

Keeping of Animals Policy

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1. Introduction

The City of Stonnington (Council) recognises that keeping animals is highly beneficial to the health and wellbeing of people in the community. However, at times Council receives complaints about the type and number of animals kept, welfare issues and nuisances to neighbours.

The purpose of the Keeping of Animals Policy is to provide guidance to the community and Council about the circumstances when a permit will be granted for keeping additional animals. Further, the policy provides obligations on land owners and occupiers for keeping animals for achieving positive community and animal welfare outcomes.

Part 15 of Council's General Local Law No.1 regulates animals and birds in the municipality of Council. This policy has been prepared as an incorporated document to the Local Law.

2. Principles

The policy is based on the following principles:

- responsible pet ownership
- keeping animals in a way that protects the health and welfare of the animal
- consideration of the needs of the broader community.

The above principles include:

- providing clean and appropriate housing for the animal(s)
- keeping animals confined to their properties
- providing sufficient room to move
- protecting the animal(s) from the elements
- supplying regular appropriate food and fresh water
- ensuring that housing and food storage areas are kept free of vermin
- providing appropriate routine veterinary services
- seeking a Council permit for keeping animals where applicable
- providing an appropriate amount of exercise
- complying with state government legislation and codes of practice (including but not limited to the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*), Council's Local Laws and Council Orders
- not creating a nuisance to neighbouring residents.

3. Application

This policy applies to all areas of the municipality of Council.

This policy applies to all animals kept within the municipality of Council including animals kept for domestic purposes, as companion animals, as pets or for hobby interests.

4. How this Policy Will be Used

Council's Local Law outlines the type and number of animals that may be kept without a permit.

This policy provides guidance to the community on the circumstances and minimum requirements for which a permit will be granted to keep certain animals and additional animals.

5. Animals Not Covered by this Policy

- Australian wildlife that is licensed pursuant to the provisions of the *Wildlife Act 1975* and *Wildlife Regulations 2002*.
- Any animal that is regulated by state or Commonwealth legislation via a permit and conditions for keeping the animal.

6. Keeping Bees

People who wish to keep bees in the City of Stonnington should contact Council to determine if a Planning Permit is required before proceeding with registration as a beekeeper under state government legislation.

Provided that requirements of the *Apiary Code of Practice 2011* and the *Livestock Disease Control Act 1994* are met, residents are permitted to keep bees. The *Apiary Code of Practice* addresses types of apiculture, definitions of practices, management requirements and statutory requirements. Of note is the limitation on the number of hives allowed to be kept, depending on the size of the property.

The *Livestock Disease Control Act* requires beekeepers with one or more hives to be registered with the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) as a beekeeper. Registration enables DEDJTR to conduct disease prevention and control programs for the benefit of beekeepers.

7. Additional Dogs or Cats

Clause 165 (1) of the Local Law provides that an owner and occupier of land must not, without a Permit, keep or allow to be kept on that land at any time no more than the number of dogs and cats specified.

An owner or occupier of land may make an application for keeping additional dogs or cats.

A permit may be granted if the matters specified in section 11 of the policy are met.

8. Prohibited Animals

Pursuant to clause 166 (3) of the Local Law, the following animals are specified and prohibited in the City of Stonnington:

- pigs (i.e. all animals from the family 'Suidae')
- roosters
- peafowl
- cows (i.e. all animals from the sub-family 'Bovinae')
- alpaca, llama and camels (i.e. all animals from the family 'Camelidae')
- deer (i.e. all animals from the family 'Cervidae')
- horses higher than 107 cm (i.e. 10.2 hands).

