

**SHIRE OF TOODYAY
DOGS LOCAL LAW**

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DOG ACT 1976

SHIRE OF TOODYAY

DOGS LOCAL LAW

Under the powers conferred by the Dog Act 1976 and under all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Shire of Toodyay resolved on October 28, 1999 to make the following local law.

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

Citation

1.1 This local law may be cited as the Shire of Toodyay Dogs Local Law.

Repeal

The By Laws relating to Dogs published in the Government Gazette on December 13, 1929.
The By Laws relating to Dogs published in the Government Gazette on October 22, 1937.
The Draft Model By Law No.7 relating to Obstructing Animals and Vehicles published in the Government Gazette on February 20, 1966.
The By Laws relating to Control of Dogs published in the Government Gazette on October 12, 1979.
The By Laws relating to Dogs published in the Government Gazette on January 17, 1986.
The By Laws relating to Dogs published in the government Gazette on December 5, 1986.
The By Laws relating to the Control of Dogs published in the Government Gazette on December 8, 1989.
The By Laws relating to Dog Exercise Areas published in the Government Gazette on April 7, 1989.
The By-laws Relating to the Control of Dog published in the Government Gazette on 23 December, 1994, are repealed.

Definitions

1.3 In this local law unless the context otherwise requires -

“Act” means the Dog Act 1976;

“authorized person” means a person authorized by the local government to perform all or any of the functions conferred on an authorized person under this local law;

“CEO” means the Chief Executive Officer of the local government;

“district” has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the Act;

“local government” means the Shire of Toodyay;

“owner” has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the Act;

“person liable for the control of the dog” has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the Act;

“pound keeper” means a person authorized by the local government to perform all or any of the functions conferred on a “pound keeper” under this local law;

“premises” has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the Act;

“Regulations” means the Dog Regulations 1976;

“thoroughfare” has the meaning given to it in section 1.4 of the Local Government Act 1995;
and

“townsite” has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the Act.

Application

1.4 This local law applies throughout the district.

PART 2 - IMPOUNDING OF DOGS

Charges and costs

2.1 The following are to be imposed and determined by the local government under sections 6.16 - 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995 -

- (a) the charges to be levied under section 29(4) of the Act relating to the seizure and impounding of a dog;
- (b) the additional fee payable under section 29(4) of the Act where a dog is released at a time or on a day other than those determined under clause 2.2; and
- (c) the costs of the destruction and the disposal of a dog referred to in section 29(15) of the Act.

Attendance of pound keeper at pound

2.2 The pound keeper is to be in attendance at the pound for the release of dogs at the times and on the days of the week as are determined by the CEO.

Release of impounded dog

- 2.3 (1) A claim for the release of a dog seized and impounded is to be made to the pound keeper or in the absence of the pound keeper, to the CEO.
- (2) The pound keeper is not to release a dog seized and impounded to any person unless that person has produced, to the satisfaction of the pound keeper, satisfactory evidence of her or his ownership of the dog or of her or his authority to take delivery of it.

No breaking into or destruction of pound

- 2.4 A person who -
- (a) unless he or she is the pound keeper or a person authorized to do so, releases or attempts to release a dog from a pound; or
 - (b) destroys, breaks into, damages or in any way interferes with or renders not dog-proof-
 - (i) any pound; or

- (ii) any vehicle or container used for the purpose of catching, holding or conveying a seized dog, commits an offence.

Penalty: \$2,000.

PART 3 - REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON THE KEEPING OF DOGS

Dogs to be confined

- 3.1 (1) An occupier of premises on which a dog is kept must -
- (a) cause a portion of the premises on which the dog is kept to be fenced in a manner capable of confining the dog;
 - (b) ensure the fence used to confine the dog and every gate or door in the fence is of a type, height and construction which having regard to the breed, age, size and physical condition of the dog is capable of preventing the dog at all times from passing over, under or through it;
 - (c) ensure that every gate or door in the fence is kept closed at all times when the dog is on the premises and is fitted with a proper latch or other means of fastening it;
 - (d) maintain the fence and all gates and doors in the fence in good order and condition; and
 - (e) where no part of the premises consists of open space, yard or garden or there is no open space or garden or yard of which the occupier has exclusive use or occupation, ensure that other means exist on the premises (other than the tethering of the dog) for effectively confining the dog within the premises.
- (2) Where an occupier fails to comply with subclause (1), he or she commits an offence.

Penalty: Where the dog kept is a dangerous dog, \$2,000; otherwise \$1,000.

