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Melville

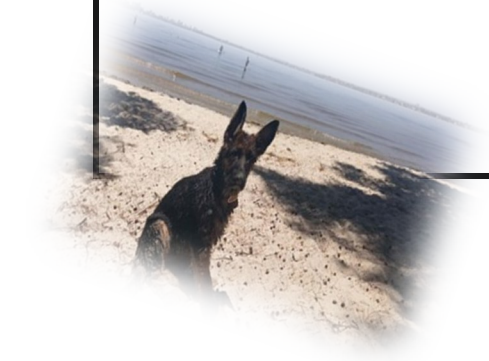


Dog Local Law

Report on Public Submissions

Agenda Briefing Forum

13 July 2021





Purpose and effect

- The **purpose** of the *City of Melville Dog Local Law 2021* is to provide for those matters in the *Dog Act 1976* (Dog Act) that may be dealt with under local laws.
- The **effect** of the *City of Melville Dog Local Law 2021* is to:
 - Provide for the **operation of a pound and charges** to be levied under section 29(4) of the Dog Act; and
 - Specify the **fencing requirements** for the keeping of dogs; and
 - Specify the **number of dogs that may be kept** in or at a premises; and
 - Make provision for the **licensing of kennel establishments**; and
 - State the **objection and appeal rights** available against certain decisions of the City under the local law; and
 - Provide for the **enforcement** of this local law.



Consultation

- Open for public comment 21 January to 15 March 2021
- 4 public submissions and 1 Departmental comment on proposed Dog Local Law



Active

Proposed Dog Local Law

Thank you for sharing your views on the proposed Dog Local Law.



Key variations from Dog Local Law 2005

- Objection and review rights;
- Process to apply for exemption to the specified limit on the number of dogs (to a maximum of 6);
- Removal of Part 5 and Schedules 4 and 5 relating to dog exercise areas and places where dogs are prohibited;
- Remove duplication with the Dog Act;
- Editing changes to be consistent with current legislative style.



Changes from published draft

After considering submissions:

- Reverted to fines of \$1,000 (\$100 modified penalty) for person's failure to remove their dog's excrement;
- Reworded provision on dog excrement to clarify intent;
- Deleted Part 5 (had no effect);
- Minor drafting changes as recommended by Department.

These are not considered to be a significant change from the law as proposed.



Next steps

If the recommendation to make the local law is supported:

- Council makes the Dog Local Law 2021 by **absolute majority**.
- Local law comes into effect 14 days after **publication** in the *Government Gazette*.
- **Local public notice** given that the local law has been made.
- Copies provided to **Minister** and **Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation**.