9. Requirements for The Keeping of Animals

Pursuant to clause 166(2) of the Local Law the following requirements are imposed on an owner or occupier of land on which an animal is kept:

- (a) Animal housing must comply with the requirements for keeping the animal type in section 10 of the policy.
- (b) All food/grain must be kept in a vermin-proof receptacle.
- (c) The land on which animals are kept must be maintained in a sanitary and inoffensive condition.
- (d) The ground or other surface under and surrounding the animal housing must be adequately drained.
- (e) All waste must be removed from the animal housing regularly and composted or placed in a fly- and vermin-proof receptacle with impervious walls and floor and be disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- (f) An animal housing must not be:
 - (i) within 4 metres of any adjoining habitable building; and
 - (ii) within 1 metre of the property fence line.
- (g) All animals must be provided with adequate and appropriate food, water and shelter to maintain their health and wellbeing.
- (h) All animals must be:
 - (i) securely confined to the property; and
 - (ii) property fencing must be structurally sound and adequate to contain and ensure the safety of all animals.
- (i) Animals must not cause a nuisance or detrimentally affect the amenity of the neighbourhood.
- (j) All animals must be provided with veterinary care or treatment in the event they become sick or injured. Treatment must be provided in a timely manner.

10. Table of Requirements for Keeping Animals

Poultry <i>Means any animal from the order 'Galliformes'</i>					
Prohibited animals	Allowable animals	Maximum allowable number	Minimum property land size	Minimum distance from neighbour	Specific conditions for keeping animal types (in addition to General Permit Conditions and Local Law requirements)
Rooster Peafowl	Chicken Quail Partridge Pheasant Grouse Duck Goose Guinea fowl Turkey	Up to 6, may be varied pending inspection and in accordance with individual specific Permit conditions	Assessed on an individual basis	4 metres from any habitable room window – to minimise nuisance by noise/smell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The design of the coop* must be approved by Council before use. The minimum coop space for each individual bird kept must be as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> large fowl (chickens) – 0.4 m² per bird Bantams (chickens) – 0.4 m² per bird ducks (excluding Muscovy) – 1.0 m² per bird Muscovy ducks and geese – 2.0 m² per bird turkeys – 3.0 m² per bird quail, partridge, grouse, guinea fowl, 0.4 m² per bird. The coop must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> have a weatherproof area that includes an adequate roosting/nesting area have a (separate) weatherproof area for the birds to perch off the ground, at a minimum of 30 cm high have an external area to allow birds to exhibit natural behaviours (e.g. scratching, dust bathing) be constructed to ensure the animals housed are safe and secure from vermin and predators (e.g. foxes) be of sound construction using materials that are appropriate and fit for the purpose for which they are being used have appropriate ground cover for the external floor area. <p>* Coop = a cage, pen or enclosure in which poultry are kept.</p>
Pigeons <i>Means any animal from the order 'Columba'</i>					
Prohibited animals	Allowable animals	Maximum allowable number	Minimum property land size	Minimum distance from neighbour	Specific conditions for keeping animal types (in addition to General Permit Conditions and Local Law requirements)
Nil	Pigeon Dove	Up to 10, may be varied pending inspection and in accordance with individual specific permit conditions	Assessed on an individual basis	6 metres from any habitable room window – to minimise nuisance by noise/smell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The design of the pigeon loft/housing must be approved by Council before use. A pigeon loft/housing must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be at least the following dimensions: 180 cm (width) x 210 cm (length) x 180 cm (height) be of sound construction and of materials that are fit for the purpose for which they are being used be constructed on hard paving with a smooth surface and which is adequately drained, or on a suspended floor elevated a minimum of 800 mm above the ground and adequately drained be managed to ensure that manure does not become wet and, if so, is removed in accordance with clause 9(e) of this policy be cleaned regularly by collecting manure and disposed of in accordance with clause 9(e) of this policy if the loft is to keep racing pigeons, have a visible landing platform that is adequate for pigeons to land. Birds must not be allowed to roost on neighbouring buildings. 'Open' lofts are not permitted. Free lofting is not permitted. Pigeons, other than when engaged in a club race, may only be out of the loft or housing for a maximum of 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon unless approved in writing by Council.

