

**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA**

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL BY-LAWS**

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As in force at 25 November 2002

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## DARWIN CITY COUNCIL BY-LAWS

### By-laws under the *Local Government Act*

#### Part 1 Preliminary

##### Division 1 General

###### 1 Citation

These By-laws may be cited as the *Darwin City Council By-laws*.

###### 2 Crown to be bound

These By-laws bind the Crown in right of the Territory.

###### 3 Interpretation

In these By-laws, unless the contrary intention appears:

***appropriate fee*** means the fee determined from time to time by the council to be the fee for a permit, authority, licence, registration or other matter or for a class or classes of permit, authority, licence, registration or other matter.

***approved*** means approved by the council by resolution.

***bicycle or tricycle*** means a 2 or, as the case may be, 3 wheeled vehicle designed to be propelled by human power and includes a powered bicycle or tricycle.

***boat*** means a boat or floating vessel or craft of any kind other than a motor boat.

***bridge*** includes a ford, causeway, culvert or crossing affording passage.

***council*** means the Darwin City Council.

***determined*** means determined by the council by resolution.

**guide dog** means a dog trained by a guide dog training institution recognised by the council and used as a guide by a person who is wholly or partially blind or deaf.

**handbill** includes a poster, placard, notice, ticket, pamphlet and advertisement.

**holder** means the holder of an authority, licence, permit, or certificate of registration.

**licence** means a licence issued under these By-laws, and includes a renewal of a licence.

**litter** includes garbage, rubbish, refuse or waste matter, and includes a dead animal and discarded vehicle bodies, machinery, implements, and the like.

**meeting** means a meeting of the council.

**motor boat** means a boat or floating vessel or craft of any kind that has a motor to power its principal propulsion system, and includes a hovercraft.

**motor vehicle** means any vehicle designed to be self propelled and includes a trailer when attached to a motor vehicle and a vehicle designed to be propelled by electric power obtained from overhead wires but not operated on rails, but does not include a motorised wheelchair which is not capable of travelling at a speed greater than 7 km/h or a powered bicycle or tricycle.

**municipality** means the municipality of Darwin.

**owner**, in relation to:

- (a) an animal (other than a dog), a boat, motor boat or vehicle means, in the absence of proof to the contrary, the person for the time being in control of the animal, boat, motor boat or vehicle;
- (b) a dog, means the person whose name appears in the appropriate register as the owner of the dog or the person for the time being in control of the dog; and
- (c) a motor vehicle means the person in whose name the vehicle is registered under the *Motor Vehicles Act* or under another law of the Territory or under a law of a State or other Territory of the Commonwealth that provides for the registration of vehicles.

**permit** means a permit issued under these By-laws, and includes a renewal of a permit.

**pound** means a pound established or maintained in accordance with these By-laws.

**pound manager** means a person appointed to be the manager of a pound.

**premises** includes land and/or buildings.

**public beach** means a beach or foreshore open to or used by the public.

**public place** includes:

- (a) every place to which free access is permitted to the public, with the express or tacit consent of the owner or occupier of the place;
- (b) every place to which the public are admitted on payment of money, the test of the admittance being the payment of the money only;
- (c) every road, street, footway, court, alley, thoroughfare or cul-de-sac which the public are allowed to use, notwithstanding that the road, street, footway, court, alley or thoroughfare may be formed on private property; and
- (d) land reserved under a law of the Territory for the use of the public or a member of the public.

**register** means a register established in pursuance of by-law 7.

**registrar** means the person appointed by the council to be a registrar.

**reserve**, means land, including its waters, being a public place that is vested in, leased to, or under the care, control or management of, the council and capable of being used as a reserve, park, garden, recreation ground, oval or playing field, or for swimming, bathing, boating or other recreation associated with water.

**vehicle** means a conveyance or other device designed to be propelled or drawn by any means and includes a bicycle or tricycle, motor vehicle, or an animal being driven or ridden but does not include a train, or a motorised wheelchair which is not capable of travelling at a speed greater than 7 km/h.

#### **4            Application of By-laws**

These By-laws shall apply to and be in force within the whole of the municipality.

#### **5            Determinations, including determinations of charges, &c.**

- (1) Where the council makes a determination under this By-law, it shall publish a notice of its making in a newspaper circulating in the municipality as soon as practicable after the determination is made.
- (2) The council may determine the charges, dues, fares, fees and rents in relation to a property, undertaking, service, matter or thing.
- (3) Where the council, in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function, whether within or outside the municipality:
  - (a) supplies a service, product or commodity;
  - (b) grants a licence or permit;
  - (c) makes a registration;
  - (e) furnishes information;
  - (f) admits a person to a building or enclosure;
  - (g) receives an application for approval;
  - (h) permits inspection of a register;
  - (j) allows the use of real or personal property of or under its care;  
or
  - (k) takes any other action in relation to which a determination is made,

it may demand and recover the relevant amount determined under clause (2).

- (4) The council may make determinations in relation to a matter or thing set out in column 1 of Schedule 3 and, for that purpose, may take into account a matter specified in column 2 of that Schedule.

#### **6            Registrar**

The council may appoint a person to be the registrar for the purposes of these By-laws or for a part of the By-laws.

## **7            Registers**

- (1) The registrar shall keep such number of appropriate registers as may be determined by the council.
- (2) The registrar may keep a register in such medium or combination of mediums as the registrar thinks fit including, but not limited to, a computer, microfilm or paper.

## **8            Proof of ownership of motor vehicle**

- (1) In proceedings under these By-laws for an infringement involving a motor vehicle, the owner of the motor vehicle, at the time of the infringement, shall be deemed to have committed the infringement.
- (2) Clause (1) does not affect the liability of the person who actually committed the infringement, other than the owner, but:
  - (a) the owner and the offender shall not both be liable to be convicted for the same infringement; and
  - (b) where a fine has been imposed on a person by a court in relation to an infringement, another person shall not be charged, and a further penalty shall not be imposed on or recovered from another person, in respect of the same infringement.
- (3) Clause (1) does not apply to the owner if within 14 days after the date of service of a notice or summons in relation to an infringement the owner or, if the owner is a body corporate, the director, manager or secretary, delivers in accordance with the notice or summons a statutory declaration made by the owner or person setting out, where applicable:
  - (a) that at the time the alleged infringement occurred, another person was in control of the motor vehicle and gives the name and address of that person and any other relevant information;
  - (b) particulars of the sale or disposal of the motor vehicle before the date of the alleged infringement and gives the name and address of the purchaser and, if the sale was made through an agent, the name and address of the agent; or
  - (c) particulars concerning the theft or unlawful use of the motor vehicle thereby removing it from the control of the owner.

## **9 Matters of evidence**

- (1) An extract from or copy of an entry in a register purported to be signed by the registrar shall, in all courts and on all occasions, be prima facie evidence of the signature of the registrar and of the particulars contained in the entry without requiring the production of the register.
- (2) A statement signed by the registrar concerning particulars of entries in a register including, in relation to an animal, matter or thing:
  - (a) whether the name of person was entered in a register in relation to an animal, matter or thing; or
  - (b) whether a licence, permit, authority or registration had been issued,

shall, in all courts and on all occasions, be prima facie evidence of the signature of the registrar and of those particulars without requiring the production of the register.

## **10 Requirements for execution of works**

- (1) Where the council requires work to be carried out by the owner or occupier of land, the council, an authorised person, or an officer or employee authorised in that behalf may, by written notice served on the owner or occupier, require the owner or occupier at his or her own expense to execute the work or to cause it to be executed, and to do anything incidental to the work:
  - (a) in or of the materials;
  - (b) within the period;
  - (c) in the manner; and
  - (d) in the area,specified in the notice.
- (2) The council may require that work done in pursuance of a notice served under clause (1) is executed by qualified or licensed persons only.
- (3) The council may, when serving a notice under clause (1), indicate that the council will, if requested, carry out the works referred to in the notice at the expense of the person on whom the notice is served.

- (4) Without limiting the generality of the powers conferred on the council or other person under clause (1), the power to direct the manner of execution of work shall include the power to require the person carrying out the work to pay to the council, or enter into a bond for payment to the council of, such amount as the council thinks fit to provide security against costs that it may incur as a result of the execution of the work.

#### **11 Where requirements not complied with**

- (1) The council may carry out work required by or under the Act or these By-laws to be executed on default by the person required to execute the work.
- (2) Where the council carries out work under clause (1), the cost to the council of carrying out the work is a debt due and payable by the person required to execute the work.

### **Division 2 Plan of numbering in municipality**

#### **12 Plan of numbering**

- (1) The council may adopt a plan or system of numbering areas of land adjacent to a road and may, in accordance with the plan or system:
  - (a) affix a number on a building or a front gate or fence on land adjoining a road; or
  - (b) by notice in writing, require the owner or occupier of land adjoining a road included in the plan or system to affix, in accordance with the terms of the notice, a number on a building or a front gate or fence on the land.
- (2) The council may, from time to time, alter the plan or system of numbering referred to in clause (1) and may:
  - (a) replace the number affixed under that clause with a new number; or
  - (b) by notice in writing, require the owner or occupier of land adjoining a road to affix, in accordance with the terms of the notice, a new number on a building, or a front gate or fence on the land.
- (3) A person who has affixed a number to a building, front gate or fence on land under clause (1) and who is required to replace or affix a number in accordance with clause (2) may obtain the number free of charge from the council.

- (4) An owner or occupier of land shall, within 7 days after the date specified in a notice referred to in clause (1)(b) or (2)(b), affix the number specified in the notice.
- (5) Where an owner or occupier of land fails within the time specified in a notice under clause (1)(b) or (2)(b) to affix a number, the council may enter the land referred to in the notice and affix the required number, and the expense of so doing may be recovered from the person on whom the notice was served as a debt due and payable to the council.

### **Division 3 Licences, permits, authorities and registrations**

#### **13 Definition**

In this Division, **licence** includes permit, authority and registration.

#### **14 Applications for licences, &c.**

- (1) A person may apply to the clerk for the issue of a licence required under these By-laws.
- (2) An application shall be:
  - (a) in accordance with the approved form;
  - (b) accompanied by the appropriate fee; and
  - (c) accompanied by any documents, specifications or particulars that the council may require.

#### **15 Grant of licence, &c.**

- (1) The council may grant, or refuse to grant, a licence.
- (2) A licence remains in force for a period of 12 months after the date of the grant of the licence or for such lesser period or greater period as is endorsed on the licence or for an indefinite period terminating with the occurrence of such future event as may be specified on the licence, in these By-laws or in any determination made under by-law 5.
- (3) Registration of a dog expires on 30 June each year or, if the council determines, on the anniversary of the first registration of the dog.
- (4) A licence may be subject to such conditions as the council thinks fit and endorses on the licence including such conditions as may lead to immediate revocation of the licence if they are breached or not complied with.



- (5) A licence is not transferable.

**16 Activity for which licence required prohibited without licence**

A person shall not, without a licence, carry out an activity for which a licence is required.

**17 Compliance with conditions, notices, &c.**

- (1) A person shall comply with and not contravene the conditions of a licence.
- (2) A person shall comply with and not contravene a requirement of a notice served under these By-laws on the person by the council.

**Division 4 Regulatory**

**18 Obstruction of officers, &c.**

- (1) It is an offence for a person to obstruct, hinder, disturb or interrupt an authorized person or officer or employee of the council or a contractor or sub-contractor to the council or employee of the contractor or sub-contractor in the proper execution of his or her work or duty.
- (2) An offence under clause (1) is a regulatory offence.

**19 Power of arrest or removal**

An officer or employee, authorized person or person appointed by the council for the purpose or, without derogating from their general power, members of the Police Force, are hereby authorised to arrest or remove persons offending against these By-laws.

**20 General penalty**

A person who contravenes or fails to comply with these By-laws is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$3,000 and, in addition, to a penalty not exceeding \$100 for each day during which the offence continues.

**21 Infringement notice and payment of sum in lieu of penalty**

- (1) Despite by-law 20, as an alternative to prosecution, a person who is alleged to have contravened or failed to comply with these By-laws may be served with an infringement notice under which the person may pay to the council a sum (***fixed penalty***) in lieu of the penalty by which the infringement of the By-laws is otherwise punishable.

- (2) For the purposes of this by-law:
- (a) the fixed penalty payable under an infringement notice:
    - (i) in respect of a by-law specified in column 1 of Schedule 2 – is the sum specified opposite the by-law in column 2 of that Schedule; and
    - (ii) in respect of any other by-law – is \$50;
  - (b) an infringement notice is to be in a form, approved by the council in accordance with clause (4), that includes:
    - (i) the information required by section 194(4) of the Act; and
    - (ii) the statements required by clause (3);
  - (c) an infringement notice may be issued and served by an authorised person;
  - (d) the fixed penalty specified in an infringement notice is to be paid to the council; and
  - (e) the fixed penalty specified in an infringement notice is to be paid not later than 14 days after the date on which the infringement notice is served on the alleged offender.
- (3) An infringement notice is to contain the following statements:
- (a) a statement to the effect that:
    - (i) the alleged offender may expiate the offence and avoid enforcement action under the *Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Act* if he or she pays the fixed penalty to the council within 14 days of service of the infringement notice; and
    - (ii) if the alleged offender pays the fixed penalty within the period specified in the infringement notice, the council will take no further action in relation to the offence;
  - (b) a statement to the effect that if the alleged offender does not pay the fixed penalty within the period specified in the infringement notice and does not serve on the council a statement of election to have the matter dealt with by a court (as contained in the infringement notice), unless the infringement notice is withdrawn:

- (i) the *Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Act* will apply and the alleged offender may be served with a courtesy letter in accordance with that Act requiring payment of the fixed penalty together with the costs in respect of the issue of that letter; and
  - (ii) if the alleged offender does not make the payment as required by a courtesy letter, enforcement action may be taken against him or her under the *Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Act* which, after due process, may result in the suspension of the alleged offender's licence to drive, the seizure of property, the deduction of wages or salary, the registration of a statutory charge on land, a community work order or imprisonment if a community work order is breached;
- (c) a statement to the effect that the alleged offender may elect under section 21 of the *Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Act* to have the matter dealt with by a court instead of under the *Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Act* by completing a statement of election (as contained in the infringement notice) and serving it on the council;
  - (d) a statement of election, for completion by the alleged offender if he or she elects to have the matter dealt with by a court, that includes the information required by regulation 7(1) of the *Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Regulations*;
  - (e) if the alleged offence is in relation to an infringement of by-law 120 – a statement that includes information about the liability of the owner of the vehicle to which the infringement relates, as specified in regulation 53(1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of the *Traffic Regulations*.
- (4) For the purposes of clause (2)(b), the form of an infringement notice is to be approved by the council at a meeting at which not less than two-thirds of the members then in office are present, by resolution carried by a majority of the members then in office.

