



2019 / 2020 RATES AND CHARGES RESOLUTION

THAT pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Fire Service Act 1979*, the Southern Midlands Council ("Council") makes the following rates and charges upon rateable land within the municipal area of Southern Midlands ("the municipal area") for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020:

1. General Rates

- (a) Pursuant to section 90 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("the Act"), Council makes a general rate of 8.6073 cents in each dollar of the Assessed Annual Value ("AAV") for all rateable land within the municipal area shown on the valuation list, prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001* ("the Valuation List"), subject to a minimum amount payable of \$320.00 pursuant to section 90(4) of the Act.
- (b) Pursuant to section 107(1)(a) of the Act, Council declares that the general rate of 8.6073 cents in the dollar of the AAV (as previously made) varies within the municipal area according to the classification of that land in the Valuation List as follows:
- (i) For land in the municipal area that is classified as primary production in the Valuation List (both land that is classified as vacant and land that is not vacant), the general rate is varied by reducing the amount of 8.6073 cents in the dollar of the AAV by 0.2037 cents, to 8.4036 cents in the dollar of the AAV; and
 - (ii) For land in the municipal area that is classified as residential in the Valuation List (excluding vacant residential land), the general rate is varied by reducing the amount of 8.6073 cents in the dollar of the AAV by 1.2542 cents, to 7.3531 cents in the dollar of the AAV; and
 - (iii) For land in the municipal area that is classified as residential in the Valuation List and identified as vacant residential land, the general rate is varied by reducing the amount of 8.6073 cents in the dollar of the AAV, by 0.9344 cents, to 7.6729 cents in the dollar of the AAV.

2. Waste Management Charge

- (a) Pursuant to section 94(3) of the Act, Council makes the following variable service charge in respect of the service of waste management, to be called the 'Waste Management Charge', upon all rateable land. Council declares that the charge is to be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

- (i) for rateable land upon which a dwelling or dwellings are constructed, as recorded in the Valuation List:

Waste Management Charge = \$165.00 x D, where D is the number of dwellings on the rateable land capable of being occupied as stated in the Valuation List.

- (ii) for rateable land upon which no dwelling is constructed, as recorded in the Valuation List:

Waste Management Charge = \$55.00

3. Garbage Removal Charge

- (a) Pursuant to section 94(1) of the Act, Council makes the following separate services charge upon all rateable land in respect of the service of waste management, to be called the 'Garbage Removal Charge', of \$170.00.
- (b) Pursuant to section 94(3A) of the Act, Council declares that the Garbage Removal Charge is varied according to the level of service provided as follows:
 - (i) for the land identified by Property Identification Number 3124789, the Garbage Removal Charge is \$3,570.00;
 - (ii) for land to which the Council does not provide a fortnightly garbage removal service and kerbside recycling service, the Garbage Removal Charge is \$0.00.

4. Fire Service Contributions

- (a) Pursuant to section 93A of the Act and the *Fire Services Act* 1979, Council makes the following fire protection service rate:
 - (i) for all rateable land within the Oatlands & Kempton Volunteer Brigade Rating District, an amount of 0.3975 cents in the dollar on the AAV, subject to a minimum amount of \$41.00;
 - (ii) for all other rateable land in the municipal area, an amount of 0.3612 cents in the dollar on the AAV, subject to a minimum amount of \$41.00.

5. Instalments

- (a) These rates and charges are for the year commencing 1st July 2019 and ending 30th June 2020 and are payable by four (4) equal instalments, the first payable 30 days after the issue of the rates notices, the second by 4.30 p.m. on 29th November 2019, the third by 4.30 p.m. on 31st January 2020 and the fourth by 4.30 p.m. on 31st March 2020.
- (b) Where a ratepayer elects to enter into an arrangement to pay the current rates and charges by monthly, fortnightly, or weekly instalments via one of the electronic payment options (including direct debit), then the instalment amounts will be calculated to settle the debt by 30th June 2020. Penalty and interest will not be applied on any of the 2019-20 rates and charges at the relevant date, provided that the instalment arrangements are adhered to. In the event of default, penalty and interest is to be calculated on the outstanding amounts.

6. Late Payments

- (a) Pursuant to section 128(1)(c) of the Act, Council will apply a penalty and charge a daily amount of interest, if any rate or instalment is not paid on or before the date they fall due, in accordance with the following:
 - (i) Penalty: A penalty of 5% of the unpaid rate or instalment applies to any amount that is not paid on or before the date it falls due; and
 - (ii) Interest: In addition to the penalty, a daily interest will apply to any unpaid rate or instalment that are not paid on or before the date they fall due, at the rate of 7.5% per annum, and is to be calculated on a daily basis for the period during which it remains unpaid.

7. Discount

- (a) Pursuant to section 130 of the Act, a discount of 1.7% will apply to all rates and charges paid in full within 30 days after the date of issue. This discount is not applicable to rates and charges which are paid by instalments.