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OBJECTIVE

Council's policy on the granting of rebates on Pensioner Rates under Sections 575 and 582, Local Government Act, 1993, as amended.

POLICY

1. In addition to any rebate granted to the New South Wales Government under Section 575 of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended, subject to the following conditions and restrictions, Council may grant an additional rebate as determined each year.
 - a) The eligible pensioner must reside on the subject property which must be the site of a single dwelling house as at the 1st June in the year of application.
 - b) The applicant must be the current holder of a Centrelink Pension Concession Card and/or a

Veterans Affairs Concession Card.

- c) The applicant must personally reside on the subject property for a minimum overall period of six (6) months of each year.
 - d) Where, in the opinion of the General Manager, the owner is unable to live in the residence because of medical reasons and the residence is unoccupied, or is occupied only by the same person(s) who are also in receipt of a pension as defined by the Local Government Act, as when the applicant was admitted to an institution then the six (6) months residence qualifications be waived.
- 2. All amounts due to the Council by the applicant, excluding rates and extra charges, which are the subject of the application, must be fully paid by 30 June of the year prior to the application being made.
 - 3. Where land, the subject of the application is owned by the Estate of a deceased person and is occupied by a person who can furnish evidence that he or she is the sole beneficiary of the Estate, and qualifies as a pensioner within the meaning of the Act, such person shall be entitled to a rebate, subject to the other provisions herein.
 - 4. Where an application is received for a rebate of rates payable on land jointly owned by two or more persons, any rebate allowed be limited to the proportion of interest held in the land by the pensioner applicant.
 - 5. Application for rebate of rates may be made only in respect to the current rating period.
 - 6. Notwithstanding the foregoing policy, Council may approve or disapprove any application where, in the opinion of the Council, special or unusual circumstances justify a variation of the Policy and the General Manager and the Director Corporate & Regulatory Services be delegated authority to make determinations under this clause.