

Rating Review 2026/2027 – Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is GRV?

GRV stands for Gross Rental Value. It is the estimate of the total rent that may be received from your property in one year, as independently determined by the WA State Government's land information authority, Landgate (not the City). This value is then multiplied by the City's rate-in-the-dollar to determine your property's annual rates.

- The rate in the dollar for residential properties for 2026/2027 is 6.22 cents.

GRV is used when land is used for predominantly non-rural purposes.

2. What is UV?

UV stands for Unimproved Value. It is the value of land only without building structure additions. This value is independently determined by Landgate (not the City). This value is then multiplied by the City's rate-in-the-dollar to determine your property's annual rates. The rate in the dollar for UV properties for 2026/2027 is 0.09 cents (less than one tenth of one cent). UV is used when land is used for predominantly rural purposes.

3. What does 'differential rates' mean?

A differential rating method refers to the different rate-in-the-dollar amounts applied to residential and non-residential properties. The City uses a differential rating system to assist in the cost of infrastructure and services designed to support the non-residential sector.

5. Why has my property been revalued?

Property valuations are adjusted by Landgate:

- every year for properties rated using the Unimproved Value (UV).
- every three years for properties rated using the Gross Rental Value (GRV); and

The 2026/2027 financial year is a revaluation year for both GRV and UV rated properties.

The average increase in residential property values across the City of Rockingham is approximately 49% since the last revaluation three years ago.

6. What if I disagree with the valuation of my property?

If you disagree with your property valuation please contact Landgate – the statutory authority responsible for managing land and property information in Western Australia – to submit an objection.

7. Can I pay in instalments?

Yes. All the details about how to pay in instalments are detailed in full on your rates notice. The City's website also provides these details.

8. What if I'm struggling to pay my rates?

If you're experiencing genuine financial hardship, you may be able to apply for alternative payment arrangements under the City's Financial Hardship Policy. We aim to work with you to find a solution that suits your circumstances.

Please contact the City's rates team on 9528 0333 or email customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au to learn more about eligibility and how to apply.