

**DOG ACT 1976**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995**  
**TOWN OF EAST FREMANTLE**  
**DOGS LOCAL LAW 2016**

Under the powers conferred by the *Dog Act 1976*, the *Local Government Act 1995* and under all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Town of East Fremantle resolved on the 17 May 2016 to make the following local law.

**PART 1 - PRELIMINARY**

**1.1 Title**

This is the *Town of East Fremantle Dogs Local Law 2016*.

**1.2 Commencement**

This local law comes into operation 14 days after the date of its publication in the *Government Gazette*.

**1.3 Repeal**

The *Town of East Fremantle Dogs Local Law 2004* as published in the *Government Gazette* on 25 August 2004 is repealed.

**1.4 Terms used**

(1) In this local law unless the context otherwise requires –

*Act* means the *Dog Act 1976*;

*authorised person* means a person appointed by the local government to perform all or any of the functions conferred on an authorised person under this local law;

*CEO* means the Chief Executive Officer of the local government;

*district* means the district of the local government;

*local government* means the Town of East Fremantle;

*Regulations* means the *Dog Regulations 2013*; and

*thoroughfare* has the meaning given to it in section 1.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

- (2) A term that is used in this local law and is not defined in subclause (1) has the same meaning that is given to it in the Act or, if not defined in the Act, the same meaning given to it in the *Local Government Act 1995*.

## **1.5 Application**

This local law applies throughout the district.

## **PART 2 - KEEPING OF DOGS**

### **2.1 Dogs to be confined**

- (1) An occupier of premises on which a dog is kept must -
- (a) ensure that a portion of the premises on which the dog is kept is fenced in a manner capable of confining the dog;
  - (b) ensure the fence used to confine the dog and every gate or door in the fence is of a type, height and construction which having regard to the breed, age, size and physical condition of the dog is capable of preventing the dog at all times from passing over, under or through it;
  - (c) ensure that every gate or door in the fence is kept closed at all times when the dog is on the premises (unless the gate is temporarily opened in a manner that ensures that the dog remains confined) and is fitted with a proper latch or other means of fastening it;
  - (d) maintain the fence and all gates and doors in the fence in good order and condition; and
  - (e) where no part of the premises consists of open space, yard or garden or there is no open space or garden or yard of which the occupier has exclusive use or occupation, ensure that other means exist on the premises (other than the tethering of the dog) for effectively confining the dog within the premises.
- (2) An occupier who fails to comply with subclause (1) commits an offence.
- (3) Notwithstanding subclause (1) and (2), the confinement of dangerous dogs is dealt with in the Act and the Regulations.

### **2.2 Limitation on the number of dogs**

- (1) This clause does not apply to premises which have been granted an exemption under section 26(3) of the Act.
- (2) The limit on the number of dogs which may be kept on any premises is, for the purpose of section 26(4) of the Act, 2 dogs over the age of 3 months and the young of those dogs under that age.

### **2.3 Offence to excrete**

- (1) A dog must not excrete on –
- (a) any thoroughfare or other public place; or
  - (b) any land which is not a public place without the consent of the occupier.

- (2) Subject to subclause (3), if a dog excretes contrary to subclause (1), every person liable for the control of the dog at that time commits an offence.
- (3) The person liable for the control of the dog does not commit an offence against subclause (2) if any excreta is removed immediately by that person.

## **PART 3 - ENFORCEMENT**

### **3.1 Terms used**

In this Part -

*infringement notice* means the notice referred to in clause 3.4;

*notice of withdrawal* means the notice referred to in clause 3.7(1); and

*penalty unit* has the meaning given to it in the *Town of East Fremantle Penalty Units Local Law 2016*.

### **3.2 Offences and general penalty**

- (1) A person who fails to do anything required or directed to be done under this local law, or who does anything which under this local law that person is prohibited from doing, commits an offence.
- (2) A person who commits an offence under this local law is liable, on conviction, to a penalty not less than \$500 and not exceeding \$5,000, and if the offence is of a continuing nature, to an additional penalty not exceeding \$500 for each day or part of a day during which the offence has continued.

### **3.3 Modified penalties**

- (1) An offence against a clause specified in Schedule 1 is an offence in relation to which a modified penalty may be imposed.
- (2) The amount appearing in the third column of Schedule 1 directly opposite an offence is the modified penalty payable in respect of that offence.
- (3) If this local law expresses a modified penalty as a number of penalty units, the monetary value of the modified penalty is the number of dollars obtained by multiplying the value of the penalty unit by the number of penalty units.

### **3.4 Issue of infringement notice**

- (1) Where an authorised person has reason to believe that a person has committed an offence in respect of which a modified penalty may be imposed, the authorised person may serve on the alleged offender a notice in the form prescribed by section 9.17 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 26(2) of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 informing the alleged offender that, if he or she does not wish to be prosecuted in court for the

alleged offence, he or she may pay to the local government within the time specified in the notice, the amount prescribed as the modified penalty.

- (2) An infringement notice may be served on an alleged offender personally, or by leaving it at or posting it to her or his address as ascertained from the alleged offender, at the time of or immediately following the occurrence giving rise to the allegation of the offence, or as recorded by the local government under the Act.

### **3.5 Failure to pay modified penalty**

Where a person who receives an infringement notice fails to pay the modified penalty within the time specified in the notice, or within such further time as may in any particular case be allowed by the CEO, the person must be regarded as having declined to have the allegation dealt with by way of a modified penalty.

### **3.6 Payment of modified penalty**

An alleged offender on whom an infringement notice has been served may, within the time specified in that notice or within such further time as may in any particular case be allowed by the CEO, send or deliver to the local government the amount of the modified penalty, with or without a reply as to the circumstances giving rise to the allegation, and then –

- (a) the local government may appropriate that amount in satisfaction of the penalty and issue an acknowledgment; or
- (b) the local government, or an authorised person acting on behalf of the local government, may withdraw the infringement notice under clause 5.6 and refund the amount so paid.

### **3.7 Withdrawal of infringement notice**

- (1) An infringement notice may, whether or not the modified penalty has been paid, be withdrawn by the local government, or an authorised person acting on behalf of the local government, by the sending of a notice in the form prescribed by section 9.17 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 26(2) of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 to the alleged offender at the address specified in the notice or his or her last known place of residence or business and in that event, any amount received by way of modified penalty must be refunded and any acknowledgment of the receipt of that amount must for the purposes of any proceedings in respect of the alleged offence be regarded as not having been issued.
- (2) A person appointed under section 29(1) of the Act to exercise the power of an authorised person to serve infringement notices under clause 3.4(1) is not eligible to be appointed under that section to exercise the power of an authorised person to withdraw infringement notices under clause 3.7(1).

Schedule 1

**Modified penalties  
(clause 3.3)**

Offence	Nature of Offence	Modified Penalty Unit
2.1	Failing to provide means for effectively confining a dog	10
2.3(2)	Dog excreting in prohibited place	10

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Dated 17 June 2016.

The Common Seal of the Town of East Fremantle       )  
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of the Council in the presence of:                        )

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Mayor

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Chief Executive Officer