



GUIDELINES FOR HOW MANY CATS CAN BE KEPT ON PREMISES

1 Introduction

2 The 'Keeping and Control of Cats Local Law 2004' requires that "a person shall not ... keep a cat on any premises except in accordance with a valid permit issued in relation to those premises." (Clause 3.3(1))

3 Categories of Premises

- A 1 – 2 cats
- B 3 – 4 cats
- C 'Cattery' - five and more cats

4 Conditions

4.1 Category 'A' Premises (1 – 2 cats)

- each cat kept shall be an identified cat
- each cat kept shall be neutered
- the premises shall be maintained in good order and in a clean and sanitary condition
- adequate space shall be provided on the premises for the exercise of the cats

4.2 Category 'B' Premises (3 – 4 cats)

- each cat kept shall be an identified cat
- each cat kept shall be neutered
- the premises shall be maintained in good order and in a clean and sanitary condition
- no cat shall be able to enter a food preparation area
- adequate space shall be provided on the premises for the exercise of the cats
- all complaints about the cats must be reported to the Shire
- premises will be inspected annually by the Shire

4.3 Category 'C' Premises (Catteries)

- i) Council Planning Approval is required to operate a category C (cattery) premises
- ii) the maximum number of cats to be kept is 10
- iii) each cat kept shall be an identified cat
- iv) each cat kept shall be neutered
- v) the premises shall have a feed room, wash area and isolation cages
- vi) washing basins and running hot and cold water shall be available
- vii) each cat is to be confined within an enclosure on the premises at all times
- viii) all complaints about the cats must be reported to the Shire



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- ix) a Shire building licence is required for each enclosure
 - x) each enclosure shall
 - a) be a minimum 1.5 square metres per each cat and be a minimum 2 meters high
 - b) contain a shelter of minimum size 0.5m per each cat
 - c) be structurally sound, have impervious flooring, be well lit and ventilated
 - d) have internal surfaces that are smooth, free from cracks, crevices and defects
 - e) have fixtures, fittings and appliances capable of being easily cleaned, resistant to corrosion and constructed to prevent the harborage of vermin
 - xi) each enclosure shall
 - a) be more than 2 meters inside the premises boundary
 - b) be more than 10 meters from any dwelling, church, schoolroom, hall or premises in which food is handled
 - c) be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected at least once a week
 - xii) premises will be inspected regularly by the Shire
 - xiii) other requirements for catteries are specified in the CI Cat Local Law 2004