

Guidelines for the keeping of poultry & pigeons

1.0 PREAMBLE

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide information in simple easy to read terms so that persons interested in keeping poultry or pigeons are made aware of relevant Local Authority requirements.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

“**Affiliated Person**” means a person who is a member of -

- (a) the Pigeon Federation of Western Australia;
- (b) the Fancy Utility Pigeon Club of Western Australia;
- (c) the Southern Districts Pigeon and Bantam Club; or and other properly constituted Pigeon Club.

“**poultry**” includes fowls, peafowls, turkeys, geese, ducks and other domestic fowls.

“**Rural**” means a rural zone as defined by the City’s Town Planning Scheme 1A.

“**Special Rural**” means a special rural zone as defined by the City’s Town Planning Scheme 1A.

3.0 APPROVAL PROCEDURE

The City of Mandurah Health Local Laws 1996 contains specific provisions relating to the keeping of poultry and pigeons within the municipality.

These local laws require an owner or occupier of a premises to obtain written approval from the City of Mandurah in order to keep a rooster, a goose or gander, a turkey or a peacock or peahen within the City of Mandurah. As a general rule, the City will only grant approval for the keeping of the above birds on land zoned ‘Special Rural’ or ‘Rural’.

All requests for approval must be submitted in writing to the Manager, Environmental Health, Rangers and Emergency Services.

4.0 STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS

All poultry must be kept in a structure or enclosure which has:-

- a) an unobstructed area of at least 30 square metres;
- b) a roof and walls constructed of smooth, impervious materials; and
- c) a concrete floor trowelled to a smooth finish and laid with a fall of 1 in 50 to the front.

All pigeons must be kept (except where registered homing pigeons are freed for exercise) in a pigeon loft or dove cote that:-

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- a) does not exceed 3.6 metres in height from the ground;
- b) is in a yard having an unobstructed area of at least 30 square metres; and
- c) is provided with a concrete floor trowelled to a smooth finish and laid with a fall of 1 in 50 to the front.

5.0 SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS

Poultry and pigeons must be kept at least:-

- (a) 15 metres from any dwelling house, public building or premises where food is stored, prepared, manufactured or sold;
- (b) 18 metres from any street or road, other than a right of way - Council will allow a lesser distance of 9 metres on properties located on the junctions of two or more streets.

Poultry must be continually confined within the property.

6.0 MAXIMUM NUMBERS

A person who is an affiliated person (written confirmation will be required) shall not keep more than 100 pigeons and 12 poultry on land within the municipality.

A person who is not an affiliated member shall not keep more than 12 poultry and pigeons on land within the municipality.

7.0 HYGIENE REQUIREMENTS

The occupier is responsible for maintaining all enclosures, cages, crates or lofts in a clean condition at all times.

All stored food must be kept in fly and vermin proof containers.

Faeces and other waste must be disposed of in such a manner that it is inaccessible to flies or vermin and will not create a nuisance to adjoining properties.

8.0 NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES OR ENCLOSURES

The Manager, Environmental Health, Rangers and Emergency Services may require that a structure or enclosure used for the keeping of poultry or pigeons which does not comply with the requirements of the City of Mandurah Health Local Laws 1996 to be removed.