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Under the powers conferred by the *Health Act 1911*, the *Local Government Act 1995* and under all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Town of Port Hedland resolved on 27 July 2016 to make the following local law.

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

1.1 Citation

This local law is cited as the *Town of Port Hedland Animals, Environment and Nuisance Local Law 2016*.

1.2 Commencement

This local law comes into operation on the same day it is published in the *Government Gazette*.

1.3 Application

This local law applies throughout the district.

1.4 Repeal

The *Town of Port Hedland Local Law Cat Control*, as published in the *Government Gazette* on 14 May 1999, is repealed.

1.5 Purpose and effect

(1) The purpose of this local law is to provide for the regulation, control and management of animals and the prevention of environmental damage and nuisances within the district.

(2) The effect of this local law is to establish the requirements with which any person keeping animals, or undertaking activities that have the potential to impact the environment or create nuisance must comply with.

1.6 Definitions

(1) In this local law, unless the context otherwise requires—

Act means the *Local Government Act 1995*;

affiliated person means a person who is a member of a poultry or pigeon club incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015*;

amusement means anything usually conducted for amusement at a fair, a carnival or a show, whether conducted at a fair, a carnival or a show or elsewhere;

approved animal means any farm animal which is the subject of a licence;

authorised person means a person appointed by the local government, under section 9.10 of the Act to perform all or any of the functions conferred on an authorised person under this local law;

aviary bird means any bird, other than poultry or pigeons, kept, or usually kept in an aviary or cage;

birds includes poultry;

builder means the holder of a building permit issued in respect of building works on a building site or a person in control of a building site;

Building Code means the latest edition of the Building Code of Australia published by, or on behalf of, the Australian Building Codes Board, as amended from time to time, but not including explanatory information published with the Building Code;

building permit has the meaning given to it by the *Building Act 2011*;

building site means any lot for which a building permit is current;

cat organisation means an organisation or association referred to in regulation 23(c) of the *Cat Regulations 2012*;

Class 6 building means any Class 6 building as defined by the Building Code;

Class 9 building means any Class 9 building as defined by the Building Code;

Code of Practice—Pigeon Keeping means the Code of Practice for Pigeon Keeping and Racing in Western Australia as prescribed by the *Animal Welfare (General) Regulations 2003* and amended from time to time;

cow includes an ox, calf or bull;

development has the meaning given to it in the *Planning and Development Act 2005*;

development approval means a development approval under a local planning scheme;

development site includes any lot or lots for which there is currently a development or subdivision approval, and any lot or lots upon which construction work, earthworks, clearing of scrub, trees or overgrowth or any other site works are taking or have taken place;

district means the district of the local government;

disused means, in relation to any thing whatsoever, that the thing—

(a) is not in use for the purpose for which it was designed or appears to have been designed or intended; or

(b) has been stored or left stationary on land in the district for more than 1 month;

dust means any visible granular or particulate material which has or has the potential to become airborne and includes organic and non-organic matter and sand, but does not include smoke;

EHO means an environmental health officer appointed by the local government under the *Health Act 1911*, and includes any acting or assistant environmental health officer;

equipment means equipment, machinery or vehicles used for, or in connection with, the development of land;

farm animal includes a sheep, cow, goat, horse (excluding a miniature horse), deer, alpaca, pig (excluding a miniature pig);

food has the same meaning as is given to it in section 9 of the *Food Act 2008*;

food business has the same meaning as is given to it under section 10 of the *Food Act 2008*;

food premises means any premises including land, vehicles, parts of structures, tents, stalls and other temporary structures, boats, pontoons and any other place declared by the local government to be premises under the *Food Act 2008* kept or used for the handling of food for sale, but does include food vending machines or vehicles used only to transport food;

horse means a stallion, mare, gelding, shetland pony, pony, colt or foal, and includes an ass, mule, donkey and any beast of whatever description used for burden or draught or for carrying persons;

land includes any building or structure on the land;

licence means a licence issued under this local law;

licence holder means a person who holds a valid licence issued under this local law;

liquid waste means waste from any process or activity that is in liquid form and includes paint, fuel, grease, fat, oil, degreaser solvent, detergent, chemical, animal waste, food waste, effluent and all discharges of liquid to land, air or water that are not otherwise authorised by a written law but does not include uncontaminated stormwater;

livestock means any horse, cow, sheep, goat, swine, buffalo, deer, camel, llama or alpaca;

livestock vehicle means a vehicle that contains livestock or previously has been used for the carriage of livestock;

local government means the Town of Port Hedland;

local planning scheme has the meaning given to it by the *Planning and Development Act 2005*;

lot has the meaning given to it by the *Planning and Development Act 2005*;

manure receptacle means a receptacle of sufficient capacity to receive all manure produced in 1 week on premises upon which a farm animal or farm animals are kept, constructed of smooth, durable, impervious materials, fitted with a fly proof, hinged cover and with no part of the floor lower than the adjoining ground;

miniature horse means a horse which meets the standard and height for a miniature horse as described by the Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc;

miniature pig means a pig that does not exceed 650 millimetres in height as an adult and weighs less than 55 kilograms;

nuisance means—

(a) an activity or condition which is harmful or annoying and which gives rise to legal liability in the tort of public or private nuisance at law;