#### **21A Withdrawal of infringement notice**

- (1) An infringement notice served on an alleged offender may be withdrawn at any time before a courtesy letter is served on that person under the *Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Act*, but only if the council has not received payment of the fixed penalty specified in the infringement notice.

- (2) The withdrawal of an infringement notice is effected when an authorised officer serves on the alleged offender a notice of withdrawal stating:
- (a) that the infringement notice is withdrawn; and
  - (b) that the fixed penalty specified in the infringement notice is no longer payable to the council.

## **Part 2 Health and safety**

### **Division 1 Garbage services**

#### **22 Definitions**

In this Division:

***council dump*** means a place used for the deposit of litter on land owned by or vested in, and operated or controlled by, the council.

***exempt person*** means:

- (a) an officer or employee or agent of the council acting within the scope of his or her duties; or
- (b) a contractor in the due performance of a contract for garbage collection between the contractor and the council, or an officer or employee or agent of the contractor.

***regular garbage collection service*** includes providing an approved receptacle, a regular collection of garbage and the disposal of garbage.

#### **23 Collection of garbage by council**

- (1) The council's regular garbage collection service shall be as described, and conducted as specified, in a notice published from time to time in a newspaper generally circulating in the municipality.
- (2) The occupier of premises to which the notice applies shall comply with the notice.

#### **24 Alternate regular garbage collection service**

If the council does not provide or cause to be provided a regular garbage collection service for particular premises, the occupier of the premises shall provide or cause to be provided an approved alternative regular garbage collection service for the premises.

## **25 Provision and maintenance of garbage receptacles**

- (1) An approved garbage receptacle shall be:
  - (a) of an approved type and capacity;
  - (b) fitted with handles and a close fitting lid;
  - (c) made of material impervious to moisture and to vermin; and
  - (d) if required by the council, marked with the name of the occupier and the lot number or address of the premises where the receptacle is kept.
  
- (2) An occupier of premises shall, in relation to an approved garbage receptacle used in connection with the premises:
  - (a) maintain it in good condition;
  - (b) not permit it to attract or to harbour or breed flies, insects or vermin, to become unsightly or to cause an offensive odour;
  - (c) not permit it to become or to cause a danger to public health or to interfere with or to affect the comfort of persons occupying or passing through or along neighbouring premises;
  - (d) ensure that its lid is kept closed except when it is removed for the purpose of putting garbage in or removing it from the receptacle or for cleaning;
  - (e) ensure that household garbage produced on the premises is put into the receptacle until it is collected or otherwise lawfully disposed of;
  - (f) cause wet garbage to be effectively wrapped before being placed in it;
  - (g) cause it and other approved receptacles on the premises containing garbage to be placed for collection on the day at the time and in the manner notified and at a collection point specified by the council to enable the person collecting the garbage to have access to the contents of the receptacles;
  - (h) cause it to be returned inside the premises or to its allocated area as soon as practicable and not later than 24 hours after the contents have been collected by the garbage collector;
  - (j) cause it to be cleansed thoroughly as required and not less than once in every 4 weeks;

- (k) not remove it from the premises except to place it ready for emptying by the garbage collector;
- (m) not use it otherwise than to contain household garbage generated through normal domestic activity;
- (n) notwithstanding paragraph (m), not place in it excess quantities of heavy material such as earth, concrete or brick, or waste liquids, chemicals, paint or hazardous substances; and
- (p) keep it on the premises or an allocated area related to the premises.

## **26 Interference with garbage receptacles**

- (1) A person other than:
  - (a) the occupier of the premises for which a garbage receptacle is provided; or
  - (b) an exempt person,shall not, without reasonable cause, touch, use, remove, mark or otherwise interfere with a garbage receptacle.
- (2) A person who damages or causes a garbage receptacle to be damaged commits an offence and is liable to the council for the costs of the repair to or replacement of the receptacle.
- (3) An offence under clause (2) is a regulatory offence.

## **27 Garbage receptacles to be returned to location**

A person engaged in the collection of garbage on behalf of the council shall, after collecting the contents of a garbage receptacle, replace the receptacle and its lid.

## **28 Council may establish dumps**

- (1) The council may establish dumps for the deposit of garbage on land owned by or vested in or under the control of the council.
- (2) The council may make arrangements and enter into contracts with the owner or occupier of private land to establish a dump for the deposit of garbage.

- (3) Where a dump has been established under clause (1) or (2), the council shall cause a notice to be published in a newspaper generally circulating in the municipality and the notice shall, in addition to the fact of the establishment of the dump, specify:
- (a) its location;
  - (b) the hours during which and the days on which the dump shall be open for the deposit of garbage;
  - (c) the conditions on which various classes of garbage may be deposited on the dump; and
  - (d) such other conditions as the council thinks fit.
- (4) The council may:
- (a) require a person to apply for and obtain a licence for the use of a council dump; and
  - (b) charge a fee for dumping garbage on a council dump.

## **29 Offences at dumps**

- (1) A person shall not:
- (a) deposit garbage at a council dump other than during the hours and on the days specified by the council;
  - (b) deposit garbage on a dump unless it is of a class or classes specified by the council;
  - (c) other than as an exempt person, enter or remain on a dump except for the purpose of depositing garbage;
  - (d) loiter on or at a dump;
  - (e) cause, allow or permit a child, who has not attained 12 years of age and is not under his or her care, custody or control, to enter or remain on a dump;
  - (f) remove garbage from a dump without the council's written consent; or
  - (h) fail to comply with any directions given at the dump relating to the place or manner garbage is to be deposited.
- (2) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of clause (1) commits an offence.
- (3) An offence under this by-law is a regulatory offence.

## **Division 2 Litter, &c., on land**

### **30 Depositing, &c., litter**

- (1) A person shall not deposit litter on land or allow litter to remain on land.
- (2) The owner or occupier of land shall not deposit, or keep or allow to remain on the land, litter that is likely to attract vermin to the land or to form a harbourage for vermin unless the material is kept in a receptacle that is vermin-proof.

### **31 Land to be cleared**

- (1) Where, in the opinion of the council, there is on land:
  - (a) plants, grass or weeds:
    - (i) that are, or are likely to become, injurious, flammable or noxious; or
    - (ii) that have become unkempt; or
  - (b) litter (including unsightly car bodies, machinery or other chattels),

the council may cause a notice under by-law 10 to be served on:

- (c) the occupier of the land; or
- (d) where the council is unable to ascertain the identity of the occupier, the owner of the land,

requiring the land to be cleared or tidied or litter to be placed in a vermin-proof receptacle of a kind specified or such other action taken as is set out in the notice.

- (2) The period within which the work shall be carried out under clause (1) shall be as specified in the notice, being a period of not less than 2 days and not more than 21 days after the date of service of the notice.



## **Division 3 Private swimming pools**

### **32 Application**

- (1) Subject to clause (2), this Division applies to and in relation to every private swimming pool in the municipality, other than a private swimming pool:
  - (a) the surface of the water in which, when filled, is less than 5 m<sup>2</sup>;
  - (b) that cannot be filled with water to a depth greater than 300 mm; and
  - (c) that is of a portable nature.
- (2) This Division does not apply to all that parcel of land in the Town of Sanderson, Northern Territory of Australia, containing an area of 4.55 hectares more or less being Lot 7016 and being more particularly delineated on Survey Plan S95/158 lodged with the Surveyor General, Darwin (and which is known as the Leanyer Recreation Lake).

### **33 Definitions**

In this Division, unless the contrary intention appears:

**barrier** does not include a hedge or growing vegetation.

**private swimming pool** means a place, structure, building or excavation (including a spa pool) installed, constructed or maintained for the purpose of swimming, wading or similar activities, other than such a place, structure, building or excavation installed, constructed or maintained by the council for use by the public.

**small child** means an infant who has not attained the age of 5 years.

**spa pool** means a water-retaining structure with a capacity of not less than 680L with which is associated the facility to inject air bubbles or jets of turbulent water.

### **34 Offence to own unregistered private swimming pool**

- (1) It is an offence for a person to own a private swimming pool installed, constructed or maintained on land if that pool is not registered.

- (2) Notwithstanding clause (1) if, on the commencement of this Division, there is on land a private swimming pool that has not, before the commencement, been registered, the owner of the pool shall, within 14 days after the commencement, apply to the council for registration of the pool.
- (3) For the purpose of this by-law, the owner of a private swimming pool means:
  - (a) where the pool is so designed that it can be dismantled and reconstructed elsewhere – the occupier of the land or, where there is no person in occupation, the owner of the land; and
  - (b) where the pool is not of a type referred to in paragraph (a) – the owner of the land,on which the pool is situated.

### **35 Application for provisional registration**

- (1) Where a person proposes to install or construct a private swimming pool on land owned or occupied by him or her, the person shall apply to the council for registration of the proposed pool and shall not commence the installation or construction or allow it to be commenced unless a certificate of provisional registration in relation to the proposed pool has been issued under clause (2).
- (2) Where an application is made under clause (1), the council shall register the proposed private swimming pool and issue a certificate of provisional registration to the applicant.
- (3) Where the owner or occupier of land is required to obtain provisional registration of a proposed private swimming pool, a person shall not construct or install the pool before the person:
  - (a) has been provided with, or has obtained on the owner's or occupier's behalf, a certificate of provisional registration in relation to the proposed pool issued under clause (2); and
  - (b) has notified the council, in an approved form, that the person proposes to construct or install the pool referred to in the certificate.

### **36 Council to be advised when pool complete**

- (1) Where a certificate of provisional registration has been issued under by-law 35, the person to whom it has been issued shall give notice, in an approved form, to the council within 14 days after:
  - (a) the construction or installation of the pool is completed; or

- (b) the pool is first filled to a depth of not less than 300 mm at its deepest point,

whichever first occurs.

### **37 Fencing of private swimming pools**

- (1) Subject to clause (2), the owner of a private swimming pool shall cause the pool, or the whole or the relevant part of the land on which it is situated, to be enclosed by a fence, wall or building, or combination of them, of such a construction or nature as to provide a reasonably effective barrier against a small child gaining access to the pool.
- (2) The owner of a private swimming pool shall ensure that:
  - (a) the barrier referred to in clause (1) is not in any part lower than 1.2 m in height above the surface on which it is constructed; and
  - (b) every gate or door incorporated in the barrier is fitted with:
    - (i) an efficient self-closing mechanism; and
    - (ii) a positive self-latching mechanism that is situated not less than 1.1 m from the ground or floor above which it is suspended.

### **38 Inspection**

- (1) After the council receives a notice under by-law 36, an officer or employee authorised in that behalf may enter the land on which the private swimming pool is sited and inspect the land and the swimming pool to ensure that these By-laws are being complied with.
- (2) Where, in the opinion of the council, an authorised person or an officer or employee of the:
  - (a) a private swimming pool has not been enclosed in accordance with this Division; or
  - (b) a private swimming pool has not been maintained and is likely to cause a public nuisance or give rise to a condition adverse or dangerous to public health, or to attract vermin,

the council or that person, officer or employee may, by notice in writing served on the owner of the private swimming pool or of the land on which the private swimming pool is situated, require that person to execute and carry out such work and do such things for

the purpose of complying with these By-laws:

(c) by such time; and

(d) in such manner,

as is specified in the notice.

**39 Council may carry out work**

Where a person on whom a notice under by-law 38(2) has been served fails to comply with the notice within the time specified in the notice or such further time as the council, in writing, allows, the council may carry out or cause to be carried out any necessary work.

**40 Certificate of registration**

Where the council or the inspecting person, officer or employee is satisfied that any requirements by or under this Division are satisfied, the council shall issue a certificate of registration in respect of the private swimming pool or appropriately endorse the certificate of provisional registration.

**41 Council to be advised of removal, &c.**

Where a certificate of registration has been issued to a person, the person to whom it has been issued shall, in an approved form, give notice to the council:

(a) that the private swimming pool to which it relates has been removed from the land on which it was situated or has been dismantled; or

(b) that the person is no longer the occupier or owner of the land on which the private swimming pool is situated,

within 14 days after the event occurs.

**42 Pools to be maintained**

The owner of a private swimming pool shall ensure that:

(a) the pool is maintained in a clean and sanitary condition; and

(b) the barrier and gates incorporated in the barrier are maintained in good working order.

## **Division 4 Fires, &c.**

### **43 Burning offensive materials**

A person shall not burn or heat any material, thing or substance that gives off an odour that is offensive to a person on adjacent land or a public place.

### **44 Lighting fires**

- (1) A person who lights or causes to be lit or keeps burning a fire in the open air, other than in an approved incinerator or fireplace, or in a barbecue, commits an offence.
- (2) A person who, without a permit, lights or maintains a fire in a public place other than in a designated fire place commits an offence.
- (3) An offence under this by-law is a regulatory offence.

### **45 Igniting fireworks, &c.**

- (1) A person shall not, without a permit issued by the Chief Inspector within the meaning of the *Dangerous Goods Regulations*, light or assist to make a bonfire in a public place, or ignite or throw a firework or similar article in a public place.
- (2) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with clause (1) commits an offence.
- (3) An offence under this by-law is a regulatory offence.
- (4) Nothing in this by-law applies to the ignition of fireworks on the day on which self-government of the Territory is celebrated.

### **46 Breaking or leaving glass, &c.**

- (1) A person who breaks or causes to break in a public place used for recreational purposes any glass or other material the pieces of which are likely to cause injury commits an offence.
- (2) An offence under clause (1) is a regulatory offence.
- (3) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence under clause (1) if the defendant proves on the balance of probabilities that the breakage was accidental and that the broken pieces were collected and disposed of safely.

- (4) A person who leaves or deposits on a public place used for recreational purposes, other than in a container for collection by the council, any glass or other material likely to cause injury commits an offence.
- (5) An offence under clause (4) is a regulatory offence.