Limitation on the number of dogs

- 3.2 (1) This clause does not apply to premises which have been -
- (a) licensed under Part 4 as an approved kennel establishment; or
 - (b) granted an exemption under section 26(3) of the Act.
- (2) The limit on the number of dogs which may be kept on any premises is, for the purpose of section 26(4) of the Act -
- 2 dogs over the age of 3 months and the young of those dogs under that age
- (3) In accordance with Section 76(4) of the Act Council may approve a greater number of dogs than that prescribed in Item 3.2(2) of the Local Law.

PART 4 - APPROVED KENNEL ESTABLISHMENTS

Interpretation

4.1 In this Part and in Schedule 2 -

“licence” means a licence to keep an approved kennel establishment on premises;

“licensee” means the holder of a licence; and

“premises”, in addition to the meaning given to it in clause 1.3, means the premises described in the application for a licence.

Application for licence for approved kennel establishment

4.2 An application for a licence must be made in the form of that in Schedule 1, and must be lodged with the local government together with -

- (a) plans and specifications of the kennel establishment, including a site plan;
- (b) copies of the notices to be given under clause 4.3;
- (c) the fee for the application for a licence referred to in clause 4.8(1).

Notice of proposed use

4.3 (1) An applicant for a licence must give notice of the proposed use of the premises as an approved kennel establishment after the application for a licence has been lodged -

- (a) once in a newspaper circulating in the district; and
- (b) to the owners and occupiers of all premises adjoining the premises by registered mail or other proof of notification as deemed appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer.

(2) The notices in subclause (1) must specify that -

- (a) any written submissions as to the proposed use are to be lodged with the CEO within 14 days of the date the notice is given; and
- (b) the application and plans and specifications may be inspected at the offices of the local government.

When application can be determined

4.4 An application for a licence is not to be determined by the local government until -

- (a) the applicant submits proof that the notices referred to in clause 4.3(1) have been given;
- (b) the applicant has complied with clause 4.2; and
- (c) the local government has considered any written submissions received within the time specified in clause 4.3(2)(a) on the proposed use of the premises.

Where application cannot be approved

4.5 The local government cannot approve an application for a licence where -

- (a) a kennel establishment is not permitted on the premises under a town planning scheme; or
- (b) in the opinion of the local government, the kennel establishment would adversely affect the environment or amenity of the neighbourhood or be a nuisance to adjoining owners and occupiers.

Conditions of approval

- 4.6 (1) The local government may approve an application for a licence subject to the conditions contained in Schedule 2 and to such other conditions as the local government considers appropriate.
- (2) In respect of a particular application for a licence, the local government may vary any of the conditions contained in Schedule 2.

Compliance with conditions of approval

4.7 A licensee who does not comply with the conditions of a licence commits an offence.

Penalty: \$1,000 and a daily penalty of \$100.

Fees

- 4.8 (1) On lodging an application for a licence, the applicant is to pay a fee to the local government.
- (2) On the issue or renewal of a licence, the licensee is to pay a fee to the local government.
- (3) The fees referred to in subclauses (1) and (2) are to be imposed and determined by the local government under sections 6.16 - 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Form of licence

4.9 The licence is to be in the form determined by the local government and is to be issued to the licensee.

Period of licence

4.10 The period of effect of a licence is set out in section 27(5) of the Act.

Variation or cancellation of licence

- 4.11 (1) The local government may vary the conditions of a licence.
- (2) The local government may cancel a licence -
- (a) on the request of the licensee;
 - (b) following a breach of the Act, the Regulations or this local law; or
 - (c) if the licensee is not a fit and proper person.
- (3) The date a licence is cancelled is to be, in the case of -

- (a) paragraph (a) of subclause (2), the date requested by the licensee; or
 - (b) paragraphs (b) and (c) of subclause (2), the date determined under section 27(6) of the Act.
- (4) If a licence is cancelled the fee paid for that licence is not refundable for the term of the licence that has not yet expired.

Notification

4.12 The local government is to give written notice to -

- (a) an applicant for a licence of the local government's decision on her or his application;
- (b) a licensee of any variation made under clause 4.11(1);
- (c) a licensee when her or his licence is due for renewal and the manner in which it may be renewed;
- (d) a licensee of the cancellation of a licence under clause 4.11(2)(a); and
- (e) a licensee of the cancellation of a licence under paragraphs (b) or (c) of clause 4.11(2), which notice is to be given in accordance with section 27(6) of the Act.