Large Birds <i>Means any animal from the order 'Struthioniformes'</i>					
Prohibited animals	Allowable animals	Maximum allowable number	Minimum property land size	Minimum distance from neighbour	Specific conditions for keeping animal types (in addition to General Permit Conditions and Local Law requirements)
Nil	Ostrich Emu	1	4,000 m ² undeveloped land (i.e. no buildings/dwellings)	4 metres from any habitable room window – to minimise nuisance by noise/smell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) has a Code of Practice for the Keeping of Captive Emus, with which residents keeping these large birds must comply.
Cockatoos and Parrots <i>Means any animal from the order 'Psittaciformes'</i>					
Prohibited animals	Allowable animals	Maximum allowable number	Minimum property land size	Minimum distance from neighbour	Specific conditions for keeping animal types (in addition to General Permit Conditions and Local Law requirements)
Nil	All	Up to 2, may be varied pending inspection and in accordance with individual specific permit conditions	Assessed on an individual basis	6 metres from any habitable room window – to minimise nuisance by noise/smell (if housed outside)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) has a Code of Practice for the Housing of Caged Birds with which residents keeping birds must comply. Some protected species require their owners to be licensed. Cages and aviaries must be of a size that is appropriate for the type and number of birds Cages and aviaries must be regularly cleaned in accordance with clause 9(e) of the Policy. Cages and aviaries must be located at a distance from adjoining premises to ensure that noise emanating from the cage or aviaries do not detrimentally affect the amenity of the area.
Cattle, Sheep and Goats <i>Means any animal from the family 'Bovidae'</i>					
Prohibited animals	Allowable animals	Maximum allowable number	Minimum property land size	Minimum distance from neighbour	Specific conditions for keeping animal types (in addition to General Permit Conditions and Local Law requirements)
Cows (i.e. all animals from the sub-family Bovinae)	Sheep Goats	1	4,000 m ² undeveloped land (i.e. no buildings/dwellings)	4 metres from any habitable room window – to minimise nuisance by noise/smell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) has numerous policy documents and codes of practice around keeping livestock as pets. All livestock must be kept in accordance with these guidelines. This includes but is not limited to housing, fencing and exercise facilities.
Horses <i>Means any animal from the family 'Equidae'</i>					
Prohibited animals	Allowable animals	Maximum allowable number	Minimum property land size	Minimum distance from neighbour	Specific conditions for keeping animal types (in addition to General Permit Conditions and Local Law requirements)
Horses higher than 107 cm (10.2 hands)	Horses less than or equal to 107 cm height (10.2 hands)	1	4000 m ² undeveloped land (i.e. no buildings/dwellings)	4 metres from any habitable room window – to minimise nuisance by noise/smell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) has a Code of Practice for the Welfare of Horses. All horses must be kept in accordance with these guidelines. This includes but is not limited to housing, fencing and exercise facilities for horses. Note that 107cm (10.2 hands) is official maximum height of the Shetland Pony breed.