**47 Deposit of offensive matter, &c.**

- (1) A person shall not place or cause to be placed household, commercial or industrial waste, refuse or garbage in a litter bin provided by the council in a public place.
- (2) A person shall not:
  - (a) deposit, or permit the deposit of, waste food, peelings, fruit or other vegetable matter;
  - (b) throw, deposit or discharge an offensive or unwholesome matter or fluid; or
  - (c) deposit, or permit the deposit of, garbage or other refuse,  
  
on a public place or other land under the control of the council, except where it is placed in a container for collection by the council.
- (3) A person shall not, without a permit, use, deposit or discharge, or cause to be used, deposited or discharged, water or other matter, whether liquid or solid, in a place where it is likely to flow or discharge or encroach on or into a public place or a side entry pit to a drain in a public place.
- (4) A person shall not spit in a public place.
- (5) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of this by-law commits an offence.
- (6) An offence under this by-law is a regulatory offence.

**48 Throwing stones**

- (1) A person who, into, from or in a public place:
  - (a) throws or discharges a stone or other object; or
  - (c) uses a catapult,  
  
thereby causing damage to a building or property, or where there is a possibility of hitting or frightening a person, commits an offence.
- (2) An offence under clause (1) is a regulatory offence.

## **Part 3            Animal management**

### **Division 1        Animals generally**

#### **49            Purpose of Part**

The purpose of this Part is to provide for the keeping of animals within the municipality in a manner compatible with the enjoyment by residents of a congenial living environment.

#### **50            Diseased and injured animals and animals at large**

The council may, by notice in writing, require the owner of:

- (a) a diseased, injured, savage or destructive animal whether it is on private land or in a public place; or
- (b) an animal at large in a public place that, if left at large, is likely to be a danger to the safety of the public,

immediately to remove or otherwise dispose of the animal, and where it is reasonable to do so, require the destruction of the animal.

#### **51            Removal, &c., of dead or diseased, &c., animals**

- (1) The council may cause a dead animal that is found in a public place to be removed or destroyed and disposed of.
- (2) The council may, without notice to the owner of a dead, diseased or injured animal, or of an animal at large in a public place that is likely to be a danger to the safety of the public, cause the carcass or the animal to be removed or destroyed and disposed of.
- (3) Where the council incurs expense in removing, destroying or disposing of an animal or a dead animal, the council may recover the expense from the owner of the animal as a debt due and payable to the council.

#### **52            Occupier is deemed owner**

For the purposes of this Division, and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, the occupier of land where an animal or a dead animal is found shall be deemed to be the owner of the animal.

## Division 2            Control of dogs

### Subdivision 1       Preliminary

#### 53                    Interpretation

(1) In this Division, unless the contrary intention appears:

**abandon**, in relation to a dog, includes deliberately leaving the dog at premises.

**animal** means all animals kept on private premises in the municipality, and includes dogs, cats, birds and reptiles.

**dog** means an animal of the genus *Canis*.

**dog exercise area** means a dog exercise area declared under by-law 62.

**dog restriction area** means a dog restriction area declared under by-law 62.

**dog-tag** means a dog-tag issued under by-law 57.

**identification device** means a device or mark used for identifying an animal registered under this Part and includes a dog-tag, permanent electronic subcutaneous implant, tattoo or other approved device or mark.

**menace**, in relation to the actions of a dog, means an action that creates a reasonable apprehension in a person that the dog is likely to attack the person or another person or an animal owned or in the control of the person, and includes a reasonable apprehension that the dog may escape, or be released from restraint, to attack a person or the animal.

**permanent electronic subcutaneous implant** means an electronic device that can be implanted into the tissue of a dog for the purposes of identification.

**registered owner**, in relation to a dog, means the person appearing in the register as the owner of the dog.

**repealed by-laws** means the *Darwin (Control of Dogs) By-laws* as repealed by these By-laws.

**veterinary surgeon** means a registered veterinary surgeon within the meaning of the *Veterinary Surgeons Act*.



- (2) Unless the contrary intention appears, a reference in this Division to the owner of a dog (other than to the registered owner) includes:
- (a) the person for the time being under whose control the dog is;
  - (b) the occupier of premises or a part of premises where the dog is usually kept; and
  - (c) where the owner has not attained the age of 17 years, a parent or guardian of the owner,
- but does not include a person controlling or keeping a dog under Subdivision 6 or 7.
- (3) A reference in this Division to a dog at large is a reference to a dog, other than a dog in the custody of an authorized person or in a pound, in a place other than premises owned or occupied by the owner of the dog.
- (4) For the purposes of this Division, a dog is under effective control if the dog is:
- (a) restrained by a leash, cord, chain or similar device held by a person who is competent to restrain the dog;
  - (b) enclosed in a vehicle in such a manner that no part of the dog is projecting from the vehicle; or
  - (c) in a dog exercise area in accordance with the conditions, if any, to which use of the area is subject and the dog is not a female dog in oestrus.

#### **54 Exemptions**

By-laws 63, 64 and 65 do not apply to or in relation to a guide dog.

#### **55 Register**

- (1) Particulars in the register kept for the purposes of this Division shall include a reference to the by-law under this Division or the repealed by-laws:
- (a) for which a registered owner has been convicted; or
  - (b) in relation to which a registered owner has paid a sum specified by these By-laws or the repealed by-laws in pursuance of an infringement notice issued under these By-laws or the repealed by-laws.

- (2) The registrar shall keep, as part of the register, the registers required to be kept under the repealed by-laws.

## **Subdivision 2    Registration of dogs**

### **56            Special considerations in determination of application for registration**

- (1) The council shall, not later than 14 days after receiving an application for the registration of a dog:
- (a) register or renew the registration of the dog, either conditionally or unconditionally; or
  - (b) refuse to register or renew the registration of the dog, in which case the council shall refund to the applicant the fee accompanying the application.
- (2) The council may refuse to register or renew the registration of a dog:
- (a) if, within the period of 12 months before the date of the application, the owner of the dog has been convicted of more than 2 offences against this Division or the repealed by-laws;
  - (b) if, within the period of 12 months before the date of the application, the dog has been impounded under this Division or the repealed by-laws on more than 2 occasions;
  - (c) if the council is satisfied that the dog is destructive, dangerous, vicious or consistently the cause of nuisance to members of the public;
  - (d) if the premises on which the dog is usually kept are not fenced in the manner determined by the council; or
  - (e) if, within the period of 12 months before the date of the application, 2 or more complaints have been received relating to:
    - (i) the state of (including odour emanating from) the premises where the dog is usually kept, caused by or as a result of, keeping the dog; or
    - (ii) the unauthorised presence of the dog on land or premises other than the land or premises where the dog is usually kept.

- (3) The council shall refuse to register or renew the registration of a dog:
  - (a) if, in keeping the dog on the premises on which the dog is usually kept, the applicant would be in breach of by-law 64; or
  - (b) if the dog, other than a dog referred to in by-law 65(2), is usually kept on premises within a dog restriction area.
- (4) If the council refuses to register or renew the registration of a dog, or imposes conditions on the registration or renewal of the registration of a dog, the council shall serve on the applicant a statement in writing of the reasons for its decision.
- (5) For the purposes of clause (2)(a), a conviction for an offence includes the payment of a sum specified by this Division in pursuance of an infringement notice issued under these By-laws.

#### **57            Identification device**

Where the council registers or renews the registration of a dog under by-law 56, it shall, unless the dog is fitted with a permanent electronic subcutaneous implant issued by the council, issue a dog-tag to the person who made the application for fitting to the dog.

#### **58            Licensing premises**

- (1) The council shall, not later than 28 days after receiving an application for the licensing of premises in relation to the keeping of dogs:
  - (a) licence or renew the licence of the premises, either conditionally or unconditionally; or
  - (b) refuse to licence or renew the licence of the premises, in which case the council shall refund to the applicant the fee accompany the application.
- (2) The council may take into account, in considering an application under clause (1), a matter that is, in its opinion, relevant and in particular may take into account:
  - (a) the facilities for controlling dogs at the premises specified in the application;
  - (b) the number of dogs kept or to be kept at the premises; and
  - (c) the likely impact, if the licence is granted or renewed, on the residents in the locality where the premises are situated.

- (3) The council shall not grant or renew a licence for premises, where the council has determined the manner in which premises are to be fenced, if the premises are not fenced in accordance with the determination.
- (4) Where an application is for the renewal of a licence and, to the council's knowledge:
  - (a) no matters have arisen that, if taken into account at the time the licence was granted would have caused the council to refuse to grant the licence or to grant the licence subject to conditions other than those specified in the licence; or
  - (b) the council has not, since the grant of the licence, made a determination under by-law 64(1) that affects the premises,the council may renew the licence without considering the application in the manner specified in clauses (2) and (3).
- (5) If the council refuses to grant or renew a licence or grants a licence subject to conditions or renews a licence subject to conditions not imposed on the original licence, the council shall serve on the applicant a statement in writing of the reasons for its decision.

### **Subdivision 3 Cancellation, variation, &c., of registration and licences**

#### **59 Cancellation, variation, &c., of registration or licence by request**

The council may, on the written application of the registered owner of a dog or the holder of a licence, by notice in writing served on the registered owner or holder:

- (a) cancel the registration of the dog or the licence;
- (b) vary the conditions to which the registration of the dog or the licence is subject; or
- (c) in the case of a licence, suspend the licence for the period, as requested.

#### **60 Cancellation, variation, &c., of registration or licence otherwise than by request**

- (1) The council may, by notice served on the registered owner of a dog or the holder of a licence, require the registered owner or holder to show cause why the council should not:
  - (a) cancel the registration of the dog or the licence;

- (b) vary, in the manner specified in the notice, the conditions to which the registration or the licence is subject; or
  - (c) suspend the licence for the period specified in the notice.
- (2) The council may, not less than 14 days after the date of service of a notice under clause (1), by another notice in writing served on the registered owner or the holder of the licence on whom the first-mentioned notice was served:
- (a) cancel the registration of the dog or cancel the licence;
  - (b) vary, in the manner specified in the notice, the conditions to which the registration of the dog or the licence is subject; or
  - (c) suspend the licence for the period specified in the notice, being a period not longer than the period specified in the first-mentioned notice.

**61            Operation of notice of cancellation, &c.**

A notice served by the council under by-law 59 or 60(2) takes effect at the expiration of 14 days after the service of the notice.

**Subdivision 4    Dog exercise areas and dog restriction areas**

**62            Dog exercise areas and dog restriction areas**

- (1) The council may, by resolution, declare an area within the municipality to be a dog exercise area and may specify the times when a dog may be exercised in the area and the conditions, if any, to apply to the exercising of a dog in the area.
- (2) The council may, by resolution, declare an area within the municipality to be a dog restriction area and may prohibit the keeping in the area of:
  - (a) all dogs;
  - (b) more than a specified number of dogs; or
  - (c) all, or more than a specified number of, dogs of a specified breed.
- (3) The council shall, not less than 21 days before declaring an area to be a dog exercise area or dog restriction area, publish a notice of the proposed dog exercise area or dog restriction area in a newspaper circulating in the municipality.

## **Subdivision 5    Offences**

### **63            Unregistered dogs**

- (1) A person commits an offence if, within the municipality, the person keeps a dog that is not registered.
- (2) An offence under clause (1) is a regulatory offence.
- (3) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against clause (1) if the person charged with the offence proves that the dog had not been kept in the municipality for a period of one month or more immediately before the date of the alleged offence or for periods totalling one month during the 3 month period immediately before that date.
- (4) Clause (1) does not apply to:
  - (a) a pound manager keeping a dog in a pound;
  - (b) the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (N.T.) Incorporated keeping a dog in a refuge maintained by it;
  - (c) a veterinary surgeon keeping a dog for the purposes of treatment; or
  - (d) a dog under the age of 3 months, of which the burden of proof shall lie on the person averring the age.

### **64            Requirement for licence**

- (1) The occupier of land shall not keep more than the number of dogs or the number of dogs of a class or classes of dogs, as determined by the council, than are usually at premises unless the premises are licensed.
- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against clause (1) if the occupier of the premises proves that the dogs or the dogs of the class or classes of dogs had not been kept at the premises for a period of one month or more immediately before the date of the alleged offence or for periods totalling one month during the 3 month period immediately before that date.

### **65            Keeping dogs in dog restriction area**

- (1) A person who keeps a dog (other than a guide dog) in a dog restriction area where keeping the dog is prohibited commits an offence.

- (2) Where a dog is present in a dog restriction area and the presence of the dog is prohibited, the owner of the dog commits an offence.
- (3) An offence under clause (1) or clause (2) is a regulatory offence.
- (4) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence under this by-law if the person charged with the offence proves that the dog at the date of the making of the resolution declaring the dog restriction area:
  - (a) was owned by the person;
  - (b) was usually kept at premises in the dog restriction area; and
  - (c) if required by this Division to be registered, was registered.

#### **66            Removal of identification device**

- (1) A person, other than the owner of a dog, shall not, without reasonable cause, remove an identification device from a registered dog.
- (2) The owner of a registered dog shall not permit the dog to be at large without an identification device.
- (3) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against clause (2) if the owner of the dog proves that the identification device was removed:
  - (a) without the owner's permission and the owner had not had sufficient opportunity to replace the identification device; or
  - (b) for a reasonable cause and the cause was still existent at the date of the alleged offence.

#### **67            Dogs at large**

- (1) The owner of a dog commits an offence if the dog, when at large, is not under effective control.
- (2) An offence under clause (1) is a regulatory offence.
- (3) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against clause (1) if the person charged with the offence proves:
  - (a) that the dog, when at large, was properly in a dog exercise area; and
  - (b) that the person was not in breach of a condition applying to the exercising of the dog in the dog exercise area.

**68 Enticement**

A person shall not entice or induce a dog to act in a manner that would render the owner of the dog liable to prosecution for an offence against this Division.

**69 Dogs attacking or menacing persons or animals**

- (1) The owner of a dog that:
  - (a) attacks a person or animal; or
  - (b) menaces a person or animal,is guilty of an offence.
- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against clause (1) if the owner of the dog proves that:
  - (a) a person had, without the owner's permission, enticed the dog to attack or menace the person or animal;
  - (b) the animal attacked or menaced was attacked or menaced on premises owned or occupied by the owner; or
  - (c) the person attacked or menaced was attacked or menaced on premises owned or occupied by the owner and the person:
    - (i) was on the premises for an illegal purpose; or
    - (ii) was attacked or menaced other than when proceeding by the shortest practical route from a boundary of the premises to the door of the premises closest to the boundary or from the door to the boundary.

