

Number of dogs on a property

Council's By-Law No. 5 - Dogs limits the number of dogs allowed to be kept at any premises to 2.

If you are keeping more than the prescribed limit, you will need to apply for an exemption to the By-Law. Penalties apply for not obtaining an exemption.

Please note if you have 5 or more dogs, planning approval and a kennel license is required.

Exemption licence

If you wish to keep more dogs at your property than is listed in Council's By-Law No. 5, you will need to complete an 'Extra dog on property' application, which can be found online at our website.

If you are considering obtaining an additional dog(s) you may apply for an exemption licence in advance. However, the dog(s) will need to be registered as soon as they occupy the property.

You are required to lodge the following:

- the application form
- payment of the application fee must be made at the time of lodging the application. This is a one-off payment for the life of the exemption.

Council's Community Safety Officer will inspect your property and may approach neighbours for their consent. If satisfied with the provisions for keeping extra dogs, Council will approve the application and a permit (exemption) will be sent to the applicant.



Exemptions can be withdrawn at any time if problems arise with the dogs.

Where an application is refused, the fee is forfeited. If the dogs have been registered, the applicant will need to remove the dog(s) from the property.

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