

<b>Policy Section:</b>	<b>3. Development, Environment &amp; Regulatory Services</b>
<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>Dog Registrations – Strategic Policy &amp; Notification Procedure</b>
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<b>Legislation Authority:</b>	<b>Dog &amp; Cat Management Act 1995</b>
<b>Related Policies and Codes:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Related Procedures:</b>	<b>N/A</b>

## 1. POLICY

That it be a policy of Council that the Manager Development, Environment and Regulatory and the Team Leader Environment and Regulatory Services may waive dog expiations issued by written notice where the following circumstances exist, and when a written request is received:

- 1.1 Where evidence is provided that the offence occurred due to the effects of a storm (fences blown down, panic induced by lightening or thunder).
- 1.2 Where a dog has been deliberately let loose by another party and a police report is provided to support the submission.
- 1.3 Where dogs have been stolen from premises (with supportive evidence).
- 1.4 Where a veterinary certification is provided of a veterinary condition, preventing a dog from wearing a collar of disc. Provided that the certificate was dated prior to the date of the offence and does not exceed a period of three months from date of issue.

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- 1.5 Where evidence is provided that the offence occurred due to a fire or accident which resulted in severe structural damage to the premises.
- 1.6 Where evidence is provided that the dog was under the age of three months at the time of the offence.
- 1.7 Where a dog has been housed on premises for less than fourteen (14) days.
- 1.8 Where a dog is a guide dog or hearing dog.
- 1.9 Where after an on-site examination of the property, the explanation given is reasonable, probable, plausible and/or correct.
- 1.10 Where the recipient of the notice provides evidence that they are not the person responsible for the dog and provides details on the appropriate responsible person.
- 1.11 In the opinion of the Officer, there exists other mitigating circumstances.

### **3. REVIEW AND EVALUATION**

The effectiveness of this Policy will be reviewed on a biennial basis.

The Chief Executive Officer will report to Council on the outcome of the evaluation and if relevant make recommendations for amendments, alteration or substitution of a new Policy.

The Policy will not be altered or substituted so as to affect a process already commenced.

The Policy will be reviewed after each general election of Council.

### **4. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information about this Policy can be obtained by:-

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Appointment: Town of Gawler  
Administration Centre - 43 High Street, Gawler East SA 5118  
Letter: PO Box 130, Gawler SA 5118

### **5. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY**

The Policy is available for inspection during ordinary business hours at the Council principal office, Town of Gawler Administration Centre - 43 High Street, Gawler East or is available on the Council website at [www.gawler.sa.gov.au](http://www.gawler.sa.gov.au).

A copy of this Policy will be provided to interested parties upon request, for a fee as contained in the Register of Fees and Charges.