**70 Dogs chasing vehicles**

The owner of a dog that chases a vehicle, including a bicycle or tricycle, is guilty of an offence.

**71 Dogs causing nuisance**

- (1) The owner of a dog that, either by itself or in concert with other dogs, is a nuisance is guilty of an offence.
- (2) For the purposes of this by-law, a dog is a nuisance if it is injurious or dangerous to the health of the community or of an individual, or behaves repeatedly in a manner contrary to the general interest of the community or an individual.



- (3) Without limiting the generality of clause (2), a dog is a nuisance if it:
- (a) creates a noise, by barking or otherwise, that persistently occurs or continues to a degree or extent that has a disturbing effect on the state of reasonable mental, physical or social well-being of a person;
  - (b) repeatedly barks when people or vehicles use a public place in the vicinity of the premises where the dog is kept; or
  - (c) repeatedly defecates in such a place so as to cause annoyance to a particular person.
- (4) The owner of a dog is not guilty of an offence against this by-law by reason of the actions of the dog referred to in clause (3)(c), if the owner immediately removes the faeces and disposes of it in the gutter of a road with a constructed curb, a public garbage receptacle or on his or her own property.

**72            Abandoning dogs**

A person shall not abandon a dog in the municipality.

**73            Obstruction of pound manager, &c.**

- (1) A person shall not obstruct or hinder a pound manager in the execution of his or her duties.
- (2) A person shall not:
- (a) remove or attempt to remove a dog from the custody of an authorized person; or
  - (b) except in pursuance of this Division, remove or attempt to remove a dog from a pound.

**74            Sterilisation marks and certificates**

- (1) The council may approve:
- (a) a certificate of sterilisation to be issued to the owner of a sterilised dog; and
  - (b) a mark to be used to identify a dog that has been sterilised.
- (3) Where the council has approved a mark under clause (2), a person shall not mark, with the approved mark, a dog that has not been sterilised.

- (4) Where the council has approved a certificate of sterilisation under clause (1), a veterinary surgeon shall, on sterilising a dog, issue to the owner of the dog such a certificate.
- (5) A person, on the sale or disposal of a dog to another person, shall not:
  - (a) fail, where the dog has been sterilised, to supply to the other person the proof that the dog has been sterilised; and
  - (b) where the dog has not been sterilised, state or hold out that the dog is sterilised.

## **Subdivision 6    Enforcement**

### **75            Seizure, &c., of animals**

- (1) An authorized person may:
  - (a) seize:
    - (i) an apparently diseased, injured, savage, destructive, stray or unregistered animal; or
    - (ii) an animal that is at large; and
  - (b) where, in the opinion of an authorized person it is necessary to do so, destroy a diseased, injured, savage, destructive, unclaimed, unregistered or unwanted animal or apply to the Local Court under the rules of that court for an order relating to the destruction of the animal.
- (2) An authorized person who seizes a dog shall as soon as practicable:
  - (a) deliver the dog to a pound; or
  - (b) return the dog to its owner:
    - (i) at the time of issuing an infringement notice to the owner; or
    - (ii) in the case of a dog referred to in by-law 68, without issuing an infringement notice.

## **Subdivision 7 Pounds**

### **76 Establishment, &c., of pounds**

- (1) The council may:
  - (a) establish a pound; or
  - (b) make such arrangements as it thinks fit for the use of premises for impounding dogs under this Division.
- (2) The council may appoint such persons as it thinks fit to be pound managers of a pound.

### **77 Notice of impounding**

- (1) Where a registered dog with an identification device is delivered to a pound, a pound manager shall notify the registrar who shall serve on the registered owner a notice, in the approved form, of the impounding of the dog.
- (2) Where a dog with a collar on which the address of its owner is displayed is delivered to a pound, a pound manager shall notify the registrar who may serve at the address a notice, in the approved form, of the impounding of the dog.
- (3) Except in accordance with clause (1) or (2), the registrar is not obliged to notify the owner of a dog of the impounding of the dog.

### **78 Release of dogs from pounds**

- (1) An impounded dog shall not be released from the pound:
  - (a) unless it is registered;
  - (b) other than to the owner of the dog or to a person authorised to act as the owner's agent; and
  - (c) unless there is paid to the council the appropriate maintenance and release fees.
- (2) Clause (1)(a) does not apply to a dog that has not been usually kept in the municipality for a period of one month immediately preceding the date of its release from the pound or is under 3 months of age.
- (3) The burden of proof as to whether:
  - (a) a person is the owner of a dog or a person authorised to act as the owner's agent; and

- (b) under clause (2), a person has kept the dog in the municipality for the period specified or the dog is under 3 months of age,

lies on the person.

## **79            Diseased dogs**

- (1) Where a pound manager who takes custody of a dog that has been seized under this Division:
  - (a) receives advice from a veterinary surgeon that the dog is, or is suspected of being, diseased; or
  - (b) notices or suspects that the dog is diseased,the pound manager shall:
  - (c) isolate the dog from other dogs in the pound; and
  - (d) notify the council of the dog's condition.
- (2) The council shall serve on the owner, if known, of a dog isolated under clause (1) written notice that the dog is or is suspected of being diseased and that the council:
  - (a) requires the dog to be destroyed; or
  - (b) requires the dog to undergo a course of treatment specified in the notice.
- (3) In a notice served under clause (2), the council may require the owner of the dog to produce to the council, within the time specified in the notice, a report, prepared by a veterinary surgeon or a person specified in the notice, relating to:
  - (a) the diseased dog, where the dog is not required to be destroyed; or
  - (b) all other dogs usually kept at the premises where the diseased dog was kept.
- (4) A dog the subject of a notice under this by-law may be released from the pound in accordance with by-law 78 subject to such conditions as the council thinks fit.
- (5) A pound manager may destroy a dog in a pound if the dog is so diseased or injured that it is humane to destroy it.
- (6) The cost of treatment reasonably provided by a pound manager to a diseased animal, and to any other animal in the pound that was infected or was at risk of being infected by the diseased animal

before the manager could reasonably isolate it, is a debt due and payable by the owner of the diseased animal to the council.

## **80            Sale or disposal of impounded dogs**

- (1) A pound manager may arrange for the destruction of a dog delivered to a pound at the expiration of the number of days or hours as are determined, from time to time, by the council.
- (2) A dog in a pound shall not be destroyed other than:
  - (a) by a veterinary surgeon or a person who is, in the opinion of a pound manager, qualified to destroy the dog; and
  - (b) in a manner that is approved by the Australian Veterinary Association.
- (3) Subject to this Part, a pound manager may, instead of destroying a dog under clause (1), sell or dispose of the dog or pass the property in the dog to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (N.T.) Incorporated and sell or dispose of the dog as agent for that Society.

## **Subdivision 8    Miscellaneous**

### **81            Change of ownership of dog, &c.**

- (1) A person who acquires ownership of a registered dog shall, not later than 14 days after acquiring ownership, notify the registrar of:
  - (a) the person's name and address;
  - (b) the name of the registered owner; and
  - (c) the registration number of the dog.
- (2) The registered owner of a dog who changes his or her address shall, not later than 14 days after the change, notify the registrar of the new address.
- (3) The registrar shall, on being notified of a change of ownership under clause (1) or of an address under clause (2), amend the register accordingly.

### **82            Dog races, &c.**

- (1) The council may, by notice in writing, exempt a person or body from by-law 66 or 67, or both, for the purposes of a dog race, dog trial, dog show or while taking part in the activities of a dog obedience club or while using a dog to drive cattle or stock on a road or for

such other purpose or event as the council may, from time to time, determine.

- (2) An exemption under clause (1) may relate to a particular event or to a class of events and may be subject to such conditions, if any, as the council thinks fit.

## **Part 4            Public places**

### **Division 1        Roads, crossings, &c.**

#### **83            Definition**

In this Division, unless the contrary intention appears:

***approved crossing*** means a crossing constructed:

- (a) before the commencement of these By-laws, by or with the approval of the council; or
- (b) after the commencement of these By-laws, in accordance with a permit.

#### **84            Application or requirement to construct crossing**

- (1) The owner or occupier of land that abuts on a public place shall, before constructing a crossing from the land to the place, apply for a permit.
- (2) A person shall not carry out any work relating to the construction of a crossing until a permit for it has been granted.
- (3) The council may serve on the owner or occupier of land that abuts on a public place a notice, under by-law 10, requiring a crossing to be constructed.
- (4) Where, in the opinion of the council, a crossing, whether made before or after the commencement of these By-laws:
- (a) is no longer adequate for the volume or nature of the traffic passing over it; or
- (b) is in a state of disrepair or is damaged,

the council may serve a notice under by-law 10 on the owner or occupier of the land to which the crossing leads from the public place.

**85            Vehicles to use approved crossings only**

- (1) It is an offence for a person, without a permit, to drive or propel a motor vehicle over or across a footpath otherwise than at an approved crossing.
- (2) Clause (1) does not include the riding of a bicycle or tricycle on, along or across a footpath designated by the council as a bicycle path.
- (3) It is an offence for a person to:
  - (a) park a vehicle on; or
  - (b) place an obstruction on, or cause an obstruction to, an approved crossing.
- (4) Where a person requires to gain access to land, it is not an offence under clause (3) if the person ensures that the vehicle or obstruction remains on the approved crossing for the least time necessary to obtain access.
- (5) An offence under clause (1) or clause (3) is a regulatory offence.

**86            Bicycle restriction areas**

It is an offence for a person to ride a bicycle or tricycle along or across a footpath designated by the council as a bicycle restriction area, and indicated as such by signs.

**87            Heavy loads prohibited**

- (1) It is an offence for a person, without a permit, to drive or propel a vehicle or cause or permit a vehicle to be driven or propelled across or to stand on or over a crossing, culvert, road kerb or bridge if the vehicle is:
  - (a) so heavy or of such nature that it is likely to cause damage to the paving of the crossing, culvert, kerb or bridge; or
  - (b) of a weight greater than that notified under clause (2).
- (2) The council may, from time to time, determine the maximum weight of a load to be carried over a crossing, culvert, road kerb or bridge and may notify the determination by a sign conspicuously posted at or near each approach to the crossing, culvert, road kerb or bridge.
- (3) An offence under clause (1)(b) is a regulatory offence.

**88            Removal of kerbing**

- (1) It is an offence for a person, without a permit, to remove a road kerb.
- (2) An offence under clause (1) is a regulatory offence.
- (3) Where a person, in an application for building or other works, applies for a permit to cross a road kerb, the council may cause the kerb to be removed at the place indicated in the application or at another place approved by the council.
- (4) At the conclusion of the building or other works for which the road kerb was removed, the council may cause the road kerb to be replaced.

**89            Laying pipes, &c., on public place**

- (1) It is an offence for a person, without a permit, to:
  - (a) lay pipes, cables or conduits; or
  - (b) erect, place or maintain a post, pillar, bridge, footway, fixture or structure,  
  
in, on, over, under or abutting a public place or:
  - (c) dig or remove, or cause to be dug or removed, turf, sand, clay, soil or other material from, or from beneath, a public place; or
  - (d) place a matter or thing, whether or not it causes an obstruction, on a public place.
- (2) An offence under clause (1) is a regulatory offence.

**90            Excavations**

- (1) It is an offence for a person, without a permit, to excavate a trench through or under a road or footpath or other public place.
- (2) It is an offence for a person, without a permit, to carry out excavation on land abutting a public place where the excavation:
  - (a) encroaches or may encroach on the public place; or
  - (b) is such that if it were to subside or the wall of the excavation were to collapse the excavation or the excavated material would encroach on the public place.
- (3) An offence under this by-law is a regulatory offence.



**91            Damage to roads, &c.**

- (1) It is an offence for a person to propel, drag or trail in contact with the surface of a road any sledge, timber, metal, tool, implement, furniture or other heavy material or a conveyance or thing capable of damaging the road.
- (2) It is an offence for a person to carry timber, metal, tools, implements, furniture or material along a road in a manner that endangers or causes disturbance to another person.
- (3) It is an offence for a person to spill or cause to be spilt wet concrete, motor oil, hydraulic fluid or any similar substance on a road or within a public place.
- (4) An offence under this by-law is a regulatory offence.

**92            Council may require land to be enclosed**

- (1) Where land adjoining a road is not enclosed in such a manner as to prevent sand, soil or other material from being carried on to the road, the council may, by notice under by-law 10, require the owner or occupier of the land to cause the land to be enclosed.
- (2) The owner or occupier of land shall not, without a permit, cause to be erected or maintained on the boundary of the land or within 0.66 m of a road or land under the control of the council, a fence having a component of barbed wire or material of a similar type at a height lower than 2.33 m from the ground on which the fence is erected.

**93            Safety lights**

- (1) A person who causes:
  - (a) any material or structure to be deposited or laid on a road; or
  - (b) work to be carried out entailing the opening or breaking up of the surface of a road,  
  
whether or not authorised by the council, shall, at the person's expense, cause:
    - (c) lights of a type and colour and in a number that the council considers sufficient for the purpose to be placed and retained near the material, structure or work;
    - (d) the lights referred to in paragraph (c) to be illuminated from sunset to sunrise; and

- (e) the materials, structure or work to be fenced and enclosed to prevent damage or inconvenience to other persons,  
until the material or structure is removed or the road is restored.
- (2) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with clause (1) commits an offence.
- (3) An offence under this by-law is a regulatory offence.

## **Division 2            Trees, &c.**

### **94            Damage to trees, plants, &c.**

- (1) It is an offence for a person, without a permit, in a public place:
  - (a) to interfere with or damage a tree, plant, garden or grass strip or cause anything to be done so that it may become damaged or destroyed;
  - (b) to cut, break, remove or disturb a tree, shrub, stem, branch or root of a living tree, shrub or plant; or
  - (c) to plant a tree, shrub or plant.
- (2) An application for a permit under clause (1), to plant a tree, shrub or plant, shall indicate the position where the applicant intends to:
  - (a) plant the tree, shrub or plant; or
  - (b) cut, break, remove or disturb the tree, shrub or plant or part of it.
- (3) Clause (1) does not prevent the owner or occupier of land that abuts a footpath from pruning or otherwise maintaining a tree, shrub or plant or maintaining or mowing a lawn on the footpath unless the council directs otherwise.
- (4) It is an offence for a person, without a permit, to pick, pluck or take a bud, flower or other part of a tree shrub or plant in a public place.
- (5) It is an offence for a person, in a public place:
  - (a) to drive, tow or propel a motor vehicle or other vehicle; or
  - (b) to ride, drive or lead an animal,in such a manner as to cause or permit it to cause damage to a tree, shrub, plant, garden or grass strip in the public place, or to council property situated on or affixed to the public place.

