a single dwelling house or as rural land, Council will require payment of all postponed rates and interest owing within 30 days of the date of the request for payment being made.
- 3.2 Where an eligible property has been sold, Council will advise the parties concerned of the postponed rates and interest owing and will request that the new owner/s make a fresh application to confirm that the property will continue to be used or occupied as a site for a single dwelling house or as rural land. If such confirmation is not received within 30 days, Council will remove the current postponement for that year, and recalculate rates based on higher land value from date of sale.
- 3.3 Where ownership of an eligible property has been transferred to another family member(s) (in the case of a deceased estate or other family law matters), Council will advise the new owner(s) of the postponed rates and interest owing and request a fresh application to confirm that they wish to continue with the entitlement. If such confirmation is not received within 30 days, Council will remove the current postponement for that year, and recalculate rates based on higher land value from date of sale.
- 3.4 Where a portion of an eligible property has been sold, Council will require payment of all postponed rates and interest owing. A new application can be made on the new parcel of land if relevant.

4 Definitions

None

5 Exceptions

None

6 Legislation

None

7 Related Documents

None

8 Directorate

Business Cultural and Financial Services