Ferrets <i>Means any animal from the family 'Mustelidae'</i>					
Prohibited animals	Allowable animals	Maximum allowable number	Minimum property land size	Minimum distance from neighbour	Specific conditions for keeping animal types (in addition to General Permit Conditions and Local Law requirements)
Nil	Ferrets (Mustela putorius furo)	2	Assessed on an individual basis	4 metres from any habitable room window – to minimise nuisance by noise/smell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The design of the ferret hutch must be approved by Council before use. A ferret hutch must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be at least the following dimensions for 2 ferrets: 1 m (length), 60 cm (width) and a minimum of 50 cm (height) have an area to protect ferrets from the elements, an area for exercise, an area for eating and an area for sleeping have a sleeping area of a bedding of soft hay or shredded paper that is waterproof be constructed to ensure that ferrets are safe and secure from vermin and predators be constructed to ensure that the hutch is well ventilated be of sound construction and of materials that are fit for the purpose for which they are being used have multiple levels connected by gently sloping ramps and tunnels be cleaned every second day by collecting manure and disposing of the manure in accordance with clause 9(e) of this policy.
Additional Dogs or Cats <i>Means domestic dogs or cats in excess of the number allowed under Local Law (i.e. breeds as permitted under the Domestic Animals Act 1994)</i>					
Prohibited animals	Allowable animals	Maximum allowable number	Minimum property land size	Minimum distance from neighbour	Specific conditions for keeping animal types (in addition to General Permit Conditions and Local Law requirements)
Prohibited breeds in accordance with the <i>Domestic Animals Act 1994</i>	Assessed on an individual basis	Assessed on an individual basis	Assessed on an individual basis	Assessed on an individual basis	<p>All animals must be registered with the City of Stonnington and renewed annually.</p> <p>All animals must be kept in accordance with the requirements of the Domestic Animals Act.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each application will be assessed and determined on an individual basis, depending on the number, type and characteristics of additional dogs or cats to be kept as companion animals. The breeding of cats and dogs is handled in accordance with the Domestic Animal Business provisions within the Domestic Animals Act and involves a statutory mandated application and registration process. Please contact Council for further information.
Pigs <i>Means any animal from the family 'Artiodactyla'</i>					
Prohibited animals	Allowable animals	Maximum allowable number	Minimum property land size	Minimum distance from neighbour	Specific conditions for keeping animal types (in addition to General Permit Conditions and Local Law requirements)
All Suidae (pig) species	Nil	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

11. Permit and Inspection Process

An owner or occupier of land intending to make an application for a Permit should take the following steps:

1. Review this policy.
2. Contact the Animal Management Unit to initially discuss the options for keeping animals including specific requirements for keeping different animal types.
3. Complete the online Keeping of Animals Permit Application Form, or request that a hard copy of the Keeping of Animals Permit Application Form be mailed out.

Once an application has been submitted together with the Permit application fee, Council will consider and determine the application.

In determining whether a permit will be granted, an Animal Management Officer may inspect the premises and consider the following where relevant:

- the matters set out in clause 10 in relation to the animal that is the subject of the application
- the Planning Scheme zone of the land
- the proximity of the area proposed to house the animal to adjoining land
- the amenity of the area
- the type, characteristics and numbers of existing animals kept on the land
- the type and additional numbers of animals to be kept on the land
- the available area of land for keeping the animals
- the likely effects on adjoining owners or occupiers
- the adequacy of animal shelter and housing
- the impacts on the welfare of existing and proposed animals as well as any additional impacts on adjoining premises
- any other matter relevant to the circumstances associated with the application.

Permits may be granted with specific conditions, depending on the animal type to be kept.

Permits may be reviewed annually, or where a complaint has been made.

12. Permit Application Forms



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 Malvern Town Hall
 PO Box 58
 Malvern 3144
 Phone: 8290 1333
 Fax: 9521 2255
 www.stonnington.vic.gov.au

Keeping of Animals Permit Application

GENERAL LOCAL LAW 2018 (NO.1)

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name:			
Phone:		Mobile phone:	
Address:			
Suburb:		Postcode:	
Email:			

NEW ANIMAL DETAILS

(Please list animals for which you are seeking a permit. If this application is for an animal you have yet to acquire, please fill out as much information as possible in the table below – roosters, peafowl and all types of pig are prohibited)

Type	Breed	Age	Sex (male/female)	Number of animals

Property land size m²: _____

Describe the housing that will be provided: _____

CURRENT ANIMALS

Provide details of your current animals:	
Provide any other information relevant to your application:	

PLEASE ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS, PLANS OR DIAGRAMS THAT MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION

I have read the Keeping of Animals Policy and understand both the General Permit Conditions for keeping animals in the City of Stonnington and the specific permit conditions for keeping specific animal types – and state that I am able to comply with these conditions. I understand that inspection may be required prior to permit approval and that permits may be reviewed on an annual basis, or where a complaint has been made. I understand that these requirements will be enforced by Council.