- (6) An offence under this by-law is a regulatory offence.

**95            Overhanging trees and shrubs**

The council may, where it considers that a tree, shrub or plant growing on land is causing inconvenience or an obstruction to persons using a public street or footpath or is causing or likely to cause damage to an adjacent public place, serve a notice under by-law 10 on the owner or occupier of the land to trim or remove the tree, shrub, or plant.

**Division 3            Signs hoardings and advertising**

**96            Signs, hoardings and advertising**

- (1) In this by-law, **signs code** means the document of that name approved by resolution of the council on 11 October 1995 and amended by resolutions of the council on 30 January 1996, 27 February 1996 and 21 May 1996 which prohibits, regulates or exempts matters relating or incidental to the placing, size, shape, content and colour of signs, hoardings and advertising on premises adjoining or in view of a public place, being a document which is available to the public at the council offices.
- (2) The occupier or, where there is no occupier, the owner of premises adjoining or in view of a public place commits an offence if there is on those premises a sign, hoarding or advertisement which is not in accordance with the signs code or with a permit granted under it.
- (3) An offence under clause (2) is a regulatory offence.
- (4) A sign, hoarding or advertisement shall be constructed or installed and maintained in a condition of security, good repair and rigidity to the satisfaction of the council.
- (5) Where an authorised person is of the opinion that a sign, hoarding or advertisement is not secure, in good repair or rigid, the authorised person may, whether or not a permit has been granted, give notice to:
- (a) the owner or occupier of the land where the sign, hoarding or advertisement is erected or being used; or
  - (b) the person responsible for authorising the erection of the sign, hoarding or advertisement

requiring remedial action or the removal of the sign, hoarding or advertisement within the period specified in the notice and the person to whom the notice is given shall comply with the notice.

- (6) Nothing in this by-law derogates from the requirements of any other law of the Territory relating to the construction or installation of buildings or structures.

## **Division 4            Handbills**

### **97                    Handbills**

- (1) It is an offence committed by a person for that person, without a permit, in or on a public place:
- (a) to give out or distribute a handbill; or
  - (b) to affix or cause to be affixed a handbill to a power pole, signpost or fixture in a street.
- (2) It is a condition of a permit to affix a handbill that the holder shall:
- (a) ensure that the handbill is preserved in a clean and tidy condition;
  - (b) remove the handbill if it becomes worn, torn or detached; and
  - (c) remove any waste or litter from the area.
- (3) It is an offence committed by a person for that person, without a permit and the consent of the owner or occupier of land adjoining a public place, to affix or cause to be affixed a handbill to or against a structure on the land.
- (4) Where an authorised person is of the opinion that a handbill is dirty, untidy, worn, torn or detached, the authorised person may, whether or not a permit has been granted or the consent of the owner or occupier of the land obtained in relation to affixing the handbill, give notice in accordance with by-law 10 to:
- (a) the owner or occupier of the building where the handbill is posted; or
  - (b) the person responsible for authorising the production of the handbill,
- requiring remedial action or the removal of the handbill.

## **Division 5            General**

### **98            Writing, defacing, &c.**

A person who, without a permit, writes on, defaces or marks a power pole, sign, post, fixture, wall or pavement in a public place with writing or pictorial representation commits a regulatory offence.

### **99            Erecting structures &c., or encroaching on public place**

- (1) A person shall not, without a permit, erect or place a structure, whether of a temporary or a permanent nature, on a public place, or permit a structure to encroach on a public place.
- (2) In addition to the general requirements for an application, an application for a permit to erect or place a structure under clause (1) shall:
  - (a) specify the purpose for which the structure will be used; and
  - (b) be accompanied by plans and specifications of the structure.

### **100           Goods in public place**

- (1) A person who, without a permit, stacks or stores goods or displays or exposes them, or permits their stacking, storing or exposing, whether or not for sale, in, on or over a public place or outside any premises adjoining a public place commits an offence.
- (2) An offence under clause (1) is a regulatory offence.

### **101           Vehicles, &c., for sale in public place**

- (1) A person who, without a permit, displays or exposes for sale any vehicle, boat or motor boat in, on or over a public place or outside any premises adjoining a public place commits an offence.
- (2) An offence under clause (1) is a regulatory offence.

### **102           Musical instruments, &c.**

A person shall not, without a permit, on a public place or other land under the control of the council:

- (a) use a musical instrument; or
- (b) for the purpose of announcing an auction, public performance, sale, meeting or similar gathering, ring a bell or use a musical instrument or any means of amplification or public address.

### **103            Camping or sleeping in public place**

- (1) A person who:
  - (a) camps;
  - (b) parks a motor vehicle or erects a tent or other shelter or places gear or equipment for the purpose of camping or sleeping; or
  - (c) being an adult, sleeps at anytime between sunset and sunrise, in a public place otherwise than:
    - (d) in a caravan park or camping area within the meaning of the *Caravan Parks Act*; or
    - (e) in accordance with a permit,commits an offence.
- (2) An offence under clause (1) is a regulatory offence.
- (3) An authorized person may direct a person who is or has contravened clause (1) to do one or both of the following:
  - (a) leave the public place; or
  - (b) remove any motor vehicle, tent, shelter, gear or equipment to a place specified by the authorised person,and the person shall comply with the direction forthwith.
- (4) A person who fails to comply with the directions of an authorised person under clause (3) commits an offence.
- (5) A person who, whether alone or together with others, obstructs or by his, her or their presence intimidates another member of the public from using a public shelter, ablution facility, water supply, barbecue or fireplace commits an offence.

### **104            Shopping trolleys**

- (1) A person who leaves a shopping trolley in a public place commits an offence.
- (2) An offence under clause (1) is a regulatory offence.

- (3) An authorised person may remove and impound a shopping trolley left unattended in a public place and shall, within 7 days after the removal and impoundment:
  - (a) serve on the owner a notice in writing of the impoundment and place of impoundment; or
  - (b) if the owner cannot be found or the owner's name cannot be ascertained, certify to the clerk the reason for failure to serve a notice referred to in paragraph (1), which shall be prima facie evidence of the matters contained in it.
- (4) After the expiration of 28 days after the impoundment, the clerk shall cause notice of the impoundment to be published in a newspaper circulating in the municipality and, if the owner of the trolley does not respond within 7 days after publication, shall publish the notice a second time.
- (5) If the owner of the trolley has not, within 28 days after service of a notice under clause (2)(a) or the later of the publications under clause (3), paid to the council all expenses relating to the removal, custody and reasonable maintenance of the trolley, the council may advertise for sale and sell the trolley or, if it is not convenient to sell the trolley, dispose of it.
- (6) Any proceeds of sale of a shopping trolley shall be applied in payment of:
  - (a) costs incurred by the council in the sale; and
  - (b) costs of removal, custody and reasonable maintenance before its sale or disposal,and the balance, if any, shall be paid to the owner at the time of the removal and impoundment.
- (7) If any money remains unclaimed by the owner or by a person acting on behalf of the owner of a shopping trolley sold under clause (3) after the expiration of a period of 6 months commencing with the date of the sale, the money shall be paid into the council's general fund.

**105            Washing or repairing vehicles, &c., in public place**

- (1) Subject to clause (2), a person shall not:
  - (a) wash a motor vehicle, vehicle, boat or motor boat; or
  - (b) carry out repairs or maintenance work on any of them,

on, along, in or across a public place.

- (2) Clause (1)(b) does not apply:
- (a) where the public place has been set aside by the council for the purpose and a notice to that effect has been conspicuously posted nearby; or
  - (b) to carrying out a repair for the purpose of immediately removing the motor vehicle, vehicle, boat or motor boat from a public place.

#### **106        Removal of persons from reserve**

- (1) An authorised person may remove, or cause to be removed, a person who contravenes these By-laws in a reserve or mall from the reserve or mall.
- (2) Where an authorised person has removed a person under clause (1), the council may, by notice in writing served on the person, refuse him or her entry to the reserve or mall specified in the notice, for the period, not exceeding 6 months, so specified.
- (3) A person on whom a notice under clause (2) has been served who enters the specified reserve or mall during the specified period commits an offence.

#### **107        General offences**

- (1) A person shall not, without a permit, drive, propel, sail or tow a boat or motor boat, at a speed of more than 5 knots, in waters within a public place.
- (2) A person shall not, without a permit, wilfully injure or kill an animal or bird or act in a manner intended or reasonably likely to result in injury or death to an animal or bird in a public place.
- (3) A person shall not, without a permit, graze or allow an animal that the person owns or is responsible for to graze on a public place.
- (4) A person shall not, without a permit, swim or bathe in waters within a public place except within signs erected or posted in a conspicuous place by the council advising that the waters are a designated swimming area.
- (5) A person who urinates or defecates in a public place, except in toilets provided for the purpose, commits an offence.
- (6) An offence under clause (5) is a regulatory offence.



## **Division 7            Malls and other public places**

### **108            Bicycles, skates, &c. may be prohibited in malls and other public places**

- (1) The council may determine that the riding or driving of bicycles or tricycles, pedal powered vehicles, small motorised vehicles, roller skates or blades, skateboards or any of them is prohibited or restricted in a mall or other public place in accordance with an inscription on signs erected in and associated with the mall or public place.
- (2) A person shall not contravene the determination of a council under clause (1) as inscribed on signs erected under that clause.

### **109            Control of certain activities in malls and other public places**

- (1) A person shall not, without a permit, in a public place, perform or offer entertainment, make a painting or drawing or take a photograph or film of a person or thing for commercial purposes or address persons assembled there.
- (2) A person shall not, without a permit, erect or install in a public place a post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, furniture, stand, display, exhibition, decoration or structure, whether permanent or temporary.
- (3) A person shall not, without a permit, discharge, or dispose of into or in a mall or other public place moisture from an air conditioner, or fumes, smoke, vapour, dust or other waste products, in such a way as to cause damage or annoyance to another person.
- (4) A person shall not, without a permit, remove or displace from or in a public place a barrier, railing, post, seat or any structure or erection.
- (5) A person shall not in a mall:
  - (a) remove or disturb any part of the soil of any flowerbed or around about or under any tree or plant;
  - (b) walk, stand, sit or lie upon any part of a flowerbed; or
  - (c) remove, cut or damage any flower, plant or tree.
- (6) A person conducting a business to which access is from a mall shall not, for the disposal of trade or commercial waste, packaging or rubbish, use public refuse bins placed by the council in the mall.
- (7) A person shall not, without a permit, enter or remain on or walk on any roof, covering or canopy erected over a mall.

- (8) A person shall not, without a permit, bring an animal into a mall.
- (9) This by-law does not apply to an agent or officer or employee of the council acting in accordance with their duties.

**110        Control of vehicular traffic, &c., in malls**

- (1) A person shall not drive a vehicle or cause a vehicle to stand in a mall unless:
  - (a) it is an emergency vehicle; or
  - (b) it is:
    - (i) a service vehicle; or
    - (ii) a vehicle in the mall in accordance with a permit.
- (2) A person shall not drive a vehicle, other than an emergency vehicle, in a mall at a speed in excess of 5 km/h.
- (3) A person acting in contravention of clause (1) or clause (2) commits an offence.
- (4) An offence under clause (3) is a regulatory offence.
- (5) Where, contrary to a by-law, there is in a mall a vehicle or thing the driving, use, presence or standing of which is prohibited or regulated, a member of the Police Force, an authorised person or officer or employee of the council may remove the vehicle or thing to a place either within or outside the mall.
- (6) A person acting under clause (5) is not liable for any damage caused to a vehicle or thing removed under that clause.
- (7) This by-law does not apply to the bona fide use of a wheel chair or perambulator.

- (8) In this by-law:

***emergency vehicle*** means a vehicle under the control of:

- (a) a member of the Police Force;
- (b) an employee of a fire brigade;
- (c) an officer of an ambulance service; or
- (d) a person authorised by an officer of the Northern Territory Emergency Service and is used during the course of that person's duties.

**service vehicle** means a vehicle under the control of an officer or employee of the Power and Water Authority, a corporation providing telecommunication services, the Departments of Transport and Works and Lands, Housing and Local Government or the council and is being used in relation to a function of those bodies.

## **Division 8            Public swimming pools, &c.**

### **111            Application**

Unless the contrary intention appears, this Part applies to all public swimming pools and enclosed waters in a public place in the municipality, but by-law 112 does not apply to a free area within the meaning of the *Nudity Act*.

### **112            Dress and conduct at public swimming pools, beaches, &c.**

- (1) An authorised person, who is of the opinion that the dress of a person, in or near a public swimming pool or waters to which this Part applies is not appropriate or is inadequate, may direct the person to:
  - (a) remedy the defect reasonably required; or
  - (b) leave the public swimming pool or public place.
- (2) A male person over the age of 5 years shall not enter a dressing room, toilet or shower set aside for females; and a female over the age of 5 years shall not enter a dressing room, toilet or shower set aside for males.
- (3) A person under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug shall not be permitted entrance to a public swimming pool.
- (4) An authorised person, who is of the opinion that a person who is in a public swimming pool or waters to which this Part applies is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug, may direct the person to leave the public swimming pool or public place.
- (5) A person who is suffering, or appears to an authorised person to be suffering, from an infectious, contagious or offensive skin disease or skin complaint shall not enter or use a public swimming pool or other waters to which this Part applies.
- (6) A person shall not commit a nuisance of any kind within a public swimming pool or public place in which waters to which this Part applies are enclosed.

- (7) A person shall not wilfully:
  - (a) foul or pollute the water of; or
  - (b) foul or pollute a dressing room, toilet or shower in,  
a public swimming pool or public place.
- (8) A person shall not play a game or do any act that is dangerous or is likely to interfere with the safety or comfort of the general public or is likely to injure the property of or injure, endanger, obstruct, inconvenience or annoy a person in a public swimming pool or public place in which waters to which this Part applies are enclosed.
- (9) A person who, in a public swimming pool or public place in which waters to which this Part applies are enclosed:
  - (a) without lawful authority, tampers with or alters any setting or makes any adjustment to any structure, equipment or facility;  
or
  - (b) contravenes or fails to comply with a direction of an authorised person,  
  
commits an offence.
- (10) An offence under clause (9) is a regulatory offence.