(b) an unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of a person of his or her ownership or occupation of land; or

(c) interference which causes material damage to land or other property on the land affected by the interference;

owner has the meaning given to it in the Act;

occupier means any person who is in control of any land or part of any land or authorised by the owner, lessee, licensee or any other person empowered to exercise control in relation to land to perform any work in relation to any land and includes a builder or contractor;

pigeon includes homing pigeons and other domesticated breeds of the species *Columba livia*, but does not include native pigeons or doves whether or not the keeping of such birds is subject to the approval of the Department of Parks and Wildlife;

poultry includes fowls, roosters, ducks, peafowls, turkeys, geese, guinea fowls, pheasants and other birds commonly kept for the production of eggs or meat for domestic consumption;

refuse means any waste material including bricks, lime, cement, concrete, rubble, stones, iron, timber, tiles, bags, plastics, ashes, vegetation, timber, wood or metal shavings, sawdust, and waste food, and includes any broken, used, derelict or discarded matter;

residential building has the meaning given to it in the Residential Design Codes of Western Australia as amended;

Residential Design Codes means the Residential Design Codes developed by the Department of Planning to provide the basis for the control of residential development throughout Western Australia;

residential zone includes any area zoned “Residential” and “Urban Development” under a local planning scheme;

rural zone means any area zoned “Rural” or “Rural Residential” under a local planning scheme;

sand means granules or particles of rock, earth, clay, loam, silt and any other granular, particulate or like material including dust and gravel;

stormwater means any naturally occurring water that results from rainfall on or around a site, or water flowing onto the site;

street means any highway or thoroughfare which the public is entitled to use, including the verge and other things including bridges and culverts appurtenant to it;

subdivision approval means a subdivision approval under the *Planning and Development Act 2005*;

townsite includes the townsites of Port Hedland, South Hedland, Wedgefield and the South Hedland Rural Estate, which are—

(a) constituted under section 26(2) of the *Land Administration Act 1997*; or

(b) referred to in clause 37 of Schedule 9.3 of the Act;

truck means a motor vehicle having a tare weight in excess of 3 000 kilograms;

unreasonable noise has the meaning given to it by the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*; and

vermin includes rats, mice, flies, fleas, mites, lice, cockroaches and any other animal, whether vertebrate or invertebrate, which is known to be a vector of disease or likely to cause damage to human food, habitation or possessions.

(2) Any other expression used in this local law and not defined herein shall have the meaning given to it in the Act.

(3) Where, in this local law, a duty, obligation or liability is imposed on an “owner or occupier” the duty shall be deemed to be imposed jointly and severally on each owner and occupier.

(4) Where, under this local law, the local government is authorised to carry out actions, or cause to be undertaken works, as a consequence of the failure of any person to comply with the terms of a notice or other conduct, the right to enter land is at all times subject to the provisions of Part 3, Division 3, subdivision 3 of the Act.

PART 2—KEEPING OF ANIMALS

Division 1—Animals

2.1 Interpretation

In this Division, unless the context otherwise requires, **animal** includes cats, dogs, rabbits and ferrets or the like.

2.2 Cleanliness

An owner or occupier of premises in or on which a dog, cat or other animal is kept shall—

(a) keep the premises 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 or other vectors of disease;

(b) when so directed by an EHO, clean and disinfect the premises; and

(c) keep the premises, so far as possible, free from flies or other vectors of disease, by spraying with a residual insecticide or other effective means.

2.3 Animal enclosures

(1) A person shall not keep or cause, or permit to be kept, any animals on premises which are not effectively drained or of which the drainage flows to the walls or foundations of any building.

(2) The owner or occupier of premises where animals are kept shall, when directed by an EHO, pave, grade and drain the floors of all structures and the surface of the ground of all enclosures used for the keeping of animals.

2.4 Cats

(1) Subject to subclauses (6) and (7), a person shall not, without an exemption in writing from the local government, keep more than 3 cats over the age of 6 months, or if the person is a member of a cat organisation a maximum of 9 cats can be kept, on premises on any land within the district.

- (2) An owner or occupier of premises may apply in writing to the local government for exemption from the requirements of subclause (1).
- (3) The local government shall not grant an exemption under subclause (2) unless it is satisfied that the number of cats to be kept will not be a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health.
- (4) An exemption granted under this clause shall specify—
- (a) the owner or occupier to whom the exemption applies;
 - (b) the premises to which the exemption applies; and
 - (c) the maximum number of cats which may be kept on the premises.
- (5) Subject to the *Cat Act 2011*, a person who is granted an exemption under subclause (3) may be required to house, or keep cats in such manner as directed by an EHO.
- (6) A person may keep more than 3 cats over the age of 6 months on premises used for veterinary purposes or as a pet shop.
- (7) A person shall not breed cats on any premises unless the person is an approved cat breeder under the *Cat Act 2011*.

Division 2—Keeping of birds

2.5 Interpretation

In this Division, unless the context otherwise requires, **approval** means an approval to keep birds issued under this local law.

2.6 Keeping of poultry and pigeons in a residential zone

- (1) An owner or occupier of premises in a residential zone shall not keep or permit to be kept on the premises any poultry or pigeons—
- (a) unless approved by the local government in accordance with clause 2.8; or
 - (b) otherwise than in accordance with subclause (2).
- (2) An owner or occupier of premises in a residential zone shall not keep or permit to be kept on the premises—
- (a) more than 10 poultry; and
 - (b) more than 12 pigeons unless the owner or occupier is an affiliated person in which case the maximum number of pigeons may be increased to 50.