Applicant's signature:	Date:
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Note: All permit conditions must be complied with for your application to be successful. Failure to complete the required information may result in your application being delayed.

Keeping of Animals – General Permit Conditions

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- (b) All food/grain must be kept in a vermin-proof receptacle.
- (c) The land on which animals are kept must be maintained in a sanitary and inoffensive condition.
- (d) The ground or other surface under and surrounding the animal housing must be adequately drained.
- (e) All waste must be removed from the animal housing regularly and composted or placed in a fly- and vermin-proof receptacle with impervious walls and floor and be disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- (f) An animal housing must not be:
 - (i) within 4 metres of any adjoining habitable building
 - (ii) within 1 metre of the property fence line.
- (g) All animals must be provided with adequate and appropriate food, water and shelter to maintain their health and wellbeing.
- (h) All animals must be:
 - (i) securely confined to the property.
 - (ii) Property fencing must be structurally sound and adequate to contain and ensure the safety of all animals.
- (i) The owner and occupier of land must ensure that animals do not cause a nuisance or detrimentally affect the amenity of the neighbourhood.
- (j) All animals must be provided with veterinary care or treatment in the event they become sick or injured. Treatment must be provided in a timely manner.



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Keeping of Animals POULTRY Permit Application

GENERAL LOCAL LAW 2018 (NO.1)

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name:			
Phone:		Mobile phone:	
Address:			
Suburb:		Postcode:	
Email:			

POULTRY DETAILS

(Please list poultry for which you are seeking a permit. If this application is for poultry you have yet to acquire, please fill out as much information as possible in the table below – roosters and peafowl are prohibited)

Type (e.g. chicken)	Breed (e.g. bantam)	Age (e.g. 3 months)	Sex (e.g. male/female)	Number of poultry

Property land size m²:	
Describe the housing that will be provided (e.g. coop or existing shed):	

CURRENT ANIMALS

Provide details of your current animals:	
Provide any other information relevant to your application:	

PLEASE ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS, PLANS OR DIAGRAMS THAT MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION

I have read the Keeping of Animals Policy and understand both the General Permit Conditions for keeping animals in the City of Stonnington and the specific permit conditions for keeping poultry – and state that I am able to comply with these conditions. I understand that inspection may be required prior to permit approval and that permits may be reviewed on an annual basis, or where a complaint has been made. I understand that these requirements will be enforced by Council.

Applicant's signature:	Date:
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Note: All permit conditions must be complied with for your application to be successful. Failure to complete the required information may result in your application being delayed.

Keeping of Animals – General Permit Conditions

Pursuant to clause 166(2) of the Local Law the following requirements are imposed on an owner or occupier of land on which an animal is kept:

- (a) Animal housing must comply with the requirements for keeping the animal type – as outlined in the Keeping of Animals Policy.
- (b) All food/grain must be kept in a vermin-proof receptacle.
- (c) The land on which animals are kept must be maintained in a sanitary and inoffensive condition.
- (d) The ground or other surface under and surrounding the animal housing must be adequately drained.
- (e) All waste must be removed from the animal housing regularly and composted or placed in a fly- and vermin-proof receptacle with impervious walls and floor and be disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- (f) An animal housing must not be:
 - (i) within 4 metres of any adjoining habitable building; and
 - (ii) within 1 metre of the property fence line.
- (g) All animals must be provided with adequate and appropriate food, water and shelter to maintain their health and wellbeing.
- (h) All animals must be:
 - (i) securely confined to the property; and
 - (ii) Property fencing must be structurally sound and adequate to contain and ensure the safety of all animals.
- (i) The owner or occupier of land must ensure that animals do not cause a nuisance or detrimentally affect the amenity of the neighbourhood.
- (j) All animals must be provided with veterinary care or treatment in the event they become sick or injured. Treatment must be provided in a timely manner.