**113        Removal of persons from public swimming pools**

An authorised person may exclude from a public swimming pool or other waters to which this Part applies a child who is not accompanied by and in the control of an older person who is apparently capable of caring for him or her.

**114        General offences on beaches, &c.**

- (1) A person shall not, without a permit, :
  - (a) drive or propel a motor boat or other boat in or on a bathing place other than a beach or foreshore; or
  - (b) cause a motor boat or other boat to travel at a speed greater than 5 knots on any waters to which this Part applies.
- (2) A person shall not obstruct or restrict public access to or the use of a facility on a public place, reserve, or public swimming pool.
- (3) A person shall not interfere with, damage, deface or destroy a building, structure, fixture, piece of equipment, plant or facility situated in or on a public place, reserve or public swimming pool.

## **Division 9            Stallholders**

### **115            Definitions**

In this Division, unless the contrary intention appears:

**goods** includes food, beverages, wares, merchandise, raffle tickets, tokens, badges and motor vehicles.

**market** means an area in which 2 or more stalls are located or intended to be located.

**packages** includes boxes, baskets and packaging.

**sell**, in relation to goods, means offering or exposing goods for sale or hire or displaying or publishing an advertisement describing or promoting the sale of goods, from a stall.

**stall** means a structure in or from which goods are offered for sale and includes a tent, motor vehicle, caravan, trailer or table.

**stallholder** means a person who sells or offers for sale goods from a stall.

**stallholders association** means an association incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act and formed for the purpose of establishing and managing a market.

**stallholders permit** means a permit granted by the council or by a stallholders association to conduct business from a stall.

### **116            Stallholders association may issue stallholders permits**

In addition to the general conditions of a licence, it is a condition of a market licence held by a stallholders association that the holder may issue stallholders permits for stallholders to conduct business within the market.

### **117            Obligations of stallholders associations**

- (1) A stallholders association shall:
  - (a) comply with the conditions of the market licence;
  - (b) comply with the reasonable directions of the council or an authorized person concerning the location of stalls in the market; and
  - (c) keep the site of the market clean and free from garbage, waste or litter resulting from its operation.

- (2) A stallholders association, in the conduct and operation of a market, shall not:
  - (a) permit or allow goods to be sold on such day or days as may be determined by the council;
  - (b) obstruct the passage of pedestrians or vehicles; or
  - (c) allow the market or stalls within the market to be conducted in a manner that is or may be offensive to persons in or in the vicinity of the market.
- (2) A stallholders association shall not, without a market licence, establish or manage a market.

**118        Special requirements for application for stallholders permit**

- (1) In addition to the requirements of by-law 117, a stallholders permit shall include particulars of:
  - (a) the type of goods that the applicant intends to sell;
  - (b) the proposed location of the stall from which the applicant proposes to sell the goods;
  - (c) the period for which the permit is required; and
  - (e) such other particulars as the council or the stallholders association, whichever is to issue the licence, may require.
- (2) A person shall not, without a stallholders permit, sell goods or otherwise conduct business from a stall.

**119        Obligations of stallholders**

- (1) A stallholder shall:
  - (a) comply with the conditions of the permit;
  - (b) comply with the reasonable directions of the council or an authorized person concerning the location and siting of his or her stall;
  - (c) maintain his or her stall in good order and condition to the satisfaction of the council or an authorized person including keeping the site of the stall clean and free from garbage, waste, or litter resulting from its operation; and
  - (d) display his or her name legibly and conspicuously on the stall.

- (2) It is an offence for a stallholder, in the conduct of business from a stall:
  - (a) to sell goods on such a day or as the days may be determined by the council;
  - (b) to call his or her goods or make a noise, or cause to be made a noise or disturbance likely to be a nuisance or annoyance to a person in the vicinity of the stall;
  - (c) to deposit or store packages or goods except within his or her stall;
  - (d) to obstruct the passage of pedestrians or vehicles; or
  - (e) in the opinion of an authorised person, to act in an offensive manner.
- (3) This by-law applies whether or not:
  - (a) the stall is located within a market; and
  - (b) a permit is granted by the council or by a stallholders association.
- (4) An offence under clause 2(a), (b), (c) or (d) is a regulatory offence.

## **Part 5                    On-street and off-street car parking**

### **120                    Council-controlled off-street parking areas**

- (1) The council may set aside an area to be a council-controlled off-street parking area.
- (2) It is an offence committed by a person, for the person, in a council-controlled off-street parking area:
  - (a) to stand or park a vehicle other than in a manner indicated by an inscription on a sign erected or placed in the parking area; or
  - (b) to stand or park a vehicle in the parking area in contravention of a limitation relating to a day or period of a day, or a class of persons or vehicles indicated by an inscription on a sign erected or placed in and associated with the parking area;
  - (c) to stand or park a vehicle with a space of less than 1m between it and another vehicle;

- (d) where parking bays are marked, to stand or park vehicle otherwise than entirely within the parking bay; or
  - (e) to stand or park a vehicle unless the whole of the vehicle is within the parking area.
- (3) An offence under clause (2) is a regulatory offence.

**121 Application of Part 3, Division 3 of *Traffic Regulations* to off-street parking areas**

- (1) Part 3, Division 3 of the *Traffic Regulations*, as in force from time to time, applies to and in relation to a contravention of by-law 120 as if the contravention were a parking infringement within the meaning of that Division.
- (2) For the purposes of clause (1):
- (a) Part 3, Division 3 of the *Traffic Regulations*, as in force from time to time, is incorporated in these By-laws;
  - (b) a reference in that Division to a parking infringement is taken to be a reference to a contravention of by-law 120;
  - (c) a reference in that Division to a sign or other manner of prescription under the *Traffic Regulations* is taken to be a reference to a sign referred to in by-law 120(2)(a) or (b); and
  - (d) a reference in that Division to a municipality within the meaning of the *Local Government Act* is taken to be a reference to the municipality of Darwin only.

**121A On-street parking**

For the purpose of regulating on-street parking, the council may:

- (a) install meters or ticket vending machines;
- (b) determine the conditions (which may apply generally or in relation to a particular area or a class of areas) subject to which a person may park on a street; and
- (c) determine under by-law 5 fees for parking on a street.



## **Part 6            Public libraries**

### **Division 1        Public libraries**

#### **122            Definitions**

In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears:

***book or material*** includes a periodical, newspaper, pamphlet, music score, picture, print, photograph, microfilm, map, chart, plan, manuscript, film, slide, sound recording, video recording or any other article forming part of the library collection whether or not the property of the council or the Territory.

***borrower's card*** means a borrower's card issued under by-law 129.

***librarian***, in respect of a library, means the person appointed by the council to be in charge of the library, and includes an officer acting for or under the direction of the librarian.

***library*** means a public library in the municipality administered by the council and includes all premises forming part of or used by or in conjunction with the library.

***permanent resident*** means a person who, in the opinion of a librarian, resides permanently in the municipality.

***registered borrower*** means a person, organisation or institution registered as a borrower under this Part.

#### **123            Library hours**

- (1) A library shall be open on the days and during the hours that the council, from time to time, determines.
- (2) A notice setting out the days and times a library is open shall be clearly exhibited and kept exhibited by the librarian in a conspicuous place in or about the library.

#### **124            Registration of borrowers**

- (1) A librarian may:
  - (a) on the application of a person who is a permanent resident; and
  - (b) on the production of evidence of the person's place of residence,

register the person as a borrower.

- (2) A librarian may, on the application of a person who is not a permanent resident but who is:

- (a) employed in the municipality; or
- (b) attending an educational institution in the municipality,

register the person as a borrower.

- (3) A librarian may require a person referred to in:

- (a) clause (2)(a), to provide a recommendation from the person's employer, in a form approved by the librarian, that the person be registered as a borrower; or

- (b) clause (2)(b), to provide:

- (i) a recommendation, authorised by the principal of the educational institution, that the person be registered as a borrower; or

- (ii) a current identity card that is acceptable to the librarian, before registering the person as a borrower.

- (4) A librarian may require an application under this by-law by a person who has not attained the age of 18 years to be signed by a parent or another person as guarantor of the applicant.

- (5) Where, under clause (4), an application under this by-law is signed by a parent or a person as guarantor, the parent or person guarantees that the parent or person will pay any fees and charges incurred under this Part by the applicant, and to pay, in accordance with this Part, for a book or material lost or damaged whilst on loan to the applicant before the applicant attains the age of 18 years.

#### **125            Registration of temporary borrower**

- (1) A librarian may register a person who is not qualified to be registered under by-law 124 as a temporary borrower.
- (2) A person registered as a temporary borrower may borrow books or materials from a library on such terms and conditions as the librarian from time to time determines.

#### **126            Registration of organisations and institutions**

- (1) A librarian may register an organisation or institution as a borrower.

- (2) An organisation or institution registered as a borrower under clause (1) may borrow books or materials from a library on such terms and conditions as the librarian may from time to time determine.

#### **127        Borrowers from other libraries**

- (1) Where a person registered as a borrower with another public library that is outside the municipality but that is in the Territory applies for registration as a borrower the person shall produce to the librarian the person's borrower's card from the other library and the librarian may register the person as a borrower.
- (2) Where the librarian registers a person as a borrower under clause (1), the person may borrow books or materials from a library on such terms and conditions as the librarian from time to time determines.

#### **128        Effect of registration**

A registered borrower may, subject to this Part and the terms and conditions, if any, determined by the librarian, borrow, free of charge for use away from a library, a book or material designated by the librarian as a book or material that is available for lending.

#### **129        Borrowers' cards**

- (1) Each registered borrower shall be issued with a borrower's card.
- (2) A borrower's card shall remain in force, unless sooner cancelled or suspended, for a period of 2 years after the date of issue or for such other period as a librarian may from time to time determine and endorse on the card.
- (3) A borrower's card is not transferable.

#### **130        Loss or destruction of borrowers' cards**

- (1) A registered borrower whose borrower's card is lost or destroyed shall notify a librarian of the loss or destruction as soon as possible after becoming aware of the loss or destruction.
- (2) Where a registered borrower satisfies a librarian that his or her borrower's card has been lost or destroyed, the librarian may, subject to clause (3), on payment of the appropriate fee, if any, issue to the borrower a new borrower's card.

- (3) A librarian shall not issue a borrower's card under this by-law to a registered borrower unless the borrower has returned all books and materials that the borrower has on loan and the borrower has paid any outstanding fees and charges incurred under this Part.
- (4) A registered borrower in whose name the card is issued is liable under this Part for a loss of, or damage to, books or materials borrowed by using the card (whether or not the books or materials were borrowed by the registered borrower using the card or the card was lost) until such time as a librarian is notified under clause (1).

### **131            Cancellation of borrowers' cards**

- (1) A registered borrower who:
  - (a) changes his or her name; or
  - (b) does not intend to continue borrowing books or materials from a library,

shall notify a librarian accordingly and forward to the librarian the borrower's card for cancellation.

- (2) A librarian may cancel, or suspend for such period as the librarian thinks fit, a borrower's card where the registered borrower in whose name the card is issued has contravened or failed to comply with this Part.

### **132            Use of borrowers' card**

A person shall not be permitted to borrow a book or material from a library unless the person presents a borrower's card to the librarian or an employee of the council at the area designated for the purpose of issuing books or materials at the library.

### **133            Borrowers to attend in person**

A librarian may refuse to lend a book or material except to a registered borrower in person.

### **134            Period of loan of books or materials**

- (1) A book or material may be borrowed from a library for such period as the librarian from time to time determines.
- (2) The number of books and materials a registered borrower may borrow from a library shall be as the librarian from time to time determines.

- (3) Where a registered borrower has borrowed a book or material from a library, the librarian may decline to change the book or material on the same day on which it was borrowed.
- (4) Where a book or material is not required by another registered borrower, the librarian may extend, for one further period only, the period of the loan.
- (5) An application for the extension of a period of a loan of a book or material may be made:
  - (a) by presenting the book or material at the library from which it was borrowed; or
  - (b) in any other manner determined by the librarian.

**135            Retention of books or materials beyond period of loan**

- (1) A registered borrower who retains a book or material beyond the period of loan shall, if required by a librarian, pay the reasonable costs incurred by the council in obtaining the return of the book or material.
- (2) A librarian may refuse to lend books or materials to a registered borrower who fails to pay an amount required to be paid under clause (1).

**136            Damage to books or materials to be reported**

Where a book or material is:

- (a) damaged whilst on loan; or
- (b) issued in a damaged or imperfect condition,

a registered borrower shall, on returning the book or material to the library, report the damage to the librarian.

**137            Lost or damaged books or materials**

- (1) Where a book or material is:
  - (a) damaged whilst on loan;
  - (b) not returned after due notice requesting its return has been given by a librarian; or
  - (c) lost whilst on loan,

a librarian may require the registered borrower of the book or material to pay the cost of replacing it or of repairing the damage

caused and if the book or material is one of a set and it is impracticable to repair or replace the book or material, to pay the cost of replacing the set.

- (2) A book or material that is stolen, lost or damaged remains the property of the council or the Territory, although replaced or paid for, and, if recovered, the subsequent disposal of the book or material shall be at the discretion of the council or the Territory.

**138            Offence not to return books, &c.**

- (1) Every person commits an offence who fails, within 14 days after the receipt of a letter from the council demanding the return of overdue books or materials or the payment of a specified amount for replacing or repairing any lost or damaged book or material (being a letter headed "Formal Demand"), to make the return or payment or enter into an arrangement satisfactory to the council to satisfy the demand.
- (2) An offence under clause (1) is a regulatory offence.

**139            Books or materials may be reserved**

- (1) Where a book or material is required by a registered borrower, but is not presently available for loan, a librarian may reserve the book or material for the borrower.
- (2) The librarian shall notify the registered borrower when the book or material reserved under clause (1) becomes available for loan.

**140            Books or materials may be requested**

- (1) A registered borrower may apply to a librarian to borrow a book or material that does not form part of the library's collection.
- (2) Where an application is made under clause (1), the librarian shall take such steps as are practicable to supply the book or material required and shall notify the registered borrower of the outcome.
- (3) Nothing in this by-law shall require the council to purchase a book or material in respect of which an application is made under clause (1).