2.7 Application for approval to keep poultry and pigeons in a residential zone

- (1) Where an owner or occupier of premises within a residential zone wishes to keep more than the number of poultry or pigeons stated in subclause 2.6(2), then local government may approve the keeping of poultry or pigeons in accordance with these local laws subject to the following—
- (a) the owner or occupier submitting an application to the local government, shall—
 - (i) specify the number of poultry or pigeons proposed to be kept; and
 - (ii) include a site plan showing lot size, location of enclosure, distance from boundaries and buildings and proximity to houses on adjoining land.
- (2) The local government may, at its discretion, conduct public consultation with all owners/occupiers whose property abuts the applicant's property prior to the application being determined.
- (3) The local government may approve, with or without conditions, or refuse to approve an application received under this clause.
- (4) Where an approval for the keeping of poultry or pigeons is issued subject to conditions, the holder of the approval shall comply or cause compliance with those conditions.

2.8 Conditions for keeping of poultry

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

- (a) no poultry shall be kept less than 9 metres from any residential building;
- (b) no poultry is able to approach within 9 metres of a public street, public building, commercial premises or food premises;
- (c) all poultry is kept in a properly constructed and securely fastened structure;
- (d) the structure has an impervious floor laid with a fall to the front of at least 1 in 50;
- (e) all structures or enclosures within which poultry are kept are maintained at all times in a clean condition; and
- (f) all poultry is kept continually confined in the enclosure.

2.9 Roosters, geese, turkeys and peafowl

Except on land in a rural or rural residential zone, and with the prior written permission of the local government, an owner or occupier of premises shall not keep any of the following—

- (a) roosters;
- (b) geese;
- (c) turkeys; or
- (d) peafowls.

2.10 Conditions for keeping of pigeons

- (1) A person who keeps pigeons, or permits pigeons to be kept, shall ensure that—
- (a) all pigeons are kept in a properly constructed pigeon loft, except where registered homing pigeons are freed for exercise;
 - (b) all structures or enclosures within which pigeons are kept are maintained at all times in a clean condition;
 - (c) no opening to a pigeon loft, including openings for ventilation, is within 9 metres of any residential building; and
 - (d) no opening to a pigeon loft, including openings for ventilation, is within 15 metres of a public street, public building, commercial premises or food premises.
- (2) An affiliated person who keeps pigeons, or permits pigeons to be kept, shall do so in accordance with the Code of Practice—Pigeon Keeping, subject to the provisions of this local law.

2.11 Termination of approval to keep poultry or pigeons

If an owner or occupier of premises to whom an approval to keep poultry or pigeons has been granted by the local government pursuant to subclause 2.6(3)—

- (a) breaches a condition of the approval;
- (b) breaches clause 2.8 or clause 2.10 of this local law; or
- (c) fails to comply with a written notice served by the local government in relation to the keeping of poultry or pigeons,

then the local government may cancel its approval upon written notice of such cancellation being given to the owner or occupier within 28 days of the breach or failure to comply as the case may be.

2.12 Restrictions on pigeon nesting and perching

The local government may order an owner or occupier of a house on or in which pigeons are, or are in the habit of nesting or perching, to take reasonable steps to prevent them from continuing to do so.

2.13 Conditions of keeping aviary birds

A person who keeps, or permits to be kept, aviary birds shall ensure that—

- (a) the aviary or cage in which the birds are kept is located at least 1 metre from any lot boundary and at least 5 metres from a residential building on any other lot;
- (b) there is a floor beneath the roofed area of the aviary or cage which is constructed of smooth, impervious material with a gradient of at least 1 in 50 to the front of the aviary or cage;
- (c) the aviary or cage is kept in clean condition and good repair at all times;
- (d) all feed for the birds other than that intended for immediate consumption is stored in vermin proof containers; and
- (e) effective measures are taken to prevent the attraction or harbourage of vermin.

2.14 Nuisance caused by birds

An owner or occupier of land shall not keep any bird or birds which—

- (a) are or create a nuisance; or
- (b) emit an unreasonable noise.

*Division 3—Keeping of bees***2.15 Interpretation**

In this Division, unless the context otherwise requires, **approval** means an approval to keep bees issued under this local law.

2.16 Approval required to keep bees

- (1) A person shall not keep or permit the keeping of bees on land within a townsite in the district.
- (2) A person shall not keep bees or allow bees to be kept on land outside a townsite within the district, except in accordance with an approval issued by the local government in relation to the land.

2.17 Nuisance

A person shall not keep, or allow to be kept, bees or bee hives, or both, on land so as to create a nuisance.

2.18 Notice to remove bees

(1) Whenever, in the opinion of the local government, a person has contravened any provision of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (Identification and Movement of Stock and Apiaries) Regulations 2013* or of this local law which relates to the keeping of bees or bee hives, the local government may give the approval holder, in relation to that land, or if there is no valid approval in relation to that land, an owner or occupier of the land, a written notice requiring her or him to remove any bees or bee hives, or both, from the land within the time specified in the notice.

