# FACT SHEET: Infrastructure Charges Deferral (Springwood Economic Development Zone)

# Deferral for development in the Springwood Economic Development Zone

The City of Logan seeks to transform Springwood into the next CBD in South East Queensland. In order to achieve this goal, Council is providing a deferral of up to \$1 million dollars against infrastructure charges for all new Mixed Use Development involving the construction of a new building within the Springwood Economic Development Zone. This deferral initiative has been introduced to encourage local job creation and greater investment in Springwood.

# Which parts of Springwood are located in the Economic Development Zone?

The Springwood Economic Development Zone comprises all properties within the Centre core precinct and Commercial precinct of the <u>Springwood Local Plan</u> of the Logan Planning Scheme 2015. A map of the Springwood Local Plan indicating the Centre core precinct and Commercial precinct is available in the Logan ePlan (see <u>Springwood Local Plan Map LPM-10.00</u>) or via the <u>Logan PD Hub</u>.

#### How does it work?

The maximum amount of the deferral is up to 100% of the applicable infrastructure charges levied against the development (capped at \$1 million dollars).

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#### Are there conditions?

The following conditions apply for development in the Springwood Economic Development Zone requesting a deferral:

- The site must be located in the Springwood Economic Development Zone.
- The development must involve the construction of a new building which is for a Mixed Use Development that contributes a significant benefit to the City and which has at least one Shop or Food and drink outlet on the ground floor of the development with an Active Frontage and either:
  - o an Office with a minimum GFA of 1,000m<sup>2</sup>; or
  - an Office with a minimum GFA of 500m<sup>2</sup> and a minimum of ten (10) Multiple dwellings.
- A development approval must be in effect.
- The applicant will be required to enter into a formal agreement with Council for the deferral.
- The formal agreement must be executed within six (6) months of the giving of the development approval, but before the charge becomes payable.

### How do I apply?

An applicant may, at any time after a development approval has been issued, but before the charge becomes payable, apply for a deferral against the charges by submitting the application form and supporting information.

If Council determines that the development meets the relevant conditions for a deferral, Council will then prepare a formal agreement to defer the payment of the charges (capped at \$1 million dollars) for the development.

The agreement will include conditions to:

- Provide for the deferral of charges for the development on the basis that:
  - construction of the development is to commence within twelve (12) months after the development approval takes effect; and
  - the Deferral Trigger is met within eighteen (18) months of commencing construction.
- Require the charges to become due and payable if the development does not meet the timeframes listed above.

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## **Definitions**

Word / Phrase	Definition
Active Frontage	Means a frontage that has windows, openings, pedestrian entries and awnings to provide a visual connection between a building and a road or public open space.
Deferral Trigger	Means the earliest of the following events for the development:
	a) the issue of a compliance certificate under the <i>Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002</i>
	b) the issue of a Certificate of Classification under the <i>Building Act</i> 1975, and
	c) the commencement of the use.
Food and Drink Outlet	Means the use of premises for -
	a) preparing and selling food and drink for consumption on or off the premises, or
	b) providing liquor for consumption on the premises, if the use is ancillary to the use in paragraph (a).
Gross Floor Area (GFA)	For a building, means the total floor area of all storeys of the building, measured from the outside of the external walls and the centre of any common walls of the building, other than areas used for -
	building services, plant or equipment, or
	access between levels, or
	a ground floor public lobby, or
	a mall, or
	parking, loading and manoeuvring vehicles, or
	unenclosed private balconies, whether roofed or not.
Mixed Use Development	Means development which has:
	<ul> <li>a) at least one Shop or Food and drink outlet on the ground floor of the development with an Active Frontage, and</li> </ul>
	b) either:

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	(i) an Office with a minimum GFA of 1,000m², or
	<ul><li>(ii) an Office with a minimum GFA of 500m<sup>2</sup> and a minimum of ten (10) Multiple dwellings.</li></ul>
Multiple Dwelling	Means a residential use of premises involving 3 or more dwellings, whether attached or detached, for separate households.
Office	a) Means the use of premises for -
	(i) providing an administrative, financial, management or secretarial service or function, or
	(ii) the practice of a profession, or
	(iii) providing business or professional advice or services, but
	b) does not include the use of premises for making, selling or hiring goods.
Shop	Means the use of premises for -
	a) displaying, selling or hiring goods, or
	b) providing personal services or betting to the public.
Springwood Economic Development Zone	Means the Centre core precinct and Commercial precinct as shown in the Logan Planning Scheme 2015 Springwood local plan map LPM-10.00.

#### **More Information:**

- visit Council's Infrastructure planning and charges webpage;
- contact Council using the details provided in the footer of this fact sheet; or
- visit the Planning, Building and Plumbing counter at 150 Wembley Road, Logan Central; opening hours and directions are available on Council's <u>website</u>.

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