

## Proposed Cat Local Law 2023

After the Ordinary Council Meeting held in May 2022, Council requested the following information:

- 1. Council would like to know how many local governments in WA have created Cat Local Laws, and what they have dealt with. Please can you list them in table form, as follows:**

*See Metro Council Cat Local Law feature detailed below.*

- 2. Council would like to see the Draft community engagement plans for both the proposed Dog and Cat Local Laws, specific to how this is planned to be done.**

*Coordinator Community Safety has provided a draft Engagement Plan.*

- ~~3. Question 3 related to the proposed Dog Local Law~~

- 4. Council would like to know what implications a Cat Local Law has in respect of infrastructure spending or staff ability to deal with complaints. For example, Pound Facility cannot deal with cats.**

*Staff already receive complaints, with some issues able to be addressed, however as the Cat Act & Regs have no nuisance or control provisions, most complaints are managed by education, with this working some of the time, if not, the actual issue may continue,*

*and may also result in angry residents taking "cat control" measures to resolve the issue.*

*This current situation does not provide the level of service the community expects.*

**What cost would potentially ratepayers face if a local law progressed.**

- At this time there is no additional budget costs as impound and rehoming arrangements are in place with local vets.*
- With the adoption of the proposed LL, there is a likelihood that the number of impounded cats may increase, this may result in additional costs, however these are recovered through impound charges and costs.*
- There is a longer-term plan to establish a "Dog and Cat Pound Facility" in the Mundijong West Industrial area, collocated with a new Operations facility.*
- With the ability to issue infringement notices for issues relating to nuisance cats and containment, there could be the possibility of revenue from the implementation of the Local Law, although this **is not** the intent.*

- 5. Council would like to know whether a Cat Local Law is required given planned Act changes.**

- That there was a draft "Cat Act Amendment" Bill, however the latest information is that the Bill will not be going to public consultation, or be presented to Parliament in the foreseeable future.*
- No timeframe has been given, but is not a priority for this Government at this time (we are likely to be talking years).*
- It is noteworthy with the imminent transition from Town Planning Scheme (TPS2) to TPS3, that current cat prohibition scheme amendments will no longer be enforceable. The proposed Cat LL carries this prohibition/restriction forward.*

