



APPLICATION FOR DEFERMENT OF RATES BY ELIGIBLE PENSIONERS

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I/ we,
Full name in block letters

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Full name in block letters

Of Property Number.....
Property address

Contact number Email..... Pension Concession Card Number.....

I/we request that Council consider deferring the balance of my rates, charges, and interest on the above property due to financial hardship under section 577 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

1. I/we understand that:

- (a) in accordance with Council's Pensioner Rates Policy a ratepayer who is an Eligible Age Pensioner may apply to defer the payment of rates, charges, and interest.
- (b) I/we should seek our own independent financial advice before applying to have the rates, charges and interest deferred.
- (c) Council may agree to the deferment and accrual of rates, charges, and interest in appropriate cases for a period of up to 19 years.
- (d) Payments can be made at any time to my/our rate account to reduce the overall amount outstanding.

2. I/we understand that the outstanding rates and charges are subject to interest in accordance with *the Local Government Act, 1993*. I understand that the option to defer payment of my rates, charges and interest exists only whilst I am an eligible aged pensioner. Should my eligibility change, then rates, charges, and interest will become due and payable. The debt will continue to accrue until (at which point the debt will be recovered):

- (a) There is a change in ownership of the property through sale, transfer, or Estate; or
- (b) The eligible aged pensioner leaves the property but retains ownership (e.g. moves to a hostel, nursing home or other accommodation); or
- (c) The eligible aged pensioner becomes ineligible for a deferral of rates, charges and interest, for whatever reason.

3. I/we understand that if the rates, charges, and interest remain unpaid for a maximum period of 20 years then Council may be required to secure the amount. I understand that this may involve additional steps and that Council will contact me to discuss this if necessary.

Please tick here to indicate that all owners have read, understood, and agreed to each point above.

All owners of the property must sign this application.

NAME (Please print)	SIGNATURE	DATE
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