(2) Subject to Division 1 of Part 9 of the Act, on the giving of a notice referred to in subclause (1), any valid licence given by the local government relating to the keeping of bees or bee hives on that land is cancelled from the time specified in the notice, being not less than 7 days from the date it is given.

(3) Where a person fails to comply with a notice given under subclause (1), the local government may dispose of the bees or the bee hives or both, in such manner as it sees fit and recover the costs of so doing from the approval holder, or an owner or occupier, as the case may be, as a debt due to it.

Division 4—Keeping of farm animals

2.19 Interpretation

In this Division, unless the context otherwise requires, **licence** means a licence to keep farm animals issued under this local law.

2.20 Licence required to keep farm animals

Subject to clause 2.25, an owner or occupier of land shall not keep, or allow to be kept, any farm animal unless—

- (a) in accordance with a valid licence authorising the keeping of such a farm animal issued in relation to the land pursuant to clause 2.23; or
- (b) in a rural zone; or
- (c) it is on land approved by the local government for the stabling of horses.

2.21 Application for a licence to keep farm animals

An application for a licence required by clause 2.20 shall be in the form approved by the local government and shall include the following information—

- (a) a plan of the property, at a scale not less than 1:200, with dimensions clearly marked, showing where it is proposed that the animal is to be kept and the distance of that location from any residential building on another lot, Class 6 building or Class 9 building, business premises or food premises;
- (b) a sketch plan, at a scale of 1:100, indicating the nature of the shelter or housing to be provided for the animal;
- (c) a detailed written plan for the management of manure which addresses—
 - (i) control of flies and other vermin;
 - (ii) disease prevention; and
 - (iii) prevention of nuisance odours; and
- (d) the appropriate application and licence fees as determined from time to time by the local government in accordance with sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the Act.

2.22 Determination of application to keep farm animals

- (1) Subject to clause 2.23, the local government may—
 - (a) refuse to determine an application for a licence which does not comply with clause 2.21;
 - (b) approve an application for a licence subject to such conditions as it considers appropriate; or
 - (c) refuse to approve an application for a licence.
- (2) Where an application for a licence is approved subject to conditions, the licence holder shall comply with those conditions or cause compliance with those conditions.
- (3) Where the local government approves an application under subclause (1)(b), it is to issue to the applicant a licence in the form approved by the local government.
- (4) A licence is valid from the date of issue until 30 June the following year, unless it is cancelled prior to that date under this local law.

2.23 Conditions of approval to keep farm animals

- (1) A licence shall not be granted pursuant to clause 2.22—
 - (a) unless the land for which the approval is sought is of such dimensions and configuration as will permit the subject animal to be confined in a minimum cleared area of 1 000 square metres and prevented from approaching within 15 metres of any residential building, Class 6 building or Class 9 building, business premises or food premises;
 - (b) in the case of a horse (other than a miniature horse) or cow, unless the land for which the approval is sought has a minimum area of 1 hectare; or
 - (c) for the keeping of any pig (other than a miniature pig).
- (2) The local government shall take into account the opinions of occupiers of adjoining properties in determining whether to grant approval for the keeping of a farm animal.
- (3) Approval to keep a farm animal may be issued subject to conditions, including—
 - (a) that a stable or shelter is provided for housing the approved animal;
 - (b) that a manure receptacle is provided in a position convenient to the shelter or place where the approved animal is kept, and that the receptacle is used for the receipt of all manure produced on the premises; or
 - (c) any other conditions that the local government considers necessary for the protection of the health and amenity of the neighbourhood;

and such conditions may be imposed at any time subsequent to the initial approval.

2.24 Variation or cancellation of licence to keep farm animals and conditions of licence

- (1) The local government may vary the conditions of a licence after it has been issued, and shall give notice of such variation to the licence holder.
- (2) The local government may cancel a licence in the event the licence holder—
 - (a) fails to comply with any condition set under subclause 2.22(1)(b);
 - (b) after being notified of a variation under subclause (1) fails to comply with the varied condition;
 - (c) breaches clause 2.25 or clause 2.28 of this local law; or
 - (d) fails to comply with a notice of breach issued under clause 6.1.
- (3) The local government may cancel a licence in the event the licence holder—
 - (a) fails to comply with any condition of the licence;
 - (b) breaches clause 2.25 or clause 2.26 of this local law; or
 - (c) fails to comply with a notice of breach issued under clause 6.1.

2.25 Conditions for keeping farm animals

- (1) An owner or occupier of premises upon which a farm animal or farm animals are kept, shall—
 - (a) maintain the place or places where the animals are kept in clean condition;
 - (b) ensure that any farm animal or farm animals kept on the premises do not cause or constitute a nuisance;
 - (c) maintain the premises free from flies or other vermin by spraying with residual insecticide or other effective means;
 - (d) if a manure receptacle is required to be used—
 - (i) cause all manure produced on the premises to be collected daily and placed in the receptacle;
 - (ii) cause the receptacle to be emptied as often as is necessary to prevent it becoming offensive or a breeding place for flies or other vermin, but in any case at least once a week; and
 - (iii) keep the lid of the receptacle closed except when manure is being deposited or removed; and
 - (e) not permit any farm animal to approach within 15 metres of any residential building, food premises, Class 6 building or a Class 9 building, or a business or commercial premises.
- (2) An owner or occupier of premises in a rural zone shall not keep more than 1 pig, except with the express written approval of the local government.