**141            Reference books or materials not to be borrowed**

A book or material provided in a library for reference use only shall not be borrowed from the library unless the librarian considers that special circumstances exist that warrant its removal from the library.

## **Division 2            Miscellaneous**

### **142            Powers of librarians, &c.**

- (1) A librarian may give such directions and take such action as the librarian considers necessary for securing orderly conduct at a library and compliance with this Part.
- (2) A librarian may prohibit a child entering or remaining in a library if the child is not under the supervision of an adult or another child who, in the opinion of the librarian, is capable of supervising the child.
- (3) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with this Part or with a direction of a librarian under clause (1) or (2) may be removed or excluded from the library by the librarian, an authorized person or an officer or employee of the council.
- (4) A person aggrieved by a decision of a librarian may appeal to the council.

### **143            Bags, &c., to be deposited**

- (1) A person entering a library may be required by the librarian to deposit a bag, case, parcel or other similar article in the person's possession in a place set aside for that purpose.
- (2) A person who brings a bag, case, parcel or other similar article into a library shall, when requested by the librarian, allow it to be inspected by the librarian before the person leaves the library.
- (3) A bag, case, parcel or article deposited in a library in accordance with clause (1) that is not claimed within 24 hours after its deposit may be forwarded by the librarian to a police station.
- (4) The council or a librarian is not liable for the loss of or damage to a bag, case, parcel or article deposited in a library in accordance with clause (1).

### **144            Animals in libraries**

- (1) A person shall not bring an animal into a library.
- (2) Clause (1) does not apply to a person bringing a guide dog into a library.

### **145            Vehicles in libraries**

A person shall not, except with the permission of the librarian, bring a vehicle or conveyance into a library.

**146        Conduct of persons in libraries**

- (1) A person shall not:
- (a) obstruct a librarian or an officer or employee of the council in the execution of his or her duties under this Part;
  - (b) enter or use a library if unclean in dress or person or under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
  - (c) soil, tear, cut, deface, damage, injure or destroy a book or material or an object forming part of the contents of a library, whether in the library or elsewhere;
  - (d) except under and in accordance with this Part, take or cause to be taken from a library, or receive or be in possession of, a book or material forming part of the contents of the library;
  - (e) make a copy of a borrower's card;
  - (f) except with the consent of the librarian, enter or remain in any part of a library not set aside for the use of the public;
  - (g) except with the consent of the librarian, affix or post a bill, placard, notice or petition in or on a part of a library; or
  - (h) in a library do any of the following:
    - (i) take a tracing from a book or material except through a protective screen and with the permission of the librarian;
    - (ii) wilfully misplace or conceal a book or material or a record of a book or material;
    - (iii) disturb, interrupt or annoy a person;
    - (iv) sleep, lie on a chair or table or on the floor;
    - (v) smoke, eat or drink, except in an area designated by the librarian for that purpose;
    - (vi) except with the consent of the librarian, offer anything for sale;
    - (vii) behave in a disorderly manner or swear or use violent, abusive or obscene language; or
    - (viii) enter or remain after the hour fixed for the closing of the library.



- (2) A person shall not enter or remain in a library with a child who has not attained the age of 5 years unless the person keeps the child under direct supervision at all times while the child is in the library.

## **Part 7 Council meetings and procedures**

### **Division 1 Business**

#### **147 Procedures for meetings of council**

- (1) For the purpose of section 55 of the Act, the procedures for the conduct of meetings shall be as set out in this Part.
- (2) A motion to suspend the operation of the procedures set out in this Part may be moved without notice.
- (3) A suspension under clause (2) is limited in its operation to the particular purpose for which the suspension has been sought.

#### **148 Ordinary meetings**

An ordinary meeting shall be held on such day and at such time in each month as the council from time to time determines.

#### **149 Order of business**

- (1) The order of business at an ordinary meeting shall be as the council from time to time determines.
- (2) Notwithstanding a determination under clause (1), the order of business at an ordinary meeting may be altered for a particular meeting where the members at the meeting pass a motion to that effect.
- (3) A motion under clause (2) may be moved without notice.

#### **150 Business paper**

- (1) The clerk shall, as soon as practicable before each meeting, or within such time as the council determines, prepare or have prepared a business paper.
- (2) Copies of a business paper prepared under clause (1) shall be made available to the public at the council office and at such other places as the council determines as soon as practicable before each meeting.

- (3) A business paper prepared under clause (1) shall contain:
- (a) business arising out of previous meetings;
  - (b) business which the Lord Mayor wishes to have considered at the meeting without notice;
  - (c) matters of which notice, in accordance with by-law 151, has been given;
  - (d) matters referred to the council by a committee;
  - (e) officers' reports to the council referred to the meeting by the Lord Mayor or the clerk; and
  - (f) such other business as the council from time to time determines be contained in the business paper.

**151 Notice of business to be given by member**

- (1) A matter shall not be considered at a meeting unless notice in accordance with this by-law is given to the members within the time before the meeting as the council from time to time determines.
- (2) A notice under this by-law shall be in writing and signed by the member who wishes the matter to be considered.
- (3) A notice under this by-law may be given to a member by serving it on the member personally (including by electronic means) or by posting it to the member at the member's address for service as provided to the clerk under the Act.
- (4) A matter for which notice under clause (1) been given may be considered at an ordinary meeting during the part of the meeting set aside for general business.
- (5) A member at a meeting shall not speak to a matter raised for consideration in general business under this by-law for longer than 5 minutes.

**152 Lord mayoral minute**

The Lord Mayor may, by a signed minute, introduce a matter for consideration at an ordinary meeting and the matter takes precedence over all other matters for consideration at the meeting and may be adopted by a motion moved by the Lord Mayor without the need for the motion to be seconded.

### **153 Petitions**

- (1) A petition may be presented to a meeting by a member who, before presenting the petition, shall, as far as practicable, become acquainted with the subject matter of the petition.
- (2) A member, on presenting a petition to a meeting, shall:
  - (a) state the nature and prayer of the petition; and
  - (b) read the petition.
- (3) A petition shall not be presented unless it is worded in respectful language.
- (4) Each page of a petition presented to the council shall restate the whole of the petition.
- (5) Where a page of a petition does not comply with clause (4) the signatures on that page shall not be taken into account by the council when considering the petition.
- (6) A person shall not append to a petition:
  - (a) a signature purporting to be that of another person; or
  - (b) the name of another person.
- (7) Where a member presents a petition to a meeting no debate on or in relation to it shall be allowed and the only motion that may be moved is:
  - (a) that the petition be received and consideration stand as an order of the day for the meeting or for a future meeting; or
  - (b) that the petition be received and referred to a committee or officer for consideration and a report to the council.

### **154 Deputations**

- (1) A deputation means a group of persons consisting of more than 2 persons.
- (2) A deputation wishing to attend and be heard at a meeting may, not less than 7 clear days before the meeting, apply in writing to the clerk.
- (3) The clerk, on receiving an application under clause (2), shall notify the Lord Mayor of the application and the Lord Mayor shall determine whether the deputation may be heard and shall notify the clerk accordingly.

- (4) Where the clerk is notified by the Lord Mayor under clause (3) the clerk shall:
  - (a) inform the deputation of the determination of the Lord Mayor; and
  - (b) where the Lord Mayor has determined to hear the deputation, arrange a convenient time for the deputation to be heard at a meeting.
- (5) Only 2 persons in a deputation may be heard at a meeting unless the members at the meeting at which the deputation is to be heard determine otherwise.
- (6) A person in a deputation at a meeting shall be temperate in speech and manner, and shall not use insulting or offensive language.
- (7) Subject to clause (8), a deputation at a meeting in accordance with this by-law shall be given adequate opportunity and facility to explain the purpose of the deputation.
- (8) The Lord Mayor may terminate an address by a person in a deputation at any time where:
  - (a) the Lord Mayor is satisfied that the purpose of the deputation has been sufficiently explained to the members at the meeting; or
  - (b) the person uses insulting or offensive language.

## **Division 2 Motions**

### **155 Motions**

- (1) A motion brought before a meeting in accordance with the Act or this Part shall be received and put to the meeting by the Lord Mayor.
- (2) The Lord Mayor may require a motion or amendment to a motion to be stated in full or be in writing before permitting it to be received.

### **156 Unopposed notices of motion**

At a meeting the Lord Mayor may call over the notices of motion in the order in which they appear on the business paper, and, where no objection is taken to a motion being taken as a formal motion, the Lord Mayor may, without discussion, put the motion to the vote.

**157 Motions not to be withdrawn**

A motion on the business paper for a meeting shall not be removed from the paper where a member at the meeting objects to it being removed.

**158 Absence of mover of motion**

Where a member who has given notice of a motion under by-law 151 is absent from the meeting at which the motion is to be considered, the motion may be:

- (a) moved by another member at the meeting; or
- (b) deferred to the next ordinary meeting.

**159 Motion to be seconded**

- (1) A motion or an amendment to a motion shall not be debated at a meeting unless or until the motion or the amendment is seconded.
- (2) Notwithstanding clause (1), a member who moves a motion or an amendment to a motion may speak in support of the motion or amendment before it is seconded.

**160 Amendment to motion**

- (1) Where an amendment to a motion is before a meeting no other amendment to the motion shall be considered until after the first amendment has been put.
- (2) Not more than one motion or one proposed amendment to a motion may be put before a meeting at any one time.
- (3) An amendment to a motion shall be in terms that retain the identity of the original motion and do not negative the motion.
- (4) A member who proposes or seconds a motion shall not propose or second an amendment to the motion.
- (5) Where a motion is amended by another motion, the original motion shall not be put as a subsequent motion to amend the other motion.

**161 Motion of dissent**

- (1) A member at a meeting may, without notice, move a motion of dissent in relation to a ruling of the Lord Mayor on a point of order.
- (2) Where, under clause (1), a motion is moved, further consideration of the matter in relation to which the ruling of the Lord Mayor was made shall be suspended until after the motion is put.

- (3) Where a motion moved under clause (1) is carried, the matter in relation to which a ruling of the Lord Mayor was made shall:
  - (a) proceed as though the ruling had not been made; or
  - (b) where as a result of the ruling the matter was discharged as out of order, be restored to the business paper and be dealt with in the normal course of business.
- (4) Notwithstanding that the Lord Mayor is chairing the meeting, the Lord Mayor may, where a motion is moved under clause (1), speak to the motion and cast a deliberative vote in respect of it.

## **162 Rescinding or altering resolutions**

- (1) A resolution of the council may not be altered or rescinded:
  - (a) unless a notice of a motion to alter or rescind the resolution is given at the meeting at which the resolution is passed; or
  - (b) within 3 months after the date of the passing of the resolution, unless notice of motion is given in accordance with this Part to alter or rescind the resolution.
- (2) Where, in accordance with clause (1)(a), a notice of a motion to rescind a resolution is given, the resolution shall not be carried into effect, except as provided in clause (3), unless the motion is put and lost.
- (3) A resolution of the council referred to in clause (2) may be carried into effect where the members present at the meeting, by resolution, defer consideration of the motion to rescind the resolution.
- (4) A resolution under clause (3) shall not defer consideration of the motion for longer than 3 months.
- (5) Where a motion, of which notice in accordance with clause (1) is given, is lost, a motion to the same or similar effect may not be moved until after the expiration of 3 months after the date on which the first-mentioned motion was lost.
- (6) This by-law does not apply to a motion referred to in by-law 163.
- (7) Where a resolution of the council relates to a matter the subject of a previous resolution passed by the council more than 3 months before the later resolution, the previous resolution is, to the extent that it is inconsistent with the later resolution, altered or rescinded.

### **163 Procedural motions**

- (1) A member at a meeting may, during the debate of at a matter, move, as a procedural motion, that:
  - (a) the question be put;
  - (b) the debate be adjourned;
  - (c) the meeting proceed to the next item of business;
  - (d) the meeting stand adjourned;
  - (e) the question lie on the table; or
  - (f) the council be resolved into committee of the whole.
- (2) A procedural motion, that the question be put, may be moved under clause (1), where at the meeting not less than 2 members have spoken for and not less than 2 members have spoken against the motion before the meeting or an amendment to the motion and the procedural motion is moved by a member who has not spoken in the debate of the motion or an amendment to the motion.
- (3) Where a motion put under clause (2) is:
  - (a) carried, the Lord Mayor shall immediately put the question to the motion or the amendment to the motion; or
  - (b) lost, debate on the motion or the amendment to the motion shall continue.
- (4) A procedural motion, that the debate be adjourned, may specify a time or date, within the limits specified in clause (6), to which the debate shall be adjourned, or where no date is so specified a further motion may be moved, as a procedural motion, to specify such a time or date.
- (5) Where, under clause (4), no date or time is specified to which a debate shall be adjourned, the matter to which the procedural motion relates shall be included in the business paper for the next ordinary meeting.
- (6) A procedural motion under clause (4) shall not adjourn debate on the matter the subject of the motion to a date that is more than 2 months after the date of the procedural motion.
- (7) Where a procedural motion, that the meeting proceed to the next item of business, is carried, debate on the matter the subject of the motion shall cease and the matter shall be removed from the

business paper and may only be considered again by the council on the giving of notice in accordance with this Part.

- (8) A procedural motion, that the meeting stands adjourned, may be moved by a member at the conclusion of debate on a matter on the business paper or at the conclusion of a member's time for speaking to a matter, and shall, on being seconded, be put without debate.
- (9) Where a procedural motion under clause (8) is lost the Lord Mayor is not bound to accept a similar motion until the expiration of 30 minutes after the time the motion was lost.
- (10) A procedural motion, that the meeting stands adjourned, shall specify a time for the resumption of the meeting unless a time has previously been resolved, and on resumption of the meeting the council shall continue with the business before the meeting at the point where it was discontinued on the adjournment of the meeting.
- (11) A procedural motion, that the question lie on the table, shall only be moved where:
  - (a) the Lord Mayor or a member requires additional information on the matter before the meeting; or
  - (b) the result of some other action of the council or person is required before the matter may be concluded at the meeting.
- (12) Where a procedural motion under clause (11) is passed the council shall proceed with the next matter on the business paper.
- (13) A motion that a question be taken from the table may be moved in respect of a matter the subject of a procedural motion under clause (11) at the meeting at which the procedural motion was carried or at a later meeting.
- (14) Where a procedural motion, that the council be resolved into committee of the whole, is passed, the council shall immediately go into committee and consideration of the matter that was before the council at the time of the procedural motion shall continue in committee and shall not be considered further by the council except on the report of the committee of the whole.
- (15) A procedural motion referred to in clause (1) may be moved at the conclusion of a speaker's time and the Lord Mayor shall, on the motion being moved and seconded, immediately put the motion without permitting debate on the motion.



