



MOUNT BARKER
DISTRICT COUNCIL

TITLE: RATES FINES POLICY

REFERENCE NUMBER:	DOC/19/150694
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/ DEPARTMENT:	Corporate Service
APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:	Local Government Act 1999
MOUNT BARKER 2035 – DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN:	Governance and Leadership GL2: Corporate capacity and leadership GL2.1 Demonstrate accountability through clear, relevant and easily accessible policies and corporate reporting
RELATED POLICIES:	Nil
SUPPORTING PROCEDURES:	Nil
PREVIOUS REVIEW DATES:	17 August 2015
ENDORSED BY COUNCIL:	20 January 2020
MINUTE RESOLUTION NUMBER:	OM20200120.09
NEXT REVIEW DATE:	January 2023

1. PURPOSE

The policy objectives are to provide clarity on the period of time after which a fine on overdue rates will apply.

2. SCOPE

This Policy is applicable to all ratepayers with overdue rates immediately after the due date of a quarterly instalment

3. DEFINITIONS

- Fines – the amount of 2 per cent (2%) of the amount of the instalment will be applied if an instalment of rates is not paid on or before the date on which it falls due.

4. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Council:

- To determine if Council is to continue to provide a policy explaining the period of time after which fines will apply

Chief Executive Officer:

- To ensure Policy is reviewed in accordance with delegation

Chief Financial Officer:

- To ensure the Policy is reviewed periodically and administered in accordance with delegation

Manager Revenue, Property & Records:

- To ensure that fines are applied as per the policy and the Local Government Act 1999.

5. POLICY STATEMENT

The Local Government Act 1999 requires Council's to impose a 2% fine on a ratepayer's outstanding rates. Councils can determine a period of time after which a fine is applied.

6. FINE PERIOD

Council will allow 5 working days after rates are due prior to imposing fines on rates pursuant to Section 181 of the Local Government Act 1999.

7. REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed every three years or the frequency dictated in legislation, or earlier in the event of changes to legislation or related Policies and Procedures or if deemed necessary by the Manager, Revenue, Property & Records.

8. ACCESS TO THE POLICY

The Policy is available for public inspection at the Customer Service Centre, at the Local Government Centre, 6 Dutton Road, Mount Barker, South Australia and on the Council's website www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au

9. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on this Policy, please contact:

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