DEFINITIONS

"Affiliated Person" -   is a member of a property constituted Pigeon Club.

"Code of Practice" -   means the Code of Practice – Pigeon Keeping and Pigeon Racing, approved by the Pigeon Racing Federation of WA (Incorporated).

"Miscellaneous Birds" -   includes all birds **other than** poultry and registered homing or racing pigeons.

"Poultry" -   **includes** fowls, peafowls, turkeys, geese, ducks and the like.

"Young Birds" -   means any birds **under** twenty four (24) days of age and are recognised as birds without feathers on the flesh under their wings.

HOW MANY BIRDS MAY I HAVE?

Poultry

- A Person shall not keep poultry on any premises, except in the rural and special rural zones of the district, where up to twenty (20) poultry may be kept.
- Upon application, the City may grant an **Exemption** from this requirement. (see page 2)

Roosters

Roosters shall **not** be kept on any premises in the district, except within the rural and special rural zones of the district.

Pigeons

Up to twenty (20) pigeons may be kept on any premises in the district. Upon application the City may grant an exemption to an Affiliated Person to keep up to one hundred and fifty (150) pigeons (exclusive of the Young Birds).

An Affiliated Person who keeps pigeons shall ensure the pigeons are kept in a properly constructed weatherproof pigeon loft that does not exceed 3 metres in height and faces a yard with an unobstructed area of at least 30 square metres.

Miscellaneous Birds

No more than twenty (20) Miscellaneous Birds may be kept on any premises in the district. Upon application Council may grant an exemption to this requirement.

Building Requirements

A building licence may be required for the erection of aviary/chicken coop. Please contact the City's Building Department regarding specific requirements.

General Requirements

- Enclosures shall be kept free from excrement, filth, food waste and all other matter, which is or is likely to become offensive or injurious to health or to attract rats, vermin or insects.

- Enclosures, as far as possible, are to be kept free from flies or insects by spraying with a residual insecticide or other effective means.

- Enclosures must be effectively drained and situated so as not to allow water to drain towards buildings / foundations.

- No enclosures are to be constructed closer than ten (10) metres to any dwelling, church, schoolroom, hall, factory, dairy or premises whatsoever wherein food is manufactured, packed or prepared for human consumption. Upon application an exemption may be granted to allow a lesser distance.

NOISE

When deciding to keep birds of any sort, it is important to consider the type of bird and how much noise they produce. In some instances in the past, people have been instructed to reduce or cease keeping particular birds when the noise they have produced has created a nuisance.

In certain circumstances, the general restrictions imposed by the Health Local Laws relating to the keeping of Pigeons, Poultry and Other Birds can be varied/relaxed to the benefit of responsible persons without causing a nuisance to neighbours or creating a risk to health.

Certain discretionary and exemption provisions are contained within the City's Health Local Laws and applications for exercise of a discretionary provision or exemption shall only be considered where the City is satisfied that the number of animals or birds to be kept will not be a nuisance, injurious, create a noise problem or dangerous to health.

EXEMPTION PROCESS

To enable the City to determine if a nuisance or health risk would be likely to arise in respect of any application, the applicant must provide the following:-

Written application to the City advising –

- Details of the number and type of birds proposed to be kept;
- Written comment from all contiguous land owners and/or occupiers;
- A plan of the proposed enclosure, which indicates the dimensions and location in relation to dwellings;
- Details of a Management Plans to be employed by the applicant to contain any potential nuisance or health risk;
- Acknowledgement in writing that the applicant understand that the City may cancel an exemption should the City be of the opinion that such cancellation is warranted; and
- Acknowledgement in writing that the applicant will comply with any terms or conditions the City may impose relating to an approval or exemption.
- Application fee for approval to keep poultry, pigeons of $30.00.

For further details, please contact:
Health Services
City of Rockingham
PO Box 2142
ROCKINGHAM DC WA 6968

Telephone: 9528 0315
Email: customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au
Webpage: www.rockingham.wa.gov.au

ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNER COMMENT FOR:-

APPLICATION FOR AN <u>EXEMPTION</u> TO KEEP POULTRY

LOCATION OF PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION:-

Applicant's Name: _____

Lot No.: _____ Street No.: _____ Street Name: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

DETAILS OF EXEMPTION to which the City's approval is required and comment sought -

_____ is applying for an exemption to Clause 76.(1) of the City of

Rockingham Health Local Laws 1996, in order to keep up to _____ poultry in the rear yard

at the property located at _____

ADJOINING property owner's comments: Object   /   Do Not Object

_____

_____

_____

Name: _____

Lot No.: _____ Street No.: _____ Street Name: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Phone No. _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Phone No. _____

The City, in determining an application for exemption to Health Local Laws, will take into account the comments of adjoining owners.

Note: Comment from each adjoining neighbour **must** be provided when the application is lodged, please include additional neighbours on page 4 which can be duplicated if you have more than three (3) adjoining neighbours.

ADJOINING property owner's comments: Object / Do Not Object

Name: _____

Lot No.: _____ Street No.: _____ Street Name: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Phone No. _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Phone No. _____

ADJOINING property owner's comments: Object / Do Not Object

Name: _____

Lot No.: _____ Street No.: _____ Street Name: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Phone No. _____

Signed _____ Date _____

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