2.26 Keeping a miniature horse

- (1) An owner or occupier of a premises may—
 - (a) keep a sterilised miniature horse on land of not less than 1 000 square metres in area that is zoned rural; or
 - (b) keep a sterilised miniature horse on land approved for the purposes of stabling a horse.
- (2) An owner or occupier of premises shall—
 - (a) not keep more than 1 miniature horse on land zoned residential or special rural without the written approval of the local government or an authorised person; and
 - (b) not permit a miniature horse to come within 9 metres of any house.
- (3) The local government or an authorised person may prohibit the keeping of a miniature horse on any land or may state the conditions under which a miniature horse may be kept.

2.27 Keeping a miniature pig

- (1) The keeping of pigs in the district, other than the keeping of a miniature pig, is forbidden, except for on premises registered by the local government as an abattoir under the provisions of section 191 of the *Health Act 1911*.
- (2) The local government or an authorised person may prohibit the keeping of a miniature pig on any land, or state the conditions under which the miniature pig may be kept.
- (3) A person may keep 1 miniature pig in any residential or rural or special rural area provided it is registered with the local government and the annual registration fee approved from time to time by the local government in accordance with sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the Act is paid.
- (4) An owner or occupier of premises where a miniature pig is kept shall—
 - (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.

2.28 Requirements for farm animal shelters

(1) Any stable, enclosure or shelter provided for the keeping of farm animals, whether or not a licence is required for the keeping of such farm animals pursuant to clause 2.21, shall—

- (a) not be situated within 15 metres of any residential building, Class 6 building or Class 9 building, business premises or food premises;
- (b) not be situated within 1 metre of any lot boundary;
- (c) be constructed of materials approved by an authorised person;
- (d) have on each side of the building between the wall and roof a clear opening of at least 150 millimetres in height, and of sufficient length, to provide adequate ventilation to the stable, enclosure or shelter;
- (e) when required by the local government, have a separate stall for each horse, cow or other approved animal, the shortest dimension of which shall be at least twice the length of the animal housed therein; and
- (f) subject to subclause (2), have a floor, the upper surface of which shall—
 - (i) be raised at least 75 millimetres above the surface of the surrounding ground;
 - (ii) be constructed of cement, concrete or other similar impervious material; and
 - (iii) have a fall of 1 in 100 to a drain which shall empty into a trapped gully situated outside the stable or shelter.

(2) A stable or shelter constructed with a sand floor may be approved by an authorised person subject to—

- (a) the site being well drained, with the sand floor being at least 1.5 metres above the highest known ground water level;
- (b) a 300 millimetre thick bed of crushed limestone being laid under the sand of the stable;
- (c) the sand, whether natural or imported, being clean, coarse and free from dust;
- (d) the footings meeting the requirements of the Building Code; and
- (e) the design of the stable allowing for the access of small earthmoving machinery, such as a skid steer loader, into each stall to maintain the correct floor height.

(3) An owner or occupier of any land upon which a stable or shelter is located must ensure that the stable or shelter complies in all respects with the requirements of subclause (1), and, where the approval referred to in subclause (2) has been granted, with the requirements of subclause (2).

*Division 5—Livestock***2.29 Livestock not to stray**

The owner or person in charge of livestock shall not permit livestock to stray or to be at large in a street, public place or upon private property without the consent of the property owner.

2.30 Impounding of livestock

(1) An authorised person or a member of the Police Service may impound livestock found straying in contravention of clause 2.29.

(2) Livestock being impounded shall be placed in the pound or secured on private property with the consent of the owner.

2.31 Property to be fenced

(1) The owner or occupier of property on which livestock is kept, shall cause the property or a portion of the property to be fenced in a manner capable of confining the livestock, to that portion where the livestock is kept.

(2) The minimum fencing requirements to confine livestock in a rural or special rural area shall be a fence of post and wire construction.

PART 3—BUILDING, DEVELOPMENT AND LAND CARE*Division 1—Litter and refuse on building sites***3.1 Provision of refuse receptacles**

The owner or occupier of a building or development site shall at all times provide and maintain a refuse receptacle, available for use on the site, which includes a suitable cover, to the satisfaction of an authorised person, of such design as will—

- (a) contain any refuse likely to be produced on the site; and
- (b) prevent refuse being blown from the receptacle by wind.

3.2 Control of refuse

(1) From the time of commencement of works on a building site or development site until the time of completion of such work, the owner or occupier of the site shall take all reasonable steps to—

- (a) ensure all refuse on the site is placed and contained in the refuse receptacle and prevented from being blown from the site by wind;
- (b) keep the site free from any refuse;

- (c) keep the street verge, and any other reserve, immediately adjacent to the site, free of refuse from the site; and
 - (d) ensure the refuse receptacle is emptied when full.
- (2) The owner or occupier of a building site or development site shall ensure that within 2 days of completion of works on the site, the site and the street verge immediately adjacent to it, are cleared of all refuse and all refuse receptacles are removed from the site.

