

**DOG ACT 1976
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995**

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

DOGS LOCAL LAW 2019

Under the powers conferred by the *Dog Act 1976* and the *Local Government Act 1995* and under all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Town of Bassendean resolved on 25 June 2019 to make the following local law.

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

1.1 Citation

This local law may be cited as the *Town of Bassendean Dogs Local Law 2019*.

1.2 Commencement

This local law will come into operation on the fourteenth day after the day on which it is published in the *Government Gazette*.

1.3 Repeal

The *Town of Bassendean Dogs Local Law* published in the *Government Gazette* on 16 August 2001 and as amended on 3 October 2006 is repealed.

1.4 Definitions

(1) In this local law, unless the context otherwise requires—

Act means the *Dog Act 1976*;

Authorised person means a person appointed by the local government to perform all or any of the functions conferred on an authorised person under this local law;

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the local government;

District means the district of the local government;

Local Government means the Town of Bassendean;

Regulations means the *Dog Regulations 2013*; and

Thoroughfare has the meaning given to it in section 1.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

(2) A term that is used in this local law and is not defined in subclause (1) has the same meaning that is given to it in the Act or, if not defined in the Act, the same meaning given to it in the *Local Government Act 1995*.

1.5 Application

This local law applies throughout the district.

PART 2—KEEPING OF DOGS

2.1 Dogs to be confined

(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 (unless the gate is temporarily opened in a manner that ensures that the dog remains confined) 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) An occupier who fails to comply with subclause (1) commits an offence.

(3) Notwithstanding subclause (1) and (2), the confinement of dangerous dogs is dealt with in the Act and the Regulations.

2.2 Limitation on the number of dogs

(1) This clause does not apply to premises which have been 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.

2.3 Offence to excrete

(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.

(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.

(4) Notwithstanding clause 3.2, the penalty for an offence under this clause is \$1,000.

PART 3—ENFORCEMENT

3.1 Interpretation

In this Part—

Infringement Notice means the notice referred to in clause 3.4; and

Notice of Withdrawal means the notice referred to in clause 3.7(1).

3.2 Offences and general penalty

(1) A person who fails to do anything required or directed to be done under this local law, or who does anything which under this local law that person is prohibited from doing, commits an offence.

(2) A person who commits an offence under this local law is liable, on conviction, to a penalty not less than \$500 and not exceeding \$5,000, and if the offence is of a continuing nature, to an additional penalty not exceeding \$500 for each day or part of a day during which the offence has continued.

3.3 Modified penalties

(1) The offences contained in Schedule 1 are offences in relation to which a modified penalty may be imposed.

(2) The amount appearing in the third column of Schedule 1 directly opposite an offence is the modified penalty payable in respect of that offence.

3.4 Issue of infringement notice

(1) Where an authorised person has reason to believe that a person has committed an offence in respect of which a modified penalty may be imposed, the authorised person may serve on the alleged offender a notice in the form of Form 8 of Schedule 1 of the Regulations, informing the alleged offender that, if he or she does not wish to be prosecuted in court for the offence, he or she may pay to the local government within the time specified in the notice, the amount prescribed as the modified penalty.

(2) An infringement notice may be served on an alleged offender personally, or by leaving it at or posting it to her or his address as ascertained from the alleged offender, at the time of or immediately following the occurrence giving rise to the allegation of the offence, or as recorded by the local government under the Act.

3.5 Failure to pay modified penalty

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.

3.6 Payment of modified penalty

An alleged offender on whom an infringement notice has been served 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 allegation, and then—

(a) the local government may appropriate that amount in satisfaction of the penalty and issue an acknowledgment; or

(b) the local government, or an authorised person acting on behalf of the local government, may withdraw the infringement notice under clause 3.7 and refund the amount so paid.

3.7 Withdrawal of infringement notice

(1) An infringement notice may, whether or not the modified penalty has been paid, be withdrawn by the local government, or an authorised person acting on behalf of the local government, by the sending of a notice in the form of Form 9 in Schedule 1 of the Regulations to the alleged offender at the address specified in the notice or his or her last known place of residence or business and in that event, any amount received by way of modified penalty must be refunded and any acknowledgement of the receipt of that amount must for the purposes of any proceedings in respect of the alleged offence be regarded as not having been issued.

(2) A person appointed under section 29(1) of the Act to exercise the powers of an authorised person to serve infringement notices under clause 3.4(1) is not eligible to be appointed under that section to exercise the powers of an authorised person to withdraw infringement notices under clause 3.7(1).

Schedule 1

[Cl 3.3]

OFFENCES IN RESPECT OF WHICH MODIFIED PENALTY APPLIES

| Offence | Nature of Offence | Modified penalty \$ |
|---------|--|------------------------|
| 2.1 | Failing to provide means for effectively confining a dog | 200 |
| 2.3 | Dog excreting in prohibited place | 100 |

Dated the 15th day of October 2019.

The Common Seal of the Town of Bassendean was affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of—

Cr RENEE JOY McLENNAN, Mayor.
Ms PETA MABBS, Chief Executive Officer.
