

RATES RESOLUTIONS – 2026/27

1. General Rate

- (a) That pursuant to Section 90 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act as amended) council makes the following General Rate in relation to all rateable land (excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provisions of Section 87) within the West Tamar Municipal Area for the period commencing 1st July 2026 to 30 June 2027, namely a rate of 6.413 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value of the land;
- (b) That pursuant to Section 107 of the Act as amended, by reason of the use or predominate use of the land described below being for residential purposes, council declares that the general rate shall be varied by increasing it by 0.19 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value to 6.603 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value of the land within the area identified by that part of the Launceston Urban Fire Brigade District located in the West Tamar Municipal Area as depicted on plan No. LD674a lodged with the Department of Environment and Land Management and the revenue raised from the variation in the General Rate be applied to the development of Windsor Park; and
- (c) That pursuant to Section 90 (4) of the Act, council sets a minimum amount payable in respect of the general rate of \$240.00.
- (d) That pursuant to section 129(4) of the Local Government Act 1993, council grants a remission of the rates paid or payable by the owners of land who have entered into a conservation covenant (from both the Protected Areas on Private Land and the Private Forest Reserves Programs) pursuant to the Nature Conservation Act 2002 of:
 - a) \$6.00 per hectare; and
 - b) with a minimum remission per rateable property of \$60.00 and a maximum remission per rateable property of \$600.00.
- (e) That pursuant to section 129(4) of the Local Government Act 1993, upon application by a registered Tasmanian fire service volunteer, council grants a remission of the annual fire service contribution paid or payable on their principal place of residence.

- (f) That pursuant to Section 129(4) of the local Government Act 1993 council grants a remission of 100% of all council rates paid or payable by the ratepayers (the lessees/licences) holding Crown leases/licences for jetties/boatshed/slipways subject to the following criteria
- a. the lessee/licencee must be a ratepayer of the West Tamar Municipal Area: and
 - b. the land subject to the lease/licence must adjoin the lessee's/licencee's land and the Tamar River or Bass Strait: and
 - c. the land subject to the lease/licence must be for the purpose of a jetty/boatshed/slipway and used only for private recreational purposes pertaining to the lessee; and
 - d. the land subject to the lease/licence has no separate council service supplied and connected to that land

2. Service Rates and Service Charges

That pursuant to Sections 93 and 94 of the Act, as amended, Council makes the following service rates and service charges in respect of all rateable land within the West Tamar Municipal Area (including land which is otherwise exempt from rates pursuant to Section 87 of the Act but excluding Crown Land to which council does not supply any of the following services) for the period commencing on the 1st day of July 2026 and ending on the 30th day of June 2027 namely:

A service charge for waste management (garbage removal) in respect of all lands to which council supplies a waste management service as follows:

- (i) \$271.00 for an 80-litre mobile garbage bin and one 140-litre mobile recycle bin;
- (ii) \$349.00 for a 140-litre mobile garbage bin and one 140-litre mobile recycle bin;
- (iii) \$476.00 for a 240-litre mobile garbage bin and one 140-litre mobile recycle bin.
- (iv) \$112 for a 240-litre mobile organic bin

3. Separate Apportionments

For the purposes of this resolution the rates and charges shall apply to each parcel of land that is shown as being separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the Valuation of Land Act 2001.

4. Fire Service Contribution

Pursuant to section 93A council makes the following service rates in respect of the Fire Service Contributions it must collect under the Fire Service Act 1979 for the rateable parcels of land within the municipal area of West Tamar Municipal Area:

- (i) for land within the Launceston Permanent Brigade Rating District, a service rate of 0.992 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value;

- (ii) for land within the volunteer Beaconsfield, Gravelly Beach, Kelso and Legana Volunteer Brigade Rating District, a service rate of 0.276 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value; and
- (iii) For land within the General Land Brigade Rating District, a service rate of 0.254 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value.

Pursuant to section 90(3) council sets the following minimum amounts payable in respect of this rate;

- Launceston Permanent Brigade Rating District \$52.00
- Beaconsfield, Gravelly Beach, Kelso and Legana Volunteer Brigade Rating District \$52.00
- General Land \$52.00

5. Interest

That pursuant to Section 128 of the Act if any rate or instalment is not paid on or before the date it falls due then there is payable a daily interest charge of 0.0291671% in respect of the unpaid rate or instalment for the period during which it is unpaid.

6. Rates payments

Pursuant to Section 124 of the Act as amended, council:

- (a) permits all ratepayers to pay rates by instalments instead of by one payment, if ratepayers so elect;
- (b) determines that if all rates are paid by one payment, then the date by which the rates are due to be paid shall be 30 September, 2026;
- (c) decides that where rates are payable by instalments, then they shall be paid by four approximately equal instalments and determines that the dates by which such instalments are to be paid shall be as follows:
 - i) the first instalment on or before 31 August 2026;
 - ii) the second instalment on or before 30 October 2026;
 - iii) the third instalment on or before 26 February 2027; and
 - iv) the fourth instalment on or before 30 April 2027

7. Discount for early payment

Pursuant to Section 130 of the Act, council offers to all ratepayers who pay the whole of the rates specified in the rates notice in one payment on or before 30 September 2026, a discount of 1% upon the current rates and charges.

8. Adjusted values

For the purposes of each of these resolutions any reference to assessed annual value includes a reference to that value as adjusted pursuant to section 89 of the Act as amended.

9. Words and Expressions

Words and expressions used both in these resolutions and in the Local Government Act 1993 as amended or the Fire Service Act 1979 have in these resolutions the same respective meanings as they had in those Acts.