Keeping of Poultry – Specific Permit Conditions

- The keeping of roosters and peafowl is prohibited.
- The coop* must have a weatherproof section that includes an adequate roosting/nesting area.
- The coop must have a minimum floor area of 1 m² per bird (in the case of chickens) and up to 3 m² per bird (in the case of turkeys). The space allowance for each bird will vary in accordance with weight and size.
- The coop must include a weatherproof area for the birds to perch off the ground, at a minimum of 30 cm high.
- The coop must include an external area to allow birds to exhibit natural behaviours (e.g. scratching, dust bathing).
- Ensure the coop is safe and secure (i.e. vermin- and fox-proof).
- The coop must be of sound construction using appropriate materials; the external floor area must have appropriate ground cover.

* Coop = a cage, pen or enclosure in which poultry are kept.



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Keeping of Animals EXTRA DOG OR CAT Permit Application

GENERAL LOCAL LAW 2018 (NO.1)

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name:			
Phone:		Mobile phone:	
Address:			
Suburb:		Postcode:	
Email:			

NEW DOG/CAT DETAILS

(Please list additional animals for which you are seeking a permit. If this application is for an animal you have yet to acquire, please fill out as much information as possible in the table below)

Type (cat/dog)	Breed (e.g. Boxer)	Age (e.g. 3 months)	Sex (male/female)	Desexed? (yes/no)	Tag number (e.g. 12300)	Microchip number (e.g. A000111234B)

Property land size m²:			
Does the property have secured boundary fencing sufficient to contain animals? (yes/no)		Specify type and height of property boundary fencing (e.g. wooden paling, 180 cm):	
Describe the housing that will be provided (e.g. inside dwelling, kennel, cat enclosure):			

CURRENT ANIMALS

Provide details of your current animals:			
Provide any other information relevant to your application:			

PLEASE ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS, PLANS OR DIAGRAMS THAT MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION

I have read the Keeping of Animals Policy and understand both the General Permit Conditions for keeping animals in the City of Stonnington and the specific permit conditions for keeping extra dogs/cats and state that I am able to comply with these conditions. I understand that inspection may be required prior to permit approval and that permits may be reviewed on an annual basis, or where a complaint has been made. I understand that these requirements will be enforced by Council.

Applicant's signature:	Date:
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Note: All permit conditions must be complied with for your application to be successful. Failure to complete the required information may result in your application being delayed.

Keeping of Animals – General Permit Conditions

Pursuant to clause 166(2) of the Local Law the following requirements are imposed on an owner or occupier of land on which an animal is kept:

- (a) Animal housing must comply with the requirements for keeping the animal type – as outlined in the Keeping of Animals Policy.
- (b) All food/grain must be kept in a vermin-proof receptacle.
- (c) The land on which animals are kept must be maintained in a sanitary and inoffensive condition.
- (d) The ground or other surface under and surrounding the animal housing must be adequately drained.
- (e) All waste must be removed from the animal housing regularly and composted or placed in a fly- and vermin-proof receptacle with impervious walls and floor and be disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- (f) An animal housing must not be:
 - (i) within 4 metres of any adjoining habitable building; and
 - (ii) within 1 metre of the property fence line.
- (g) All animals must be provided with adequate and appropriate food, water and shelter to maintain their health and wellbeing.
- (h) All animals must be:
 - (i) securely confined to the property; and
 - (ii) Property fencing must be structurally sound and adequate to contain and ensure the safety of all animals.
- (i) The owner or occupier of land must ensure that animals do not cause a nuisance or detrimentally affect the amenity of the neighbourhood.
- (j) All animals must be provided with veterinary care or treatment in the event they become sick or injured. Treatment must be provided in a timely manner.

