

<b>To:</b>	Mayor and Councillors
<b>From:</b>	Tania Madden, Manager Strategic Planning
<b>Endorsed by:</b>	Pim Borren, Chief Executive
<b>Date:</b>	23 May 2018
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Dog Registration Fees 2018/19</b>
<b>DECISION</b>	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	That Council adopts the proposed Dog Registration Fees for 2018/19, as specified in Attachment 2 of report 094/18.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of the proposed Dog Registration Fees for 2018/19.

### **Background**

There are 5,784 known dogs within the Masterton District (both registered and unregistered). Approximately 96.6% (or 5,590 dogs) of these are registered. There are 194 unregistered dogs that are known to Council. A number of these dogs may have left the Masterton district without notification from owners.

### **Dog Registration Fees**

Section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996 allows for Territorial Authorities to set fees.

For 2018/19, it is proposed Council make a small increase to dog registration fees from the current level, with the exception being those eligible for the new responsible owner discount. (See Attachment 1).

The proposed increase in fees for urban neutered, rural first, second and subsequent dogs would be one dollar. Urban entire would increase by two dollars.

The Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) policy was adopted as part of the review of the Dog Policy in March 2018. Applicants who apply and are assessed as meeting the criteria, will receive a 25% discount on fees for the duration of their dog/s life provided they continue to meet the criteria. There is a one off application fee of \$20 per property to apply for RDO status.

The proposed 2018 Dog Registration Fees are included in Attachment 2.

**Attachment 1:**

Urban dog owners can apply for RDO status. To be eligible they must meet the following criteria:

- Registration fees paid by 31 July for the previous two years (or, if newly registered in Masterton, able to provide evidence that registration was paid on time to the previous territorial authority).
- The dog has been desexed. (An exception may be made for certified breeders, at MDC's discretion).
- The dog is kept securely on the owner's property with access to at least one door of the dwelling available without encountering the dog.
- The dog's shelter complies with the requirements of the Control of Dogs Bylaw
- The dog is microchipped (if the dog was registered for the first time after 1 July 2006).
- Dog has not been the subject of a substantiated complaint, been impounded and no infringements received in the previous two years.

Rural dogs, or urban dogs that are classified as menacing by deed or dangerous dogs are not eligible for RDO status.

## Attachment 2: Proposed Dog Fees for 2018/19

### Dog Control Fees

	<b>2017/18 Fees</b>	<b>Proposed Fees 2018/19</b>
Urban Neutered	\$80.00	\$81.00
<b>Responsible Dog Owner Status</b>		<b>25% discount on Urban Neutered fee</b>
Urban Entire	\$125.00	\$132.00
Permit Breeder	\$80.00	\$81.00
Rural 1 <sup>st</sup> Dog	\$80.00	\$81.00
Rural 2nd and Subsequent	\$20.00	\$21.00
Dangerous Neutered	\$125.00	\$125.00

RDO Status Application Fee: One-off \$20 fee per property