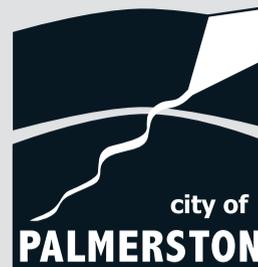


ADOPTED MUNICIPAL PLAN AND DECLARATION OF RATES & CHARGES 2014/15



City of Palmerston Council advises that its adopted Municipal Plan including estimates for the 2014/15 financial year is available from the Civic Plaza or on Council's website www.palmerston.nt.gov.au.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 158 of the Local Government Act 2008 that Council at its meeting on 1st July 2014 declared the following rates and charges to apply to the financial year ending 30 June 2015 pursuant to sections 155, 156 and 157 of the Local Government Act 2008 and as determined by the adopted estimates approved by the Council at its meeting held 1 July 2014.

THAT pursuant to Sections 155-156 of the Local Government Act, Council declares that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$16,715,734 which will be raised by the application of a combination of differential valuation-based charges ("differential rates") with minimum charges ("minimum amounts") being payable in application of each of those differential rates and a fixed charge (a "flat rate") for the financial year ending 30 June 2015 as follows:

- (a) In respect of all rateable land within the municipality zoned SD Single Dwelling Residential, MD Multiple Dwelling Residential, MR Medium Density Residential, HR High Density Residential, CV Caravan Parks, RR Rural Residential, RL Rural Living and R Rural under the Northern Territory Planning Scheme, a flat rate of \$1,155 for each allotment subject to a separate assessment of rates.
- (b) In respect of that class of rateable land within the municipality which is primarily used for sport and recreation purposes, being those allotments listed below, a flat rate of \$1,155:

Ratepayer	Lot No	Address
Top End Motorcross Club Inc	Lot 4185	Catalina Road, Marlow Lagoon
Palmerston Pistol Club Inc	Lot 4187	Vaney Road, Archer
Palmerston Golf & Country Club Inc	Lot 2884	Dwyer Cir Driver
Palmerston Golf & Country Club Inc	Lot 11025	Unknown Street Durack
Palmerston Cricket Club Inc	Lot 4626	Woodroffe Ave, Woodroffe
Palmerston Rugby Union Club Inc	Lot 4184	Bonson Tce, Moulden
Palmerston Game Fishing Club Inc	Lot 5850	Catalina Rd, Marlow Lagoon

- (c) In respect of all rateable land within the part of the municipality zoned LI Light Industry, GI General Industry and DV Development under the Northern Territory Planning Scheme, a differential rate of 0.710615% of the assessed value of such land with minimum amounts being payable in the application of that differential rate, being \$1,155 for each allotment subject to a separate assessment of rates.

Council considers:

all self storage units not intended for residential use in the municipality of Palmerston that are contained on a single parcel (ie, strata titled) to be small allotments for the purposes of section 148(3)(b) of the Act: and that an inequity would result if the minimum amount declared in respect of rateable land within Zone LI Light Industry, GI General Industry and DV Development were applied to these small allotments, and accordingly, Council declares a differential rate of 0.425247 % of the assessed value of such land with minimum amounts being payable in the application of that differential rate, being \$315 to be payable in respect of each of these small allotments subject to a separate assessment of rates.

- (d) In respect of all rateable land within the municipality not otherwise described above, a differential rate of 0.172839% of the assessed value of such land with minimum amounts being payable in the application of that differential rate, being \$1,155 for each allotment subject to a separate assessment of rates.

Charges

Pursuant to Section 157 of the Act, Council declares the following charges in respect of waste management services it provides for the benefit of all residential land within the municipality and the occupiers of such land.

THAT Council intends to raise \$5,168,218 by these charges.

For the purposes of this paragraph:

"residential dwelling" means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self contained residential unit or building on residential land and includes a unit within the meaning of the Unit Titles Act.

"residential land" means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes (but does not include land on which there is no residential dwelling).

THAT Council declares a charge of \$435 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of kerbside garbage collection, recycling collection services and the waste transfer station provided to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to, each residential dwelling within the municipality:

The services are –

- a kerbside collection service of two (2) garbage collection visits per week with a maximum of one 120 litre mobile bin at \$435 per garbage collection service; a kerbside recycling collection service of one (1) visit per fortnight with a maximum of one 240 litre mobile bin per recycling collection service; and
- the provision, management and operation of a waste transfer station.

Relevant interest rate

THAT the relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with Section 162 of the Act at the rate of 18% per annum and is to be calculated on a daily basis.

Payment

THAT rates and charges declared under this declaration may be paid by four (4) approximately equal instalments on the following dates, namely:-

- First Instalment, Friday, 26 September 2014
- Second Instalment, Wednesday, 26 November 2014
- Third Instalment, Tuesday, 27 January 2015
- Fourth Instalment, Thursday, 26 March 2015

- (a) Details of due dates and specified amounts will be listed on the relevant Notice of Rates and Charges.
- (b) Variations to those options for payment will be administered according to the conditions outlined on the front and reverse of the Notice of Rates and Charges.
- (c) A ratepayer who fails to abide by such conditions may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, late payment penalties, and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges.

THAT in accordance with Section 160 of the Local Government Act, a cash incentive of \$3,000 be provided to encourage the prompt payment of rates and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2015.

THAT the incentive be offered through the conduct of a draw to be known at the 'Early Bird Draw' whereby the City of Palmerston will offer a monetary prize to two successful recipients at \$1,500 each in accordance with the terms and conditions available on Council's website.

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