Inspection of kennel

4.13 With the consent of the occupier, an authorized person may inspect an approved kennel establishment at any time.

PART 5 - DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

Places where dogs are prohibited absolutely

- 5.1 (1) Dogs are prohibited absolutely from entering or being in any of the following places -
- (a) where so indicated by a sign or a public building;
 - (b) a theatre or picture gardens;
 - (d) all premises or vehicles classified as food premises or food vehicles under the Health (Food Hygiene) Regulations 1993;
 - (e) a public swimming pool; and
 - (f) the following beaches, reserves and freehold land -
Reserve 27015, Toodyay Street(Toodyay Showgrounds)
- (2) If a dog enters or is in a place specified in subclause (1), every person liable for the control of the dog at that time commits an offence.

Penalty: Where the dog is a dangerous dog, \$2,000; otherwise \$1,000.

Places which are dog exercise areas

5.2 (1) Subject to clause 5.1 and subclause (2) of this clause, for the purposes of sections 31 and 32 of the Act, the following are dog exercise areas -



Reserve Number 27015, Toodyay Street, Toodyay

- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply to -
- (a) land which has been set apart as a children's playground;
 - (b) an area being used for sporting or other activities, as permitted by the local government, during the times of such use; or
 - (c) a car park.

PART 6 - MISCELLANEOUS

Offence to excrete

- 6.1 (1) A dog must not excrete on -
- (a) any thoroughfare or other public place; or
 - (b) any land which is not a public place without the consent of the occupier.
- (2) Subject to subclause (3), if a dog excretes contrary to subclause (1), every person liable for the control of the dog at that time commits an offence.

Penalty: \$200.

- (3) The person liable for the control of the dog does not commit an offence against subclause (2) if any excreta is removed immediately by that person.

PART 7 - ENFORCEMENT

Interpretation

7.1 In this Part -

“infringement notice” means the notice referred to in clause 7.3; and

“notice of withdrawal” means the notice referred to in clause 7.6(1).

Modified penalties

- 7.2 (1) The offences contained in Schedule 3 are offences in relation to which a modified penalty may be imposed.
- (2) The amount appearing in the third column of Schedule 3 directly opposite an offence is the modified penalty payable in respect of that offence if -
- (a) the dog is not a dangerous dog; or
 - (b) the dog is a dangerous dog, but an amount does not appear in the fourth column directly opposite that offence.

- (3) The amount appearing in the fourth column of Schedule 3 directly opposite an offence is the modified penalty payable in respect of that offence if the dog is a dangerous dog.

Issue of infringement notice

- 7.3 Where an authorized person has reason to believe that a person has committed an offence in respect of which a modified penalty may be imposed, he or she may issue to that person a notice in the form of Form 7 of the First Schedule of the Regulations.

Failure to pay modified penalty

- 7.4 Where a person who has received an infringement notice fails to pay the modified penalty within the time specified in the notice, or within such further time as may in any particular case be allowed by the CEO, he or she is deemed to have declined to have the offence dealt with by way of a modified penalty.

Payment of modified penalty

- 7.5 A person who has received an infringement notice may, within the time specified in that notice or within such further time as may in any particular case be allowed by the CEO, send or deliver to the local government the amount of the penalty, with or without a reply as to the circumstances giving rise to the offence, and the local government may appropriate that amount in satisfaction of the penalty and issue an acknowledgment.

Withdrawal of infringement notice

- 7.6 (1) Whether or not the modified penalty has been paid, an authorized person may withdraw an infringement notice by sending a notice in the form of Form 8 of the First Schedule of the Regulations.
- (2) A person authorized to issue an infringement notice under clause 7.3 cannot sign or send a notice of withdrawal.

Service

- 7.7 An infringement notice or a notice of withdrawal may be served on a person personally, or by leaving it at or posting it to her or his address as ascertained from her or him, or as recorded by the local government under the Act, or as ascertained from inquiries made by the local government.

SCHEDULE 1
(clause 4.2)

Local laws relating to dogs

Application for a licence for an approved kennel establishment

I/we (full name).....
of (postal address).....
(telephone number).....
(facsimile number).....
(E-mail address).....

Apply for a licence for an approved kennel establishment at (address of premises).....
.....

For (number and breed of dogs).....

* (insert name of person) will be residing at the premises on
and from (insert date)

* (insert name of person) will be residing in reasonably close
proximity to the premises at (insert address of
residence) on and from (insert date).

Attached are -

- (a) a site plan of the premises showing the location of the kennels and yards and all other buildings and structures and fences;
- (b) plans and specifications of the kennel establishment;
- (c) copy of notice of proposed use to appear in newspaper;
- (d) copy of notice of proposed use to be given to adjoining premises;
- (e) written evidence that a person will reside -
 - (i) at the premises; or
 - (ii) within reasonably close proximity to the premises; and
- (f) if the person in item (e) is not the applicant, written evidence that the person is a person in charge of the dogs.

