

## CCS202: ANIMALS LOCAL LAW 2020

<b>Land Description</b>	: (All Wards)
<b>Attached</b>	: Finalised Proposed Draft - Animals Local Law 2019
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## ADDENDUM

1. At the CCS Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3 December 2019, City staff were requested to review the position of the Local Law relating to the keeping of pigs, keeping of bees and the keeping of poultry.
2. The following proposed amendment for the Keeping of Pigs, to reduce red tape for agricultural zoned properties and mitigate the impact on amenity on bordering residential zoned properties follows:

### 4.5 Keeping of Pigs

- (1) Except for a miniature pig, no lot shall keep a pig or pigs unless every portion of the area where the pig or pigs are kept is—
  - (a) greater than 200 metres from the lot boundary of the lot upon which the pig or pigs are to be situated; and
  - (b) greater than 100 metres from any dwelling house, dairy or other premises where food for human consumption is prepared, stored or sold.
- (2) The local government may prohibit the keeping of a miniature pig on any land or state the conditions under which they may be kept.
- (3) A person may keep one miniature pig in any residential area provided it is registered with the local government and the approved annual registration fee is paid.
- (4) The occupier of any premises where a miniature pig is kept must—
  - (a) only keep a sterilised animal and retain written proof of its sterilisation;
  - (b) confine the animal on the property at all times;
  - (c) ensure the animal does not cause a nuisance to any neighbour regarding noise, dust or odour; and
  - (d) maintain documentary evidence that the animal's veterinary treatment against roundworm and tapeworm is current.

3. The following proposed amendment for the Keeping of Bees, to address concern in regards to public health issues, due to bee stings follows:

### PART 6 - KEEPING OF BEES

#### 6.1 Limitation on numbers and location of Hives

- (1) A person must not keep or permit the keeping of bees on a lot except in accordance with this Part and State Legislation.
- (2) A person may keep bees on a lot zoned for agricultural use.
- (3) The local government may, upon written application, consent, with or without conditions, to a person keeping up to 2 beehives on a lot which is not zoned for agricultural purposes.
- (4) A person keeping bees within a residential area must have undergone a responsible beekeeping training course or similar and have proof thereof.
- (5) A person must comply with any conditions imposed by the local government under subclause (3).

### **6.2 Restrictions on keeping Bees in Hives**

A person must not keep or permit the keeping of bees in a hive on a lot unless, at all times—

- (a) an adequate and permanent supply of water must be provided within 10m of the beehives;
- (b) the beehive is kept—
  - (i) at least 10m from any public place; and
  - (ii) at least 5m from the boundary of the lot; and
  - (iii) the beehive is screened from public view.

### **6.3 Bees which cause a nuisance not to be kept**

(1) A person must take reasonable measures to not keep, or permit the keeping of bees, which cause a nuisance.

(2) Whenever in the opinion of the local government, the keeping of bees is causing a nuisance, the local government may give written notice to an owner or occupier requiring the removal of any bees or beehives from the lot within the time specified in the notice.

4. The following proposed amendment for the Keeping of Poultry, to reduce compliance red tape follows:

### **8.2 Conditions of Keeping Poultry**

A person who keeps poultry or permits poultry to be kept shall ensure that -

- (a) they provide a properly constructed and securely fastened structure or coop;
- (b) all structures within which poultry are kept are maintained at all times in a clean condition;
- (c) the structure has an impervious floor to permit washing down;
- (d) subject to clause (a) poultry that have been released to free-range are otherwise confined to the property; and
- (e) the poultry do not cause or be a nuisance to any person.