

Number of dogs on a property

Council's By-Law No 5 - Dogs limits the number of dogs able to be kept to the following:

- 1 dog may be kept in a small dwelling (flat, unit or townhouse) that is under 400sqm or without a secure yard of at least 100sqm
- 2 dogs may be kept in a residential house on a property over 400sqm with a secure yard of at least 100sqm, however keeping more than two dogs requires an exemption from Council
- 5 or more dogs - planning approval and a kennel licence is required.

If you are keeping more than the prescribed limit you will need to apply to Council for an exemption to the by-law. Penalties apply for not seeking an exemption.

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Exemptions can be withdrawn at any time if problems arise with the dogs.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