Signature of applicant.....

Date.....

* delete where inapplicable.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Application fee paid on [insert date].

SCHEDULE 2
(clause 4.5(1))

Conditions of a licence for an approved kennel establishment

An application for a licence for an approved kennel establishment may be approved subject to the following conditions -

- (a) each kennel must have a yard attached to it;
- (b) each kennel and each yard must be at a distance of not less than -
 - (i) 25m from any thoroughfare or other boundary of the premises;
 - (ii) 10m from any dwelling; and
 - (iii) 25m from any church, school room, hall, factory, dairy or premises where food is manufactured, prepared, packed or stored for human consumption;
- (c) each yard must be securely fenced, and must be kept securely fenced, with a fence -
 - (i) where there is one breed of dog, of a height not less than 4 times the average height of the breed of dog (when it is fully grown) to which the fence is applicable; or
 - (ii) where there is more than one breed of dog, of a height not less than 4 times the average height of the larger breed of a dog (when it is fully grown), but where the average height exceeds 500mm the minimum height shall be 2m; and
 - (iii) with a top of at least a 135° inward angle not less than 300mm in length,
and the height of a dog is to be determined by measuring from the floor to the uppermost tip of its shoulder while in a stationary upright position;
- (d) each yard for a kennel must be kept securely fenced with a fence constructed of link mesh or netting or other materials approved by the local government;
- (e) external gates and doors for each yard or kennel must be fitted with efficient self-closing and latching mechanisms;
- (f) the minimum floor area for each kennel must be calculated at 2.5 times the length of the breed of dog (when it is fully grown), squared, times the number of dogs to be housed in the kennel and the length of the dog is to be determined by measuring from the base of the tail to the front of its shoulder;
- (g) the floor area of the yard attached to any kennel or group of kennels must be at least twice the floor area of the kennel or group of kennels to which it is attached;
- (h) the upper surface of the kennel floor must be at least 100mm above the surface of the surrounding ground and must be constructed of granolithic cement finished to a smooth impervious surface having a fall of not less than 1 in 100 to a spoon drain which in turn must lead to a 100mm diameter sewerage pipe which must be properly laid, ventilated and trapped in accordance with the health requirements of the local government.

- (i) all kennel floor washings must pass through the drain in item (h) and must be piped to approved apparatus for the bacteriolytic treatment of sewage in accordance with the health requirements of the local government;
- (j) the kennel floor must have a concrete upstand rising 75mm above the floor level from the junction of the floor and external and internal walls, or internal walls must be so constructed as to have a minimum clearance of 50mm from the underside of the bottom plate to the floor;
- (k) The floor of any yard must be constructed in the same manner as the floor of any kennel;
- (l) the lowest internal height of any kennel must be 2m from the floor;
- (m) the walls of each kennel must be constructed of concrete, brick, stone or framing sheeted internally and externally with good quality new zincalume or new pre-finished colour coated steel sheeting or new fibrous cement sheeting or other material approved by the local government;
- (n) all external surfaces of each kennel must be kept in good condition and if directed by an authorized person, are to be painted or re-painted with good quality paint;
- (o) the roof of each kennel must be constructed of impervious material;
- (p) all kennels and yards and drinking vessels must be maintained in a clean condition and must be cleaned and disinfected when so ordered by an authorized person;
- (q) all refuse, faeces and food waste must be disposed of daily into the approved apparatus for the bacteriolytic treatment of sewage;
- (r) noise, odours, fleas, flies and vermin must be effectively controlled;
- (s) water must be available at the kennel via a properly supported standpipe and tap; and
- (t) the licensee or the person nominated in the application for a licence, must, in accordance with the application for the licence, continue to reside -
 - (i) at the premises; or
 - (ii) in reasonably close proximity to the premises,so as to keep the dogs under effective control.

SCHEDULE 3
(clause 7.2)

Offences in respect of which modified penalty applies

Offence	Nature of Offence	Modified Penalty \$	Modified Penalty \$
2.3(a)	Attempting to or causing the unauthorized release of a dog from a pound.	200	
2.4(b)&(c)	Interfering with any pound or vehicle used for the purpose of catching, holding or conveying dogs.	200	
3.1	Failing to provide means for effectively confining a dog.	50	200
4.7	Failing to comply with the conditions of a licence.	100	
5.1(2)	Dog in place from which prohibited absolutely	200	400
6.1(2)	Dog excreting in prohibited place	40	

Dated this day of 199 .

The Common Seal of the)
Shire of Toodyay was)
affixed in the presence of:)

A.J.W. Bolton, President

A Smith, Chief Executive Officer