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OBJECTIVE

To restrict the number of dogs kept upon any property and determine standards for dog kennels and yards.

POLICY

Council reaffirm its previous decision to exercise its powers under Section 124(18) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended, to control and regulate the keeping of animals, in particular dogs, and adopt the following.

1. The restriction to apply only to those areas zoned as Residential 2(a) and Non-Urban Village 1(c), ie purely residential.
2. No dogs to be kept on commercial or industrial zoned property. This does not include a dog kept on such properties for security purposes.

3. The maximum number of dogs owned or maintained on any allotments, indicated in (1), to be at the following rate:

Allotment up to 1000 m ²	2 dogs
Allotments over 1000 m ²	1 additional dog per every 500 m ²

The maximum number of dogs on any one allotment to be 4.

4. Any dog kennels and associated pens to be located in a position approved by the Regulatory Services Manager.
5. All yards or other enclosed areas used for housing or containing dogs shall be kept free from any accumulation of dog faeces and/or any other waste material associated with the keeping of dogs.
6. In the case of racing and/or breeding kennels, the following also applies in addition to the above:
- a) The establishment of new racing or breeding kennels in Residential 2 (a) or Non-Urban 1(c) zones is not permitted.
 - b) Any persons wishing to keep more than the prescribed number of dogs on land zoned Residential 2(a) or Non-Urban 1(c) shall be licensed by Council and pay an annual fee equal to that charged for inspection of kennels ie, currently \$30.00.
 - c) Breeding or racing kennels in existence at the present time will be permitted to continue with a number of dogs, not greater than the maximum number registered at any one time with Council during the last two licensing periods, but in no case exceeding twice the number ordinarily permitted.
 - d) Not more than 2 breeding females may be so kept at any one time and pups shall be disposed of before the age of 6 months so that the maximum number of dogs kept on the premises does not exceed that permitted by Council.
 - e) All dogs shall be kennelled and penned at all times whilst on the premises.
 - f) Kennels and yards, pens, etc., shall be situated on the premises in a position approved by the Development Services Manager and in no case nearer than 15 metres from a dwelling, shop, school or other building used for human habitation or occupation and 2 metres from the property boundary.
 - g) Kennels and pens or yards shall be constructed, as required by Council.
 - h) Persons keeping dogs on premises, licensed or otherwise, are required to:
 - (i) keep the premises clean, free from offensive odour;
 - (ii) remove and dispose of dog faeces daily; and
 - (iii) to prevent the emission of offensive noise from the premises.
 - i) Failure to comply with these conditions will render the licence liable to cancellation.

Construction of Kennels and Yards

- j) Kennels shall be of timber or masonry construction, lined internally with smooth material, capable of being washed and easily cleaned.
- k) Floor shall be raised to prevent the ingress of surface water and shall be capable of being washed and water shall drain to the door or to a floor waste.
- l) Wall cladding shall be of approved wall cladding material.

- m) Roof shall be of approved roofing material and the kennels shall be weather-proof.
- n) The kennels shall be properly ventilated.
- o) The building shall stand on a concrete pad with an apron extending 1.8 metres in front to avoid the denuding of grass and the pounding of water.
- p) Pens or yards shall be suitably fenced with chain wire or similar material and of sufficient height to prevent the escape of the dogs and with construction at the base that will prevent the dog from burrowing under it.
- q) Clean water shall be provided at all times.
- r) Faeces shall be removed and disposed of daily. Disposal shall be to the satisfaction of Council.
- s) The kennels and surrounds shall be kept free from rodents and vermin and food shall be kept in suitable containers. Decomposed food shall not be permitted to remain on the premises.
- t) Kennels, yards, pens etc, shall not be erected or altered without the approval of Council.