Keeping of Extra Dog/Cat – Specific Permit Conditions

- All animals must be registered with the City of Stonnington and renewed annually.
- All animals must be kept in accordance with the requirements of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*.

13. Permit (Draft Samples – New)



PERMIT

**SCHEDULE 3
STONINGTON CITY COUNCIL
PO Box 58, Malvern 3144
Telephone: 8290 1333**

GENERAL LOCAL LAW 2018 (NO.1)

NAME:

Is permitted under General Local Law 2018 (No.1), Part 15:

Keeping of Animals

AT ADDRESS:

Council has approved a permit for you to keep the animals listed below at the property providing the attached Keeping of Animals General Permit Conditions, and any other additional specific permit conditions are met:

Animal type	Quantity
Specify-----	

All the attached conditions must be met. Failure to comply with any/all of the attached conditions may result in the permit being revoked. Permits may be reviewed on an annual basis, or where a complaint has been made.

This permit is only valid for the above listed animals.

ISSUE DATE:

Signature of Authorised Officer
Authorised Officer

Keeping of Animals – General Permit Conditions

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- (a) Animal housing must comply with the requirements for keeping the animal type – as outlined in the Keeping of Animals Policy.
- (b) All food/grain must be kept in a vermin-proof receptacle.
- (c) The land on which animals are kept must be maintained in a sanitary and inoffensive condition.
- (d) The ground or other surface under and surrounding the animal housing must be adequately drained.
- (e) All waste must be removed from the animal housing regularly and composted or placed in a fly- and vermin-proof receptacle with impervious walls and floor and be disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- (f) An animal housing must not be:
 - (i) within 4 metres of any adjoining habitable building; and
 - (ii) within 1 metre of the property fence line.
- (g) All animals must be provided with adequate and appropriate food, water and shelter to maintain their health and wellbeing.
- (h) All animals must be:
 - (i) securely confined to the property; and
 - (ii) Property fencing must be structurally sound and adequate to contain and ensure the safety of all animals.
- (i) The owner or occupier of land must ensure that animals do not cause a nuisance or detrimentally affect the amenity of the neighbourhood.
- (j) All animals must be provided with veterinary care or treatment in the event they become sick or injured. Treatment must be provided in a timely manner.

Additional Specific Permit Conditions

- List any additional specific conditions particular to the application.

PERMIT

**SCHEDULE 3
STONNINGTON CITY COUNCIL
PO Box 58, Prahran 3144
Telephone: 8290 1333**

GENERAL LOCAL LAW 2018 (NO.1)

NAME:

Is permitted under General Local Law 2018 (No.1), Part 15:

Keeping of Poultry

AT ADDRESS:

Council has approved a permit for you to keep the poultry listed below at the property providing the attached Keeping of Animals General Permit Conditions, Keeping of Poultry Specific Permit Conditions, and any other additional specific permit conditions are met:

Poultry type	Quantity
Chickens	
Other poultry – specify-----	

All the attached conditions must be met. Failure to comply with any/all of the attached conditions may result in the permit being revoked. Permits may be reviewed on an annual basis, or where a complaint has been made.

This permit is only valid for the above listed animals.

ISSUE DATE:

Signature of Authorised Officer
Authorised Officer

Keeping of Animals – General Permit Conditions

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- (c) The land on which animals are kept must be maintained in a sanitary and inoffensive condition.
- (d) The ground or other surface under and surrounding the animal housing must be adequately drained.
- (e) All waste must be removed from the animal housing regularly and composted or placed in a fly- and vermin-proof receptacle with impervious walls and floor and be disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- (f) An animal housing must not be:
 - (i) within 4 metres of any adjoining habitable building
 - (ii) within 1 metre of the property fence line.
- (g) All animals must be provided with adequate and appropriate food, water and shelter to maintain their health and wellbeing.
- (h) All animals must be:
 - (i) securely confined to the property; and
 - (ii) Property fencing must be structurally sound and adequate to contain and ensure the safety of all animals.
- (i) The owner or occupier of land must ensure that animals do not cause a nuisance or detrimentally affect the amenity of the neighbourhood.
- (j) All animals must be provided with veterinary care or treatment in the event they become sick or injured. Treatment must be provided in a timely manner.

