



# Additional documents

Finance, Policy, Operations  
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**FPOL2305-1 PETITION – PLANE TREE GROVE, O’CONNOR**

**Proposed amendment by Cr Rachel Pemberton**

Add an additional part 5 to the officer’s recommendation, as follows:

- 5. Request that officers write to the residents of the Plane Tree grove area to inform them of the importance and value of the surrounding trees and highlight the penalties for vandalising or destroying trees on Local Government property, as covered under the Local Government Property Local Law 2002.***

**Reason for change:**

To ensure residents are aware that the City takes the matter very seriously and that there are mechanisms in place (including prosecution) to protect the City’s trees.



**FPOL2305-2 ADVERTISING OF THE PROPOSED DIFFERENTIAL RATE FOR THE 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**Additional Officer Comment**

As a result of ongoing discussions with Council in relation to budget requirements for the 2023/24 financial year, officers are recommending a minor increase to both the rate in the dollar and proposed minimum payments that were published in the original agenda. The minor change intends to achieve a 9% increase in revenue generated by rates compared to the current adopted budget. The table below indicates the change in comparison to the 2022/23 adopted budget.

| Differential Rate Category           | Rate in the Dollar |                       |          |      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|------|
|                                      | 2022/23 (\$)       | 2023/24 Proposed (\$) | Change   |      |
| Residential Improved                 | 0.090585           | 0.079212              | -0.01137 | -13% |
| Commercial & Industrial General      | 0.096174           | 0.107416              | 0.01124  | 12%  |
| City Centre Commercial               | 0.098241           | 0.107416              | 0.00918  | 9%   |
| Residential Short-Term Accommodation | 0.101024           | 0.107378              | 0.00635  | 6%   |
| Vacant Residential Land              | 0.138413           | 0.136819              | -0.00159 | -1%  |
| Vacant Commercial & Industrial       | 0.171982           | 0.158423              | -0.01356 | -8%  |

**Alternative Officers Recommendation**

**Council:**

- Endorse the proposed 2023/24 differential rate categories, rate in the dollar and minimum payment as outlined below and detailed in the Objects and Reasons for differential rates, provided in Attachment 1.**

| Differential Rate Category           | Proposed Rate in the Dollar (\$)    | Proposed Minimum Payment      |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Residential Improved                 | <del>0.078485</del> <b>0.079212</b> | <del>1,599</del> <b>1,649</b> |
| Commercial & Industrial General      | <del>0.104521</del> <b>0.107416</b> | <del>1,599</del> <b>1,649</b> |
| City Centre Commercial               | <del>0.106430</del> <b>0.107416</b> | <del>1,599</del> <b>1,649</b> |
| Residential Short Term Accommodation | <del>0.106393</del> <b>0.107378</b> | <del>1,599</del> <b>1,649</b> |
| Vacant Residential Land              | <del>0.135563</del> <b>0.136819</b> | <del>1,549</del> <b>1,599</b> |
| Vacant Commercial & Industrial       | <del>0.156970</del> <b>0.158423</b> | <del>1,599</del> <b>1,649</b> |

- Approve the advertising of the 2023/24 differential rate categories, rate in the dollar and minimum payment as outlined in part 1.**



## **FPOL2305-2 ADVERTISING OF THE PROPOSED DIFFERENTIAL RATE FOR THE 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR**

### **Proposed amendment by Cr Jenny Archibald**

Amend the objectives for the differential rate for 'City Centre Commercial', as shown on page 7 of Attachment 1, to read as follows:

#### **City Centre Commercial**

- **A differential general rate of 10.6430 cents in the dollar applies to City Centre Commercial Land with a minimum payment amount of \$1,599.**
- **The City Centre Commercial differential general rate applies to all properties other than residential located within the boundaries of the City Centre zone and the abutting Metropolitan Regional reserves (refer map) being areas bounded by Parry Street, Norfolk Street and including those properties located in Fremantle Fishing Boat and Challenger Harbours and on Victoria Quay.**
- **The object of this rate is to ensure that a reasonable contribution is made towards the higher costs of services and facilities associated with these properties such as increased maintenance requirements, ~~and~~ transport links ~~and costs associated with economic development initiatives and marketing.~~**

#### **Reason for change:**

It was agreed in the budget process for 2022/2023 that economic development and marketing activities applied to much of the broader city, including local centres, and not just the city centre. Therefore, it would be appropriate that the objectives of the category City Centre Commercial and Commercial and Industrial General are aligned.