3.3 Unauthorised storage of materials

- (1) All construction materials must be located on the building site or development site under construction, unless written approval has been given by the local government to store materials on another property (including a road reserve).
- (2) An application for approval under subclause (1) must be—
- (a) in writing; and
 - (b) accompanied by the written approval of the landowner of the land on which materials are proposed to be stored.

Division 2—Prevention of dust and liquid waste

3.4 Prohibited activities

- (1) An owner and/or occupier of land must take all reasonable steps to—
- (a) stabilise dust on the land;
 - (b) contain all liquid waste on the land; and
 - (c) ensure no dust or liquid waste is released or escapes from the land, whether by means of wind, water or any other cause.
- (2) Where the local government forms the opinion that—
- (a) an owner or occupier has not complied with subclause (1)(a) or subclause (1)(b); or
 - (b) the dust or liquid waste has been released or escaped from the owner's or occupier's land, the local government may serve on the owner and/or occupier of the land, a notice requiring the owner and/or occupier to do one or more of the following—
 - (i) comply with subclause (1)(a) or (1)(b);
 - (ii) clean up and properly dispose of any released or escaped dust or liquid waste;
 - (iii) clean up and make good any damage resulting from the released or escaped dust or liquid waste; and
 - (iv) take effective measures to stop any further release or escape of dust or liquid waste;
 - (c) The requirements set out in a notice issued under subclause (2)(a) must be complied with—
 - (i) within 48 hours of service of the notice where no other time is specified;
 - (ii) within such other period as is specified in the notice; or
 - (iii) immediately, if the notice so specifies.
- (3) Where the local government forms the opinion that dust or liquid waste has escaped or has been released from an activity undertaken on land or as a consequence of the use of equipment on land, the local government may serve a notice on—
- (a) any owner or occupier of the land; or
 - (b) any operator of equipment on the land,
- requiring that the activity or use of equipment on the land be ceased immediately, for such period as is specified in the notice.
- (4) Where the local government is of the opinion that dust or liquid waste may be released or escape from any land as a result of an activity which is likely to be carried out on that land, the local government may give to the owner and/or occupier a notice providing that the activity may only be carried out subject to conditions specified in the notice.

3.5 Dust management

If an owner or occupier of land intends to undertake any work involving the clearing of land, from which any sand or dust is likely to be released whether by means of wind, water or any other cause, shall—

- (a) submit to an authorised person a Dust Management Plan in accordance with “A guideline for managing the impacts of dust and associated contaminants from land development sites, contaminated sites remediation and other related activities” (2011) as produced by the Department of Environment Regulation, and amended from time to time; and
- (b) obtain written approval of the Dust Management Plan from an authorised person before commencement of any work.

Division 3—Smoke

3.6 Burning of cleared vegetation prohibited

Subject to any other written law, an owner or occupier of any building or development site shall ensure that no vegetation or other material cleared from the site is burnt on the site.

*Division 4—Unsightly land and disused materials***3.7 Removal of refuse and disused materials**

(1) The owner or occupier of a lot shall not keep, or permit to remain on the lot, any refuse, rubbish or disused material of whatever nature or kind which in the opinion of the local government or an authorised person is likely to give the lot an untidy appearance and does not conform with the general appearance of other land in that particular part of the district.

(2) The local government or an authorised person may give notice in writing to the owner or occupier of a lot requiring the removal of refuse, rubbish or disused material from the lot within the time specified in the notice.

3.8 Removal of unsightly overgrowth of vegetation

(1) The owner or occupier of a lot shall not permit to remain on a lot, any unsightly overgrowth of vegetation that gives the lot an untidy appearance and does not conform with the general appearance of other land in that particular part of the district.

(2) The local government or an authorised person may give notice in writing to the owner or occupier of a lot requiring the removal of the overgrowth of vegetation within the time specified in the notice.

3.9 Storage of vehicles, vessels and machinery

The owner or occupier of a lot shall not—

- (a) store, or allow to remain in public view on any lot, more than 1 vehicle, vessel or machinery in a state of disrepair, (whether licensed or not);
- (b) store, or allow to remain in public view on any lot, any vehicle, vessel or machinery in a state of disrepair for a period in excess of 1 month;
- (c) store, or allow to remain in public view on any lot, any vehicle parts, vessel parts or machinery parts (including tyres);
- (d) wreck, dismantle or break up any vehicle, part or body of a vehicle, vessel or machinery except where performed—
 - (i) inside a building; or
 - (ii) within an area enclosed by a fence or wall of not less than 1.8 metres in height and of such a nature as to screen all vehicles, parts or bodies of vehicles, vessels or machinery from the street and from adjoining properties; or
- (e) wreck, dismantle or break up a vehicle, vessel or machinery so as to cause a nuisance.

3.10 Disposing of disused refrigerators or similar containers

A person shall not place, leave or dispose of a disused refrigerator, ice chest, ice box, trunk, chest or other similar article having a compartment which has a capacity of 0.04 cubic metres or more on any land without first—

- (a) removing every door and lid and every lock, catch and hinge attached to a door or lid; or
- (b) rendering every door and lid incapable of being fastened; and
- (c) removing any refrigerants as per requirements of the *Environmental Protection (Ozone Protection) Policy 2000*.

*Division 5—Hazardous materials***3.11 Hazardous trees**

(1) Where a tree on a lot endangers any person or thing on adjoining land, the local government may give a notice to the owner or the occupier of the lot to remove, cut, move or otherwise deal with that tree so as to make the tree safe.

