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Under the powers conferred by the *Local Government Act 1995* and by all other powers enabling it, the Council of the City of Rockingham resolved on 27 November 2019 to make the following local law.

Part 1 - Preliminary

1.1 Title

This is the *City of Rockingham Sand Drift Local Law 2018*.

1.2 Commencement

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

1.3 Purpose

The purpose of this local law is to provide for the regulation, control and management of site erosion, sand and dust on land within the district.

1.4 Repeal

The *City of Rockingham Sand Drift Prevention and Abatement Local Law 2000* as published in the *Government Gazette* on 21 March 2001 is repealed.

1.5 Application

This local law applies throughout the district.

1.6 Terms used

In this local law, unless the context otherwise requires –

Act means the *Local Government Act 1995*;

authorised person means a person appointed by the local government under section 9.10 of the Act to perform any of the functions of an authorised person under this local law;

district means the district of the local government;

dust and sand means granules or particles of rock, earth, clay, loam, silt and any other granular, or airborne particle or like material, and includes gravel;

land includes any building or structures on the land;

local government means the City of Rockingham;

occupier means any person who, at the time a notice is served, is in control of any place or part of any place or authorised by the owner, lessee, licensee or any other person empowered to exercise control in relation to a place to perform any work in relation to any place and includes a builder or contractor;

Regulations means the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*; and

schedule means the Schedule to this local law.

1.7 Interpretation

- (1) A term used in this local law that is not defined in clause 1.5 is to have the meaning given to it in the Act.
- (2) Where, under this local law a duty, obligation or liability is imposed on an 'owner or occupier', the duty is taken to be imposed jointly and severally on each owner and occupier.
- (3) Where under this local law an act is required to be done or forbidden to be done in relation to any land, an owner or occupier of the land has the duty of causing to be done the act so required to be done, or preventing from being done the act forbidden to be done.
- (4) Where this local law refers to the giving of a notice, other than the giving of an infringement notice, no particular form is prescribed and it is sufficient if the notice is in writing giving sufficient details to enable the owner or occupier to know the offence (if any) committed and the measures required to be taken or conditions to be complied with, as the case may be.

Under section 3.7 of the Act, this local law is inoperative to the extent that it is inconsistent with the Act or any other written law, including a local planning scheme made under the *Planning and Development Act 2005*.

Part 13 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* (in particular sections 226 to 235) provide that regulations may prescribe an offence under the Act, or under any regulations made under this Act, to be an offence for which an infringement notice may be issued. In this regard, regulation 42 of the *Planning and Development Regulations 2009* prescribes that amongst other things a modified penalty (ie an on the spot fine) can be issued for a contravention of s218(a) of the *Planning and Development Act*, which in this case would be for a contravention of the provisions of a local planning scheme. The amount of the modified penalty is currently \$500.00.

The City also has in place Planning Policy 3.3.15 – Bulk Earthworks to minimise sand drift and dust problems during subdivisional works, as well as an Engineering Procedure for issuing notices to abate sand drift under s3.525 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Part 2 - Site erosion and dust

2.1 Prevention of erosion and the escape of sand and dust

An owner or occupier of land must take reasonable measures to –

- (a) stabilise sand on the land; and
- (b) ensure no sand or dust is released from or escapes from the land, whether by means of wind, water or any other cause.

2.2 Notice may require specified action to prevent

- (1) Where the local government or an authorised person is satisfied that –
 - (a) an owner or occupier of land has not complied with clause 2.1; or
 - (b) sand or dust is escaping, being released or being carried, or is likely to escape, be released or be carried, from any land,the local government or an authorised person may, by notice in writing, direct the owner or occupier, within a time specified in the notice –
 - (c) to comply with clause 2.1;
 - (d) clean up and make good any damage resulting from the release or escape of dust or sand from the land; or
 - (e) take such other actions or comply with such other conditions as the local government or authorised person considers necessary to prevent or stop the escape, release or carriage of sand or dust from the land, as stipulated in the notice.
- (2) An owner or occupier of land to whom a notice is issued under subclause (1) must comply with the requirements of the notice within the time specified in the notice.

Part 3 - Objections and review

3.1 Objections and review

If the local government or an authorised person gives a person notice under clause 2.2(1), Division 1 of Part 9 of the Act and regulation 33 of the Regulations are to apply.

Part 4 - Offences and penalties

4.1 Offences

- (1) Any person who –
 - (a) fails to comply with a notice under clause 2.2(2);
 - (b) fails to do anything required or directed to be done under this local law; or
 - (c) does anything which under this local law that person is prohibited from doing,commits an offence.
- (2) Any 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.

4.2 Prescribed offences

- (1) An offence against a clause specified in the Schedule is a prescribed offence for the purposes of section 9.16(1) of the Act.
- (2) The amount of the modified penalty for a prescribed offence is the number specified adjacent to the clause in the Schedule.

4.3 Form of notices

- (1) The form of the infringement notice give under section 9.16 of the Act is Form 2 in Schedule 1 of the Regulations.
- (2) The form of the infringement withdrawal notice referred to in section 9.20 of the Act is that of Form 3 in Schedule 1 of the Regulations.

Schedule – Prescribed offences
[clause 4.2]

Item No	Clause	Description	Penalty (\$)
1	4.1(1)(a)	Failure to comply with a notice	500
2	4.1(1)(b)	Failure to comply with a direction given	500
3	4.1(1)(c)	Prohibited action under local law	500