

POLICY: RATES – ACCUMULATION OF RATES BY AGED PENSIONERS & REBATES

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OBJECTIVE: To assist aged pensioners in the city through allowing rates to accumulate on properties and the provision of rebates.

ACCUMULATION OF RATES BY AGED PENSIONERS

Where, in the case of an aged pensioner who elects to do so, Council shall allow unpaid rates to accumulate and be paid from the estate of such aged pensioner or from the sale of the house provided that in such cases no Council rate rebate shall be granted.

RATES – PENSIONER CONCESSION REBATES

Council allow an additional reduction in the rates payable by eligible pensioners who are responsible for payment of rates on a dwelling or home unit. In order to be eligible persons must be in receipt of a "full pension" as defined by the State Government.

These classes of pensions include Aged, Invalid, Civilian Widows, Service, TPI, War Widows, Deserted Wives, Supporting Parents.

Pensioner rate reductions be allowed in respect of current year’s rates only, where there is conclusive proof that the person did in fact permanently reside in the subject premises at the relevant time.

Applicants are required to occupy the dwelling or home unit concerned as their sole or principal place of residence.

The concessions which will be allowed are subject to certain conditions but may be up to:

- (a) General Rate No Council concession granted
- (b) Water Rate Council concession 50% of the rate to a maximum of \$40.00

- (c) Sewerage Rate Council concession 50% of the rate to a maximum of \$40.00
- (d) Domestic Waste with a Food and Garden Waste Service provided - \$49.00

Those pensioners in receipt of a partial pension will not be eligible to receive the benefit of a Council concession.