Keeping of Poultry – Specific Permit Conditions

- The keeping of roosters and peafowl is prohibited.
- The coop* must have a weatherproof section that includes an adequate roosting/nesting area.
- The coop must have a minimum floor area of 1 m² per bird (in the case of chickens) and up to 3 m² per bird (in the case of turkeys). The space allowance for each bird will vary in accordance with weight and size.
- The coop must include a weatherproof area for the birds to perch off the ground, at a minimum of 30 cm high.
- The coop must include an external area to allow birds to exhibit natural behaviours (e.g. scratching, dust bathing).
- Ensure the coop is safe and secure (i.e. vermin- and fox-proof).
 - The coop must be of sound construction using appropriate materials; the external floor area must have appropriate ground cover.

* Coop = a cage, pen or enclosure in which poultry are kept.

Additional Specific Permit Conditions

- List any additional specific conditions particular to the application.

PERMIT

**SCHEDULE 3
STONNINGTON CITY COUNCIL
PO Box 58, Prahran 3144
Telephone: 8290 1333**

GENERAL LOCAL LAW 2018 (NO.1)

NAME:

Is permitted under General Local Law 2018 (No.1), Part 15:

Keeping of Extra Dog/Cat

AT ADDRESS:

Council has approved a permit for you to keep the animals listed below at the property providing the attached Keeping of Animals General Permit Conditions and any other additional specific permit conditions are met:

Animal type	Quantity
Specify-----extra dog/cat	

All the attached conditions must be met. Failure to comply with any/all of the attached conditions may result in the permit being revoked. Permits may be reviewed on an annual basis, or where a complaint has been made.

This permit is only valid for the above listed animals.

ISSUE DATE:

Signature of Authorised Officer
Authorised Officer

Keeping of Animals – General Permit Conditions

Pursuant to clause 166(2) of the Local Law the following requirements are imposed on an owner or occupier of land on which an animal is kept:

- (a) Animal housing must comply with the requirements for keeping the animal type – as outlined in the Keeping of Animals Policy.
- (b) All food/grain must be kept in a vermin-proof receptacle.
- (c) The land on which animals are kept must be maintained in a sanitary and inoffensive condition.
- (d) The ground or other surface under and surrounding the animal housing must be adequately drained.
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Keeping of Extra Dog/Cat – Specific Permit Conditions

- All animals must be registered with the City of Stonnington and renewed annually.
- All animals must be kept in accordance with the requirements of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*.

Additional Specific Permit Conditions

- List any additional specific conditions particular to the application.

14. References

Local Government Act 1989

<http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/localgovernment/acts-and-regulations/acts-and-legislation>

Domestic Animals Act 1994

http://www6.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdb/au/legis/vic/consol_act/daa1994163/

City of Stonnington Council Plan (Strategic Resource Plan) 2017–2021

<http://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/Council/Council-Plan-Strategic-Resource-Plan>

City of Stonnington policies

<http://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/your-council/policies/>

City of Stonnington strategies

<http://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/Vision/Council-Strategies>

Relevant Council Policies and Guidelines

No.	Title
1.	City of Stonnington Domestic Animal Management Plan 2016–2021
2.	Stonnington General Local Law 2018 (No.1)
5.	City of Stonnington Fees and Charges Schedule (2017–18)
6.	
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15. Review

The Keeping of Animals Policy can be amended at any time where required. As a minimum, the City of Stonnington will review this policy each financial year.

Schedule of Reviews

No.	Change	Council adopted
1.	New policy 2017
2.	Review 2018
3.		

Attachments

No.	Title
1.	
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