

NOTICES

1. PAYMENTS

- Payment may be made at the Office of the Council as shown on the face side hereof. Cheques and Money Orders should be made payable in the name of the Council. If bank notes are forwarded by post, the letter should be registered.
- **Where no election has been made to enter into an Instalment Option or alternative arrangements made, and where Rates and Service Charges remain outstanding 35 days after the date of issue, Legal Action may be taken for their recovery.**
- All costs associated with the Legal Action are recoverable from the Ratepayer and will be added to the account.

2. PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Ratepayers have the option of paying Rates and Charges by way of:
 1. Payment in full by the due date.
 2. Payment by instalment.
- Where the instalment option is taken, rate accounts shall be levied with an additional "Instalment Charge". Details of this charge are contained on the front of the notice. When paying instalments, Cheques and Money Orders should be made out for the exact amount of the instalment and should be paid by the due date to avoid penalty interest.

NOTE: Payment of the first instalment shall include all arrears outstanding from previous years.

3. LATE PAYMENT INTEREST

- **NO INSTALMENT OPTION TAKEN** - Interest shall begin to accrue on all Rates and Charges that remain unpaid 35 days after the date of issue. Eligible Pensioners are exempt.
- **INSTALMENT OPTION TAKEN** - Interest shall begin to accrue on any instalment payment that remains unpaid after the due date of the instalment, until such time as the instalment is paid. Eligible Pensioners are exempt.
- **ACCOUNT IN ARREARS** - Interest shall begin to accrue as of 1st July on all Rates and Charges, including previous interest charges, that remain in arrears. Eligible Pensioners are exempt. **NOTE:** Interest shall accrue on a daily basis using simple interest at a rate set by the Council in the Budget for that Financial Year.

4. OBJECTIONS AND APPEAL

Valuations – The assessment of rates is based on an equitably assessed value provided by the Valuer-General, Landgate. Under the *Valuation of Land Act 1978* any person liable to pay rate assessed in respect of land (for local government rates, the owner) including the authorised representative of such a person may object to the value used as a base and may serve upon the Valuer-General a written objection to the valuation, within 60 days after the date of the issue of this rate or tax assessment. All enquires to vs@landgate.wa.gov.au, call 08 9273 7341, or visit Landgate's website at www.landgate.wa.gov.au

Rate Record – the Local Government Act 1995 provides the grounds on which, and time and manner in which, individual objections and appeals may be made about entries in the Rate Record regarding ownership, or whether a property is rateable.

Note – rates must be paid, as assessed, by the due date irrespective of an objection being lodged. Any reduction in rates resulting from a successful objection will be refunded.

5. REBATES AND DEFERMENTS

(Applicable to RATES, E.S.L. and SEWERAGE for Koorda only. All other charges to be paid in full).

The rebates to pensioners & seniors under the Rates and Charges (Rebate and Deferments) Act 1992 are funded by the State Government of WA and are capped to an annual maximum.

- Pensioners who met the following eligibility criteria are entitled to claim a rebate of up to 50% off the current years rates, ESL and sewerage to the annual maximum.
- Seniors who meet the following eligibility criteria are entitled to claim a rebate of up to 25% off the current years rates, ESL and sewerage to the annual maximum.
- Eligibility Criteria - to be eligible for concessions under the **Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992**, an applicant must: be the owner and reside in the property on 1 July of the rating year;
- **if a Pensioner**, either:
 - be in receipt of a pension and hold a pensioner concession card or State concession card; or
 - hold a Seniors Card issued by the Office of Seniors Interests and a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card; or
- **if a Senior**, hold a Seniors Card issued by the Office of Seniors Interests;

register your entitlement with Council or the Water Corporation (concessions only apply once your application is received and registered).

The rebates to pensioners & seniors under the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992 are funded by the State Government of WA. A pro-rata rebate may be available from the date of registration to the Pensioners and Seniors who become eligible after 1 July of the rating year.

- Please contact Council where you have rate arrears outstanding on the property and you meet the eligibility criteria. You may be able to enter into an arrangement that entitles you to a rebate or deferment.

If your circumstances change - particularly with respect to your ownership or occupation of the property, or eligibility as a Senior or Pensioner - you must notify Council and the Water Corporation. Your registration will be cancelled or amended, as appropriate

Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in an application made pursuant to this section or who remains registered as an entitled pensioner knowing that they are not qualified to be so registered is guilty of an offence. Penalty \$1,000.00

REBATE REFERS TO CURRENT RATES, E.S.L. AND SEWERAGE ONLY. SERVICE CHARGES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY ALL RATEPAYERS.

6. EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

The ESL is a State Government Levy which is required to be collected by Local Government.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR ADDRESS PLEASE SHOW CURRENT DETAILS BELOW

NAME(S) IN FULL

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

DATE OF SALE

SIGNED DATE

ALL OWNERS TO SIGN

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT

BANK DETAILS

BSB: 633-000

Account: 153457353

**Use your Assessment Number
as Reference**

Thank you

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF
BANK DETAILS**