(2) Where a tree on a lot presents a serious and immediate danger to any person or thing, the local government may take any remedial action it considers appropriate in order to make the tree safe without having given the owner or occupier notice pursuant to subclause (1).

(3) The local government reserves its right to recover any costs incurred by the local government for remedial action taken in terms of subclause (2).

PART 4—NUISANCES AND DANGEROUS THINGS*Division 1—Light***4.1 Use of exterior lights**

An owner or occupier of land on which floodlights or other exterior lights are erected or used, shall not allow the floodlights or other exterior lights to shine directly onto any other premises.

4.2 Emission or reflection of light

An owner or occupier of land shall ensure that—

- (a) artificial light is not emitted or reflected from anything on the land so as to illuminate premises outside that land to more than 50 lux; and
- (b) natural light is not reflected from anything on the land so as to create or cause a nuisance to the occupier of any other premises or to a person lawfully using a thoroughfare.

4.3 Notice may require specified action to prevent emission or reflection of light

(1) Where—

- (a) floodlights or other exterior lights shine directly onto any other premises;
- (b) artificial light is emitted or reflected from anything on the land so as to illuminate premises outside the land to more than 50 lux; or
- (c) natural light is reflected from anything on the land so as to create or cause a nuisance to the occupier of any other premises or to a person lawfully using a thoroughfare,

the local government may by notice in writing direct the owner or occupier to take such actions as an authorised person considers necessary within the time specified in the notice.

(2) The notice referred to in subclause (1) may direct that—

- (a) floodlights or other exterior lights are used only during the hours specified in the notice;
- (b) the direction in which the lights shine be altered as specified in the notice;
- (c) any reflective surfaces be painted or otherwise treated so as to abate the nuisance; or
- (d) any combination of these measures that the local government believes to be appropriate to the circumstances.

Division 2—Smoke, fumes, odours and other emissions

4.4 Burning rubbish, refuse or other material

(1) A person shall not set fire to rubbish, refuse or other materials.

(2) Subclause (1) does not apply to rural residential zoned lots.

(3) A person shall not set fire to rubbish, refuse or other materials on rural residential zoned lots unless—

- (a) written approval has first been obtained from the local government;
- (b) the person demonstrates to the satisfaction of the local government that reasonable alternatives for the disposal of the rubbish, refuse or other material do not exist and the potential for pollution is low;
- (c) the material does not include any plastic, rubber, food scraps, or other material likely to cause the generation of smoke or odour in such quantity as to cause a nuisance to other persons; and
- (d) the burning complies with the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, any annual fire hazard reduction notice issued by the local government under that Act and any conditions of approval as determined by the local government.

(4) Subclauses (1) and (3) shall not apply to any barbecue, solid fuel water heater, space heater or ovens fired with dry paper, dry wood, synthetic char or charcoal type fuel.

(5) Subclause (4) is subject to any fire danger rating as determined by the Bureau of Meteorology or an authorised person.

4.5 Escape of smoke, fumes, odours and other emissions

An owner or occupier of land or premises shall take all reasonable steps not cause or permit the escape of smoke, fumes or odours from the land or premises in such quantity or of such a nature as to cause or to be a nuisance to any person.

Division 3—Trucks

4.6 Livestock vehicles

(1) A person shall not park a vehicle containing livestock in a townsite for a period in excess of 30 minutes.

(2) A person shall not park a vehicle which contains or has been used for the carriage of livestock so as to create or be a nuisance to any person, by reason of the odour emanating from the vehicle.

(3) If a person parks a vehicle containing livestock in a townsite in accordance with subclause (1), then the person does not contravene subclause (2).

4.7 Truck noise from residential land

A person shall not start or drive a truck on land zoned, approved or used for residential purposes between the hours of 10.30 pm and 6.30 am on the following day without first obtaining the written consent of the local government.

Division 4—Swimming pool backwash management

4.8 Disposal of swimming pool backwash

(1) The owner or occupier of land on which a swimming pool is constructed shall ensure that all backwash water is kept on site and not permitted to discharge onto or run-off onto adjacent land.

(2) Subclause (1) shall not prevent the discharge of swimming pool backwash water from a lot into a local government approved stormwater drain or road by a method approved by an authorised person.

*Division 5—Stormwater management***4.9 Containment of stormwater**

(1) Subject to subclause (2), the owner or occupier of a lot shall ensure that all stormwater received by any building, house, other structure or any paved or sealed or other surfaced areas including any vehicle access ways on the lot is contained within the lot and is not permitted to discharge onto or run-off onto adjacent land so as to cause a nuisance, or cause damage to any structures situated on adjacent land.

(2) Subclause (1) shall not prevent the discharge of stormwater from a lot into a local government approved stormwater drain or road.

*Division 6—Amusement activities***4.10 Nuisance**

A person shall not, without written authorisation from the local government, provide or conduct any amusement on land so as to create or be a nuisance to any owner or occupier of land in the district.

4.11 Abatement by authorised person

Subject to subdivision 3 of Division 3 of Part 3 of the Act, an authorised person may enter on any land where an amusement is provided or conducted and may do any act or thing reasonably required to abate a nuisance referred to in clause 4.10.