Local Government name and date of Cat LL	Key Features
Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale - Date TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limit number of cats (two)</li> <li>– Provisions for applying for more than two cats</li> <li>– Enhanced provisions for wandering/trespass/nuisance cats</li> <li>– Provisions for prohibition of cats in certain areas</li> <li>– Provisions regarding appeals, direction and enforcement</li> </ul>
City of Rockingham 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limit on number of cats (two)</li> <li>– Provisions for applying for more than three cats</li> <li>– Provisions for containing cats</li> <li>– Provisions regarding appeals, direction and enforcement</li> </ul>
City of Kwinana - Unsure if implemented yet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limit on number of cats (two)</li> <li>– Provisions for applying for more than two cats</li> <li>– Enhanced provisions for wandering/trespass/nuisance cats</li> <li>– Provisions for containing cats</li> <li>– Provisions regarding appeals, direction and enforcement</li> <li>– Provisions for penalties for a person abandoning cats</li> <li>– Provisions for destruction of cats, fees, and information required</li> <li>– Provisions for further fees</li> <li>– Provisions regarding appeals, direction and enforcement</li> </ul>
City of Cockburn 2000 ( <b>General Animal law</b> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cleanliness of properties</li> <li>– Cattery provisions</li> </ul>
City of Gosnells 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Provisions on operations of cattery</li> <li>– Provisions for prohibition of cats in certain areas</li> </ul>
City of Swan 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Provisions for identifying of cats</li> <li>– Limit on number of cats (two - but no more than six)</li> <li>– Provisions for applying for more than two cats</li> <li>– Provisions for containing cats</li> <li>– Enhanced provisions for wandering/trespass/nuisance cats</li> <li>– Provisions for containing cats and restriction or prohibition of cats in certain areas</li> <li>– Provisions regarding appeals, direction and enforcement</li> </ul>
Shire of Mundaring 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Provisions for identifying of cats</li> <li>– Limit on number of cats (one within fauna protection zone / two outside zone)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Provisions for applying for more than one or two cats</li> <li>– Provisions for cat wandering/trespass</li> <li>– Provisions requiring owner to identify cat</li> <li>– Requirement for permit prior to release of impounded cat</li> <li>– Provisions for containing cats and restriction or prohibition of cats in certain areas</li> <li>– Penalties for unauthorised release of impounded cat</li> <li>– Provisions regarding appeals, direction and enforcement</li> </ul>
City of Canning 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Provisions for cattery</li> <li>– Limit number of cats (two)</li> <li>– Provisions for applying for more than two cats</li> <li>– Provisions on operations of cattery</li> <li>– Provisions for containing cats and restriction or prohibition of cats in certain areas</li> <li>– Enhanced provisions for wandering/trespass/nuisance cats</li> <li>– Provisions regarding appeals, direction and enforcement</li> </ul>
City of Belmont 2020 <b><u>Animals General</u></b>  <b><u>Cats</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Prohibition on leaving animals on government property</li> <li>– Limit number of cats (two)</li> <li>– Provisions for applying for more than two cats</li> <li>– Enhanced provisions for wandering/trespass/nuisance cats</li> <li>– Provisions regarding appeals, direction and enforcement</li> </ul>
Town of Bassendean 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limit number of cats (2)</li> <li>– Provisions for applying for more than two cats</li> <li>– Enhanced provisions for wandering/trespass/nuisance cats</li> <li>– Provisions for containing cats and restriction or prohibition of cats in certain areas</li> <li>– Provisions regarding appeals, direction and enforcement</li> </ul>
City of Stirling 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limit number of cats (three or one within fauna buffer zone)</li> <li>– Provisions for applying for more than three cats</li> <li>– Provisions for identifying of cats</li> <li>– Provisions for containing cats and restriction or prohibition of cats in certain areas</li> <li>– Penalties for unauthorised release of impounded cat</li> <li>– Provisions for penalties for a person abandoning cats</li> </ul>

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City of Bayswater 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limit number of cats (three)</li> <li>– Provisions for applying for more than three cats</li> <li>– Enhanced provisions for wandering/trespass/nuisance cats</li> <li>– Provisions for containing cats</li> <li>– Provisions regarding appeals, direction and enforcement</li> </ul>
City of South Perth 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limit number of cats (three)</li> <li>– Provisions for applying for more than three cats</li> <li>– Provisions for containing cats</li> <li>– Provisions regarding appeals, direction and enforcement</li> </ul>
Town of Cambridge 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limit on number of cats (three)</li> <li>– Provisions for applying for more than three cats</li> <li>– Provisions for identifying owner</li> <li>– Requirements on cleanliness</li> <li>– Provisions regarding appeals, direction and enforcement</li> </ul>
Shire of Peppermint Grove 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limit on number of cats (three)</li> <li>– Provisions for applying for more than three cats</li> <li>– Enhanced provisions for wandering/trespass/nuisance cats</li> <li>– Provisions for cattery</li> <li>– Provisions regarding appeals, direction and enforcement</li> </ul>
City of Fremantle 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limit on number of cats (three)</li> <li>– Provisions for applying for more than three cats</li> <li>– Provisions for containing cats and restriction or prohibition of cats in certain areas</li> <li>– Provisions regarding appeals, direction and enforcement</li> </ul>
City of Mandurah 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limit on number of cats (two)</li> <li>– Provisions for applying for more than two cats</li> <li>– Enhanced provisions for wandering/trespass/nuisance cats</li> <li>– Provisions for containing cats and restriction or prohibition of cats in certain areas</li> <li>– Provisions for cattery</li> <li>– Provisions regarding appeals, direction and enforcement</li> </ul>
City of Wanneroo 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limit on number of cats (three)</li> </ul>

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City of Kalamunda City of Melville Town of Vincent	<b>Currently drafting local law</b>
Shire of Murray City of Armadale Town of Victoria Park City of Subiaco City of Nedlands Town of Claremont Town of Cottesloe Town of East Fremantle	<b>N/A (no cat local law in place)</b> <b>Unknown if drafting</b>