Rate Remission Policy

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Delegations:	

Purpose

This document sets out the Policy of the Berri Barmera Council for the application of a rate remission against the general rates for the 2019/2020 financial year.

Principles

This Policy has been developed in accordance with section 182 of the Local Government Act 1999 which permits the Council to partially or wholly remit rates or to postpone rates.

FRAMEWORK FOR POLICY

RATE REMISSION – General Rates, Community Waste Water Management Service Charge And Waste Management Service Charge

Council has agreed to remit a portion of the rates payable by the Principal Ratepayer of an assessment on application to the Council, where the payment of those rates is deemed to cause hardship.

To be deemed to cause hardship and for the remission to apply the assessment must be subject to the following criteria for the 2019/2020 financial year:

- The property is the principal residence of the ratepayer;
- The ratepayer is able to produce one of the following identification cards;
    - Pensioner Concession Card – Centrelink (blue Card)
    - Pensioner Concession Card – Veteran Affairs
    - T.P.I. Card – Veteran Affairs;
- Or they can demonstrate to Council that they are a self funded retiree(s) with a combined income of less than $35,000 per annum.

The amount agreed to be remitted, in accordance with this policy, for the 2019/2020 financial year is $20 per annum of the general rates, $20 per annum of the effluent drainage (CWMS) service charge and $20 per annum of the Waste Management Service Charge.

Applications for a remission must be in writing, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Berri Barmera Council, PO Box 229, Berri SA 5343 and include sufficient details to identify the relevant property and support the application.

Alternatively an application form is included with this policy and can be accessed from Council's website at www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the procedure and options available in relation to the above policy, please contact the Rates Officer, Berri Barmera Council, PO Box 229, Berri 5343, Telephone 8582 1922, facsimile 8582 3029.

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APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR RATE REMISSION 2019/2020

This Application is made under Sec 182 (1) of the Local Government Act 1999

Please present the completed application form, along with the relevant Concession card to; Berri Barmera Council, 19 Wilson St, Berri or Barmera Library & Customer Service Centre, Barwell Ave, Barmera .

Please contact the Council on (08) 8582 1922 for further information or to discuss your application criteria.

All sections below must be completed (please refer to your Rate Notice).

Assessment Number: ……

Property Address: ……

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I wish to apply for a remission and I understand there are penalties associated with making false declarations. (Please attach any supporting documents that may be relevant).

I declare that I meet all the relevant criteria for the remission I have applied for. You must meet all the conditions of the policy to be eligible for the remission. (Please tick those that apply to your circumstances).

RATE REMISSION

☐ The above-mentioned property is my Principle Place of Residence

☐ I am the holder of a Pensioner Concession Card from:
Centrelink(blue card)/Veteran Affairs/T.P.I. Veteran Affairs ***(please circle)***
Or

☐ I am a Self Funded Retiree (SFR) earning less than $35,000 per annum
(Please attach supporting documentation for all owners)

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr):**Name**: …… ……

Contact Phone Number or Email:……

Signature: …… **Dated**: ……/……/……

Office Use Only ☐ Concession Card Sighted and Current **Approved: Yes/No**

Card Number : …… Start Date: ……/……/……

Signed: ……
(Employee of Berri Barmera Council)

Expiry Date: ……/……/……

Print Name: …… Dated: ……/……/……