

WASTE MANAGEMENT EXEMPTION POLICY

0054.100.E.R

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide information regarding exemption of waste services within the Municipality of Darwin.

2 POLICY STATEMENT

2.1 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY EXEMPTIONS

City of Darwin will not provide a residential property with its regular waste collection services if the property meets the specific criteria and approval procedures, as follows:

- The property has sufficient space for the amount or type of receptacles required for an equivalent of the City of Darwin's regular waste and recycling collection services.
- The property must comprise 25 or more individual units.
- The property may provide short-term accommodation such as a motel, hotel, hostel or an apartment.
- The property must have a current (non-City of Darwin) waste collection contract in place to regularly collect garbage and recycling materials in a manner and on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the City of Darwin.

The alternative service must be of a standard as follows:

- All residential dwellings shall be provided with a minimum waste capacity using approved waste receptacles having a clearance frequency as detailed in the Development Waste Management Guidelines or greater frequency.
- All residential dwelling shall be provided with recycling capacity using approved waste receptacles having a clearance frequency as detailed in the Development Waste Management Guidelines or greater frequency.
- The provider of such an alternative service shall demonstrate a complete recycling process by the transfer of all collected recyclable materials to an approved materials recycling facility or an approved alternative.

The alternative service will be approved on the basis of an agreement between the City of Darwin and the unit owners through the body corporate, that the approved alternative servicing will be maintained to the required standard for an agreed period. If the alternative service is not maintained to the required service level or is cancelled, the property shall be required to immediately recommence a City of Darwin service.

The General Manager Innovation has a delegation to approve alternative services.

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Properties with an approved alternative service on the basis of this policy will be charged a waste disposal service fee that covers City of Darwin's costs associated with the provision of a waste disposal and recycling service to the Municipality of Darwin, less the specific costs associated with waste and recycling from the subject property. Information required by City of Darwin to consider an exemption is set out in the Appendix A.

2.2 WEIGHBRIDGE CHARGE EXEMPTIONS FOR NOT-FOR-PROFITS

City of Darwin does not provide waste collection services for 'not-for-profit' organisations. 'Not-for-profit' organisations can apply to City of Darwin for exemption from weighbridge charges at the Shoal Bay Waste Disposal Site. City of Darwin also supports 'not-for-profit' projects including community and environmental programs. Exemptions are granted subject to the following conditions:

- A copy of the Taxation Statement confirming Taxation Exemption status must be provided.
- An application must be provided including description of works undertaken that generated the waste, the type and quantity of waste and the haulers.

This procedure applies for once-off applicants as well as ongoing exemptions. Delegated approval is held by the General Manager Innovation.

3 DEFINITIONS

Waste refers to everyday 'rubbish' or 'garbage' generated by domestic, commercial or industrial premises that cannot be recycled and would normally be collected by a Council staff member or waste contractor. The term waste does not refer to any hazardous or toxic waste generated by industry.

Waste that is defined as 'recyclable' by City of Darwin consists of the following:

- Glass
- Aluminium and steel cans
- PET and HDPE plastic containers
- Paper and clean cardboard
- Clean milk and juice cartons

4 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

Local Government Act 2019 (NT)
City of Darwin By Laws 1994

5 PROCEDURES / RELATED DOCUMENTS

2030 Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy
Development Waste Management Guidelines

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6 RESPONSIBILITY / APPLICATION

This policy will be reviewed once in the term of each Council or more often as required.

All City of Darwin staff are responsible for ensuring that they understand and adhere to this policy.

The General Manager Innovation is responsible for ensuring the Policy is current and in accordance with the relevant legislation.

The implementation, maintenance and ensuring compliance with this policy is the responsibility of the Executive Manager Environment, Climate Change and Waste Services.

APPENDIX A - WASTE MANAGEMENT EXEMPTION INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

City of Darwin will require any plans submitted to the Development Consent Authority to demonstrate compliance with City of Darwin's manual collection service, in addition to any alternative service proposed.

Residents or body corporates of residential properties wanting to apply for City of Darwin's waste and recycling service exemption during occupancy shall be required to submit the following minimum details for City of Darwin's consideration:

- Number, size and type of waste receptacles proposed.
- Number, size and type of recycling receptacles proposed.
- Details of the proposed bin storage enclosure/s including location, layout and dimensions, demonstrating compliance with the objectives of the Development Waste Management Guidelines.
- Written evidence of consultation with a waste service provider demonstrating their ability to provide the required service.

The intention of the Development Waste Management Guidelines is for the developer to provide waste and recycling services that are adequate for the development and in accordance with City of Darwin's Development Waste Management Guidelines. City of Darwin's Development Waste Management Guidelines outline City of Darwin's minimum requirements for waste management services for multi-unit residential and high-density developments.

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