

### (c) Objectives and Reasons for Differential Rating

To provide equity in the rating of properties across the Shire the following rate categories have been determined for the implementation of differential rating.

#### Differential general rate

Description	Characteristics	Objects	Reasons
GRV Improved	This category covers all GRV improved properties for residential housing.	The object of the rate is to ensure that all ratepayers in this category make an equitable contribution to rate revenue, to provide for the net funding requirements of the Shire's services, activities, financing costs, and the current and future capital requirements of the Shire as outlined in the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.	This is considered to be the base rate above which all other GRV rated properties are assessed.
GRV Vacant	This category covers all GRV Vacant properties on vacant land.	The object of the rate is to ensure that all ratepayers in this category make an equitable contribution to rate revenue, to provide for the net funding requirements of the Shire's services, activities, financing costs, and the current and future capital requirements of the Shire as outlined in the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.	The rate is set higher than GRV Improved to promote and encourage land owners to develop vacant land to its full potential.
GRV Commercial Industrial	This category covers GRV properties including commercial and industrial properties.	The object of the rate is to ensure that all ratepayers in this category make an equitable contribution to rate revenue, to provide for the net funding requirements of the Shire's services, activities, financing costs, and the current and future capital requirements of the Shire as outlined in the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.	The commercial/industrial rate is set higher than all other GRV categories to ensure that these properties make a reasonable contribution to the rate base of the Shire, given the additional impact on infrastructure provided by Council.
UV Rural	This category includes all properties with a land use of rural, conservation and farmland.	The object of the rate is to ensure that all ratepayers in this category make an equitable contribution to rate revenue, to provide for the net funding requirements of the Shire's services, activities, financing costs, and the current and future capital requirements of the Shire as outlined in the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.	This is considered to be the base rate above which all other UV rated properties are assessed.
UV Intensive Farming	This category includes land which is used primarily for intensive farming which generates high traffic volumes with heavy loads on infrastructure.	The object of the rate is to ensure that all ratepayers in this category make an equitable contribution to rate revenue, to provide for the net funding requirements of the Shire's services, activities, financing costs, and the current and future capital requirements of the Shire as outlined in the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.	The intensive farming rate is set higher than the rural rate to ensure that a fair contribution is made to the rate base of the shire. Intensive farming generates high traffic volumes with heavy loads on infrastructure, therefore this sector should contribute a greater share of the costs associated with road construction, maintenance and refurbishment as a result of their activities and require greater administration in relation to compliance and complaints.

**(d) Differential Minimum Payment**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>Objects</b>	<b>Reasons</b>
GRV Improved	This category covers all GRV improved properties for residential housing.	The object of the rate is to ensure that all ratepayers in this category make an equitable contribution to rate revenue, to provide for the net funding requirements of the Shire's services, activities, financing costs, and the current and future capital requirements of the Shire as outlined in the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.	A minimum payment of \$1272 has been imposed. The minimum payment is imposed on the basis that all ratepayers must make a reasonable contribution to the cost of local government services and facilities.
GRV Vacant	This category covers all GRV Vacant properties on vacant land.	The object of the rate is to ensure that all ratepayers in this category make an equitable contribution to rate revenue, to provide for the net funding requirements of the Shire's services, activities, financing costs, and the current and future capital requirements of the Shire as outlined in the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.	A minimum payment of \$972 has been imposed. The minimum payment is imposed on the basis that all ratepayers must make a reasonable contribution to the cost of local government services and facilities.
GRV Commercial Industrial	This category covers GRV properties including commercial and industrial properties.	The object of the rate is to ensure that all ratepayers in this category make an equitable contribution to rate revenue, to provide for the net funding requirements of the Shire's services, activities, financing costs, and the current and future capital requirements of the Shire as outlined in the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.	A minimum payment of \$1434 has been imposed. The minimum payment is imposed on the basis that all ratepayers must make a reasonable contribution to the cost of local government services and facilities.
UV Rural	This category includes all properties with a land use of rural, conservation and farmland.	The object of the rate is to ensure that all ratepayers in this category make an equitable contribution to rate revenue, to provide for the net funding requirements of the Shire's services, activities, financing costs, and the current and future capital requirements of the Shire as outlined in the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.	A minimum payment of \$1383 has been imposed. The minimum payment is imposed on the basis that all ratepayers must make a reasonable contribution to the cost of local government services and facilities.
UV Intensive Farming	This category includes land which is used primarily for intensive farming which generates high traffic volumes with heavy loads on infrastructure.	The object of the rate is to ensure that all ratepayers in this category make an equitable contribution to rate revenue, to provide for the net funding requirements of the Shire's services, activities, financing costs, and the current and future capital requirements of the Shire as outlined in the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.	A minimum payment of \$1383 has been imposed. The minimum payment is imposed on the basis that all ratepayers must make a reasonable contribution to the cost of local government services and facilities.

**(e) Variation in Adopted Differential Rates to Local Public Notice**

The following rates and minimum payments were previously set out in the local public notice giving notice of the intention to charge differential rates.

<b>Differential general rate or general rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate in \$</b>	<b>Adopted Rate in \$</b>
GRV Improved	9.1307	9.1307
GRV Vacant	18.0787	18.0787
GRV Commercial/Industrial	10.4674	10.4674
<b>Minimum payment</b>	<b>Proposed Minimum \$</b>	<b>Adopted Minimum \$</b>
GRV Vacant	972	972
GRV Commercial/Industrial	1434	1434