

Alice Springs Town Council – declaration of rates and charges



for Financial Year ended 30 June 2020

Council advises that its adopted Municipal Plan including budget estimates for the 2019/2020 financial year is available from the Civic Centre or website.

For further details, contact the Director of Finance on 8950 0500.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 158 of the Local Government Act ('the Act'), that the following rates and charges were declared by the Alice Springs Town Council at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 24 June 2019 pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Act in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2020.

1. Basis of assessed value

Council pursuant to section 149(1) of the Act, adopts, as the basis of determining the assessed value of all allotments in the municipality, the unimproved capital value as it appears on the valuation roll prepared by the Valuer-General under the Valuation of Land Act.

2. General rate-declaration

Council Pursuant to section 155 of the Act, hereby declares that in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2020 the amount, which Council intends to raise by rates for general purposes is \$22,853,586.

3. Basis of rate calculation

That pursuant to section 148 of the Act, Council calculates rates using a differential valuation-based charging structure which is subject to a minimum charge.

Rates are calculated as the higher of:

- The amount calculated by applying the applicable multiplier, as specified in the Differential Rates Schedule below, to the assessed value of each allotment of rateable land; or
- The minimum amount shown in the Differential Rates Schedule multiplied by the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act on each allotment of rateable land; or

- The minimum amount shown in the Differential Rates Schedule multiplied by 1.

4. Waste management charges

That in relation to Council's function of sanitation and waste management, pursuant to section 157 of the Act for the whole of its Council area and in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2020, Council hereby declares the following charges from which it intends to raise \$3,898,183.

- Where a waste collection service is provided using a Council supplied receptacle:
 - For each regular weekly service \$364.95 per annum (this fee includes the waste management charge).
 - For each additional regular weekly service \$306.80 per annum.
 - For replacement of each receptacle \$100.40 per receptacle (where the occupier has been responsible for loss or damage).
- Charges in respect of waste management for each dwelling in the municipality where no collection is provided: An annual waste management charge of: \$67.70 per annum.
- Charges in respect of waste management to any parcel of land containing 20 or more substantially self-contained residential units in respect

of which alternative arrangements acceptable to the Council have been made to provide a regular weekly waste management service: An annual waste management charge of: \$67.70 per annum.

- The 2019/2020 rates notice includes two waste drop-off vouchers, which can be used as payment for a load of domestic waste at the Regional Waste Management Facility.

5. Payment of rates & charges

That, pursuant to section 161 of the Act, Council determines that rates and charges for the year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 inclusive, shall be due and payable by four approximately equal instalments on the following dates, namely:

- **1st Instalment** Friday, 6 September 2019
- **2nd Instalment** Friday, 1 November 2019
- **3rd Instalment** Friday, 7 February 2020
- **4th Instalment** Friday, 3 April 2020

Payment of all or any remaining instalments may be made on or before the due date of the next instalment. In accordance with Section 160 of the Local Government Act, those eligible ratepayers who pay their rates and charges (and any arrears) in full by the first instalment date of 2019/2020, are eligible to participate in the 'Early Bird Draw' whereby the Alice Springs Town Council will offer a monetary prize to ten eligible ratepayers, who are entered in the Early Bird Draw to win a refund on their rates not exceeding \$3,000. The refund does not include the waste management charges.

6. Penalty for late payment

- That pursuant to section 162 of the Act, Council determines that the relevant interest rate which accrues on overdue rates will be 19% per annum.

- That pursuant to section 161(3) of the Act, Council relieves all ratepayers from the consequences of default in payment by instalment, to the extent of those instalments where the due date has not yet arrived. So that where instalments of rates and charges are not paid on or before the date on which the instalment is due and payable:

- The date on which any future instalment is due and payable is not affected; and,
- The penalty for late payment, under item 6(a) above, shall be calculated only on the amount of the outstanding instalment on a daily basis from the date on which the missed instalment became due and payable, until the date payment is made in full.

7. Recovery of outstanding rates & charges

That recovery action may be instituted in respect of all rates and charges outstanding after the due date and any costs of such recovery action be added to the outstanding amount.

If rates are in arrears by at least six (6) months, Council may apply to the appropriate registration authority for registration of the charge over the land to which the charge relates.

Under Section 173 of the Act, if rates have been in arrears for at least three (3) years, and an overriding statutory charge securing liability for the rates has been registered for at least the last six (6) months, Council may sell the land.

Rex Mooney
Chief Executive Officer

Differential Rates Schedule

Multiplier	Zone according to the NT Planning Scheme	Minimum Amount
0.00251321	R (Rural), RL (Rural Living), RR (Rural Residential), SA2 (Specific Use, NT Portion Lots 4097 to 4101), SA9 (Specific Use, NT Portion Lot 6811)	\$1,345.50
0.03565489	CB (Central Business)	\$1,405.74
0.02617447	C (Commercial)	
0.00918966	SC (Service Commercial)	
0.01686309	TC (Tourist Commercial)	
0.00958969	LI (Light Industry)	
0.00958969	GI (General Industry)	\$1,332.77
0.00803350	SD (Single Dwelling Residential), MD (Multiple Dwelling Residential), CL (Community Living), PS (Public Open Space), OR (Organised Recreation), CP (Community Purposes), CN (Conservation), FD (Future Development), U (Utilities), RW (Railways), SA5 (Specific Use, Town of Alice Springs Lot 8132), SA8 (Specific Use, Town of Alice Springs Part of Lot 7593)	
0.00683110	MR (Medium Density Residential)	\$1,217.47
0.00813563	HR (High Density Residential)	\$1,332.77
0.01141635	The allotments included in SU (Specific Use) and referred to as SA1, SA3, SA4 and SA6 in Schedule 1 of the Northern Territory Planning Scheme	\$1,405.74
0.01773222	All units in Unit Plan No. 94/87 situated on Lot 7449	\$325.82
0.05300794	Conditional rateable land including mining tenements	\$890.96
0.00676384	All other rateable land within the Municipality not otherwise described above	\$1,332.77

Council intends to raise \$70,456 in rates on the tenancies within the Alice Springs Airport and surrounds.