- (16) Where a procedural motion referred to in clause (1)(a), (b) or (c) is lost, the member who moved the motion may not, until after the expiration of 10 minutes after the motion was put, move a similar motion.

### **Division 3 Questions and discussions**

#### **164 Questions**

- (1) A member may at a meeting ask a question for reply by another member or an officer or employee.
- (2) Such notice as the Lord Mayor determines of a question under clause (1) shall be given to the member or officer or employee to whom it is directed to permit consideration of a reply and, if necessary, reference to other persons or documents.
- (3) A question under clause (1) shall be asked categorically and without argument and no discussion shall be permitted at the meeting in relation to a reply or a refusal to reply to the question.
- (4) Notwithstanding clause (2), a member or officer or employee of whom a question is asked may, at the meeting at which the question is asked, request that the question be taken on notice for the next ordinary meeting.
- (5) A member who asks a question at a meeting shall be deemed not to have spoken to the debate of the motion to which the question relates.

#### **165 Lord Mayor to take precedence**

The Lord Mayor may, at any time during the debate of a matter at a meeting, indicate an intention to speak and, on so doing, a member speaking or proposing to speak to the debate shall cease speaking and remain silent, or refrain from speaking until the Lord Mayor has been heard.

#### **166 Mode of addressing members and officers or employees**

A member shall, at all times during a meeting, address and refer to another member or an officer or employee by the member's or officer or employees' official title or designation.

#### **167 Limitation of number of speeches**

- (1) A member who moves a motion has a right to speak to the motion and to an amendment proposed to it and has a right of reply.

- (2) A member at a meeting, not being a member who moves a motion, has a right to speak once to the motion and to an amendment proposed to it.
- (3) Subject to clauses (4) and (5), a member at a meeting may not speak for more than 5 minutes on a question before the meeting.
- (4) A member who moves a motion may not speak:
  - (a) to the motion for longer than 10 minutes; and
  - (b) in the member's right of reply for longer than 5 minutes.
- (5) Notwithstanding clause (3), where:
  - (a) the members present at a meeting consent, a member's time to speak on a question before the meeting may be extended for a further period not longer than 5 minutes, as determined by the members; or
  - (b) a member considers that he or she has been misrepresented or misunderstood, the member may be permitted by the Lord Mayor to answer, without further observation than is necessary, the misrepresentation or misunderstanding.
- (6) A ruling of the Lord Mayor under clause (5) shall be final and conclusive and shall not be discussed or be the subject of a motion of dissent.

**168 Priority of speaking**

Where 2 or more members at a meeting rise to speak at the same time the Lord Mayor shall decide which member shall be heard first.

**169 Members to stand when speaking**

A member at a meeting shall stand when speaking to a matter being considered at the meeting unless:

- (a) prevented from doing so by a physical disability; or
- (b) the council has determined otherwise.

**170 Imputation**

A member speaking at a meeting shall not make a personal reflection on, or impute an improper motive to, another member.

## **Division 4 Order and disorder**

### **171 Question of order**

- (1) A member is guilty of an act of disorder if, at a meeting, the member:
  - (a) is in breach of the Act or these By-laws;
  - (b) uses language that, according to common usage, would be considered disorderly;
  - (c) uses an expression inconsistent with good order or decorum;  
or
  - (d) says or does anything calculated to bring the council into contempt.
- (2) At a meeting the Lord Mayor may, with or without the intervention of another member, call a member to order where the Lord Mayor considers the member is out of order.
- (3) At a meeting a member may raise a question of order with the Lord Mayor where the member considers another member is:
  - (a) guilty of an act of disorder; or
  - (b) out of order.
- (4) Where, under clause (3), a question of order is raised, the Lord Mayor shall rule on the question but may, before ruling, seek the opinions on the question of the other members at the meeting.
- (5) A ruling of the Lord Mayor made under clause (4) shall be obeyed except where a motion of dissent is subsequently passed in respect of the ruling.
- (6) A member who, under clause (4), is ruled to be out of order more than once at a meeting is guilty of an offence.
- (7) Where the Lord Mayor, under clause (4), rules a member is guilty of an act of disorder, the Lord Mayor may request the member to leave, for the remainder of the meeting, the place where the meeting is taking place and to apologize, without reservation, to the other members present.
- (8) A member shall not refuse to leave the place where a meeting is taking place on being requested to do so under clause (7).

**172 Disorder**

- (1) The Lord Mayor may, where disorder arises at a meeting, adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes and quit the chair.
- (2) Where, under clause (1), a meeting is adjourned, the Lord Mayor shall, on resumption of the meeting, move a motion, which shall be put without debate, to determine whether the meeting shall proceed.
- (3) Where a motion under clause (2) is lost, the Lord Mayor shall declare the meeting closed.

**173 Business of objectionable nature**

If at a meeting the Lord Mayor or a member considers that a matter before the meeting is objectionable, the Lord Mayor may, on the Lord Mayor's own motion or on that of another member, declare, on a point of order, that the matter not be considered further.

**Division 5 Attendance and non-attendance**

**174 Quorum not present**

- (1) Where, at the expiration of the time referred to in section 17 of the Act, a meeting is postponed, that fact, together with the names of the members present at the time, shall be recorded in the minutes kept by the council.
- (2) Where at a meeting a quorum of members, as required by section 17 of the Act, is not present the Lord Mayor shall suspend the meeting for a period of 3 minutes and, if at the expiration of the period, a quorum is not present, the names of the members present at the time shall be recorded in the minutes kept by the council, and the Lord Mayor shall adjourn the meeting to a later time or to another date, as the Lord Mayor thinks fit.
- (3) A member is taken to be present at a meeting if the member is in the room in which the meeting is taking, or is to take, place and seated at the place allocated to the member for the meeting.

## **Division 6 Media and public**

### **175 Attendance of public and media at meetings**

At a meeting:

- (a) an area at the place where the meeting is held shall be made available for members of the public to attend the meeting, and as many of them as reasonably can be accommodated in the area shall be permitted to attend the meeting; and
- (b) journalists may be present for the purpose of reporting on the meeting.

### **176 Removal of persons from meetings**

- (1) A person, other than a member, who interrupts the orderly conduct of a meeting shall, on being requested to do so by the Lord Mayor, immediately leave the place where the meeting is being held.
- (2) A person who fails to comply with a request of the Lord Mayor under clause (1) may, on the order of the Lord Mayor, be removed, with such force as is necessary, from the place where the meeting is taking place.

### **177 Public participation at meeting**

Except when invited to do so by the members at a meeting, or in accordance with by-law 154, a member of the public shall not take, or attempt to take part, in the meeting.

## **Division 7 Committees of council**

### **178 Procedures for meetings of committees**

For the purpose of section 55 of the Act, the procedures for the conduct of a meeting of a committee shall, except as otherwise provided by this Part be as determined, from time to time, by the members of the committee.

### **179 Meetings of committees**

A meeting of a committee shall be held at such dates and times as the council or the committee from time to time determines.

### **180 Disorder in committee**

By-laws 172 and 173 apply to and in relation to a meeting of a committee as if the meeting was a meeting of the council and the chairman of the committee was the Lord Mayor.

**181 Reports by committees**

- (1) A report to the council by a committee shall be presented by the chairman of the committee or, in the chairman's absence, by such other member of the committee as determined by the Lord Mayor.
- (2) Where more than one recommendation is made by a committee in a report to the council the decision of the council in relation to each recommendation may be taken separately.

**Division 8 Miscellaneous****182 Mode of proceeding in cases not provided for**

- (1) Where, at a meeting of the council or a committee, a matter arises that is not provided for, in part or in whole, by this Part, the matter shall be dealt with in accordance with a resolution of the council or the committee carried by not less than two thirds of the members present at the meeting.
- (2) Where, at a meeting of the council or a committee, a question arises relating to the interpretation of these By-laws the question shall be determined by reference to The Law and Procedures at Meetings in Australia and New Zealand by P.E. Joske.

**183 Penalty**

The penalty for an offence against this Part is \$50.

**Part 8 Repeal****184 Repeal**

The By-laws set out in Schedule 4 are repealed.

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**Schedule 2**

by-law 21(2)(a)

FIXED PENALTIES

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Column 1 By-law	Column 2 Amount \$
65	80
67	80
68	100
69(1)(a)	150
69(1)(b)	100
70	100
71	100
72	100
73	100

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**Schedule 3**

by-law 5(4)

Column 1	Column 2
Determinations	Matters to be taken into account
<i>Registration under Division 2 of Part 6</i>	
(1) By-law 5(3)(c) Application fee for	Fee may vary in respect of matters including:
(a) registration	(a) the date of the application;
	(b) whether or not the owner presents a sterilisation certificate in relation to the dog;
	(c) whether or not the applicant is a pensioner.
(b) renewal of registration	Fee may vary in respect of matters including:
	(a) whether or not the owner presents or has, on application for the initial registration, presented a sterilisation certificate in relation to the dog;
	(b) whether or not the applicant is a pensioner.
(2) By-law 56 Determination of application for registration. Manner in which premises on which the dog is usually kept are to be fenced.	Manner may vary by reference to the size or breed, or both of the dog to be registered.
<i>Licences under Division 2 of Part 3</i>	
(1) By-law 5(3)(b) Application fee for:	Fee may vary in respect of matters including:
(a) a licence	(a) the date of the application; or
	(b) whether or not the applicant is a pensioner.



- (b) a renewal of a licence. Fee may vary in respect of matters including:
- (a) the date of the application; or
  - (b) whether or not the applicant is a pensioner.

(2) By-law 64

Number of:

- (a) dogs; or
- (b) dogs of a class or classes which may be kept on premises without the licensing of the premises.

Determinations may be made under both paragraphs (a) and (b) and different determinations may be made in respect of different areas within the municipality.

*Determination*

By-law 62

Prohibiting the keeping of:

- (a) all dogs;
- (b) more than a specified number of dogs; or
- (c) all dogs, or more than a specified number of dogs, or a specified breed or breeds,

within a specified area of the municipality.

*Sterilisation Marks*

By-law 74

Mark to be used to indicate the sterilisation of a dog.

*Maintenance and Release Fees*

By-law 78

Daily fee to be paid in relation to the maintenance of a dog in a pound.

Fee to be paid on the release of a dog from a pound.

*Destruction of Impounded Dogs*

By-law 80

Number of days or hours after the expiration of which the pound manager may arrange for the destruction of a dog.

*Other Determinations*

The purposes for which and the conditions on which the council will grant permits, licences, authorities and registrations not otherwise specifically dealt with in these By-laws.

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**Schedule 4**

Repealed By-laws

by-law 184

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	Year	No.
<i>By-laws of the Municipality of Darwin</i>	1959	–
	1964	–
	1965	28
	1968	13
	1972	11
	1973	3
	1973	4
	1974	14
	1974	15
	1974	23
	1976	17
	1977	9
	1982	27
	1982	58
	1983	68
	1986	14
	1986	22
	1986	24
	1987	16
	1987	45
1987	47	
1990	22	
<i>Darwin (Control of Public Places)</i>	1987	45
	1988	46
	1990	13
	1990	14
	1991	15

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	1991	27
<i>Darwin (Control of Dogs)</i>	1992	13
<i>Darwin (Council Meetings and Procedures)</i>	1987	47
<i>Darwin (Parking)</i>	1986	23
	1986	40
<i>Darwin (Private Swimming Pools)</i>	1983	15
	1983	26
	1991	13
<i>Darwin (Public Libraries)</i>	1991	14
<i>Darwin (Rates and Charges)</i>	1985	16

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**ENDNOTES**
**1 KEY**

Key to abbreviations

<b>amd = amended</b>	<b>od = order</b>
<b>app = appendix</b>	<b>om = omitted</b>
<b>bl = by-law</b>	<b>pt = Part</b>
<b>ch = Chapter</b>	<b>r = regulation/rule</b>
<b>cl = clause</b>	<b>rem = remainder</b>
<b>div = Division</b>	<b>renum = renumbered</b>
<b>exp = expires/expired</b>	<b>rep = repealed</b>
<b>f = forms</b>	<b>s = section</b>
<b>Gaz = Gazette</b>	<b>sch = Schedule</b>
<b>hdg = heading</b>	<b>sdiv = Subdivision</b>
<b>ins = inserted</b>	<b>SL = Subordinate Legislation</b>
<b>lt = long title</b>	<b>sub = substituted</b>
<b>nc = not commenced</b>	

**2 LIST OF LEGISLATION*****Darwin City Council By-laws (SL No. 14, 1994)***

Notified	1 July 1994
Commenced	1 July 1994

***Statute Law Revision Act 1995 (Act No. 14, 1995)***

Assent date	26 June 1995
Commenced	26 June 1995

***Amendments of Darwin City Council By-laws (SL No. 51, 1996)***

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***Amendments of Darwin City Council By-laws (SL No. 1, 2000)***

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***Amendments of Darwin City Council By-laws (SL No. 2, 2000)***

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***Amendment of Darwin City Council By-laws (SL No. 42, 2000)***

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***Amendments of Darwin City Council By-laws (SL No. 28, 2002)***

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***Amendments of Darwin City Council By-laws (SL No. 54, 2002)***

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Commenced	25 November 2002

**3 LIST OF AMENDMENTS**

bl 15	amd No. 51, 1996, r 1
bl 21	amd No. 1, 2000, r 1; No. 2, 2000, r 1 sub No. 54, 2002, r 1
bl 21A	ins No. 54, 2002, r 1
bl 32	amd No. 51, 1996, r 2
bl 55 – 56	amd No. 54, 2002, r 3
bl 75	amd No. 54, 2002, r 3
bl 96	amd No. 51, 1996, r 3
pt 5 hdg	sub No. 28, 2006, r 2
bl 121	sub No. 28, 2006, r 3
bl 121A	ins No. 28, 2006, r 3
sch 1	rep No. 1, 2000, r 2 ins No. 2, 2000, r 2 sub No. 42, 2000 rep No. 54, 2002, r 2
sch 2	amd No. 54, 2002, r 3
sch 4	amd Act No. 14, 1995, s 11