

Local Law No. 2

(Animal Management) 2011

Subordinate Local Law No. 2

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The purpose of this local law is to assist council in the management of animals by –

- **minimising the risk to community health, safety and amenity; and**
- **reducing environmental harm or environmental nuisance; and**
- **supporting animal owners to keep their animals in a manner that is consistent with the expectations of the community.**

What does this local law regulate?

Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011 and Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011 provide for:

- circumstances in which the keeping of animals is prohibited or requires approval;
- requirements for keeping animals, including minimum standards for keeping animals;
- effective management of animals in public places and areas declared of significant environmental value by the local government;
- designation of dog off leash areas;
- establishment and administration of animal pounds; and
- seizure and destruction of animals in certain circumstances.

A separate fact sheet has been prepared with information regarding proposed dog off leash areas across the region.



Will this proposed local law affect me?

If you keep or intend to keep a domestic animal this proposed Local Law may affect you.

Prohibition on keeping animals

The proposed subordinate local law prescribes circumstances in which the keeping of certain animals is prohibited.

A rooster must not be kept in an urban area

A pheasant must not be kept in an urban area

A peacock must not be kept in an urban area

A beehive must not be kept on lot that is smaller than 400m²

More than 2 beehives must not be kept on a lot greater than 400m² and less than 1000m²

More than 5 beehives must not be kept on a lot greater than 1000m² and less than 2000m²

Requirements for approval to keep an animal

The proposed subordinate local law prescribes circumstances in which an approval is required to keep an animal.

Approval required to keep 3 or more dogs over the age of 3 months on a lot

Approval required to keep 3 or more cats over the age of 3 months on a lot

Approval required to keep one or more restricted dogs over the age of 3 months on a lot

Approval required to keep more than 6 head of poultry on a lot in an urban area

Where an approval is required, the approval process will be managed under *Local Law No 1 (Administration) 2011*.

Minimum standards for keeping animals

The proposed subordinate local law specifies the minimum standards for the keeping of animals or particular species or breed of animals.

These standards seek to minimise the impact on amenity and manage health, safety and environmental risks while providing for the wellbeing of the animal.

Prohibition of animals in public places

The proposed subordinate local law provides for the exclusion of certain animals from public places, including bathing reserves, eating establishments and within 5 metres of a children's playground or BBQ facility in a park or reserve.

When will the proposed local laws be implemented?

Council anticipates that the new suite of local laws and subordinate local laws will be operational by 1 January 2012.

Where can I get more information?

The proposed local laws and subordinate local laws may be viewed at:

- www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/locallaws
- Council's Customer Service Centres
- Libraries

The existing local laws and subordinate local laws may be viewed at:

- www.dlqp.qld.gov.au

Information sessions will be held at all Council libraries during the consultation period. Check council's website for more details.

Have your say

Council wants to hear from you

Your opinion is important. Council wants to hear your thoughts on the proposed local laws and subordinate local laws.

Council welcomes submissions from the community from Monday 15 August 2011 to Sunday 11 September 2011.

To ensure your opinion is considered, it must be in writing, identify the grounds of the submission and the facts and circumstances relied upon. Council also invites you to submit your recommendations.

Council encourages you to make your submission using the online submission form available at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au. Hard copy submission forms will be available from council's customer contact centres and libraries.

After the submission period is closed, all submissions will be considered and presented in a report to Council.



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