*Division 7—Advertising, bill posting and junk mail***4.12 Placement of advertisement, bill posting or junk mail**

(1) A person shall not, without written authorisation from the local government, place or affix any letter, figure, device, poster, sign or advertisement on any buildings, fences or posts.

(2) A person shall not place in or on any letter box, gate, fence or generally leave or distribute to any property in the district, any handbill, poster, pamphlet, flyer or other form of advertising or promotional material, where there is clearly displayed a sign or notice which states “no junk mail” or words of similar effect.

4.13 Exemptions

Clause 4.12 does not apply to—

- (a) delivery of articles by Australia Post;
- (b) documents issued under or for the purposes of an Act of Parliament;
- (c) an authorised person or member of the police service acting in the course of their duties;
- (d) electoral materials; or
- (e) legal process.

*Division 8—Bird nuisance***4.14 Restrictions on feeding of birds**

(1) A person shall not feed a bird—

- (a) so as to cause a nuisance, or
- (b) with a food or substance that is not a natural food of a bird.

(2) Where an authorised person forms the opinion that a person has not complied with subclause (1) the authorised person may serve the person a notice requiring the person to clean up and properly dispose of any feed or waste products specified in the notice.

PART 5—OBJECTION AND REVIEW**5.1 Objection and review**

Division 1 of Part 9 of the Act and regulation 33 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* apply to a decision under this local law to—

- (a) grant or renew a person a licence, approval or authorisation;
- (b) amend or cancel a licence, approval or authorisation; or
- (c) give a person a notice.

PART 6—ENFORCEMENT*Division 1—Notices***6.1 Notice of breach**

(1) Where a breach of any provision of this local law has occurred, the local government may give a notice in writing to the person alleged to be responsible for such breach.

(2) A notice issued pursuant to subclause (1) shall—

- (a) specify the provision of this local law which has been breached;
- (b) specify the particulars of the breach; and

- (c) state the manner in which the recipient is required to remedy the breach to the satisfaction of the local government within a time period stipulated in the notice which shall be not less than 14 days from the giving of the notice.

(3) It is an offence to fail to comply with a notice issued by the local government pursuant to subclause (1).

6.2 Notice requirements

Where this local law refers to the giving of a notice, other than the giving of an infringement notice, and no particular form is prescribed, it will be sufficient that the notice be in writing giving adequate details to enable the owner, occupier or other person to whom the notice is issued to know the offence committed and the measures required to be taken or conditions with which compliance is required, as the case may be.

6.3 When local government may undertake requirements of notice

(1) This clause applies only in respect of a notice issued under subclauses 3.7(2), 3.8(2), 3.11(1) and 4.3(1) of this local law.

(2) Where a person fails to comply with a notice referred to in subclause (1) the local government may, subject to compliance with the requirements of subdivision 3 of Division 3 of Part 3 of the Act, do anything that it considers necessary to achieve, so far as is practicable, the purpose for which the notice was given.

(3) The local government may recover the cost of anything it does under subclause (2) as a debt due from the person who failed to comply with the notice.

Division 2—Offences and penalties

6.4 Offences and penalties

(1) A person who—

- (a) fails to do anything required or directed to be done under this local law; or
- (b) fails to comply with the requirements of a notice issued under this local law by an authorised person; or
- (c) does anything which under this local law that person is prohibited from doing;

commits an offence.

(2) Where, under this local law, an act is required to be done or forbidden to be done in relation to any land or premises, the owner or occupier of the land or premises has the duty of causing to be done the act so required to be done, or of preventing from being done the act forbidden to be done.

(3) A person who commits an offence under this local law shall be liable, upon conviction, to a maximum penalty of \$5,000 and a maximum daily penalty of \$500 in respect of each day or part of a day during which the offence has continued.

(4) An offence against a clause specified in Schedule 1 is a prescribed offence for the purposes of section 9.16(1) of the Act.

(5) The amount of the modified penalty for a prescribed offence is that specified adjacent to the clause in Schedule 1.

6.5 Form of infringement notices

(1) Where a vehicle is involved in the commission of an offence, the form of the notice referred to in section 9.13 of the Act is that of Form 1 in Schedule 1 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*.

(2) The form of the infringement notice referred to in section 9.16 of the Act is that of Form 2 in Schedule 1 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*.

(3) The form of the infringement withdrawal given under section 9.20 of the Act is that of Form 3 in Schedule 1 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*.

Schedule 1 PRESCRIBED OFFENCES

[Clause 6.4]

Item No.	Clause No.	Description	Modified Penalty
1	2.2(a)	Failure to keep premises free from excrement, filth, food waste and other matter likely to be offensive or injurious to health or attracts, vermin or insects.	\$250
2	2.2(b)	Failure to keep premises clean and disinfected when directed by an EHO	\$250
3	2.2(c)	Failure to keep premises free of flies, or when directed by an EHO, spray premises with residual insecticide or use other means to kill or repel flies	\$250

Item No.	Clause No.	Description	Modified Penalty
4	2.3	Failure to maintain adequate enclosures	\$250
5	2.4(1)	Keeping more than 3 cats over the age of 3 months without exemption from the local government	\$200
6	2.4(7)	Breeding cats, not being an approved cat breeder	\$200
7	2.6	Keep, or permit to be kept, any poultry, not in accordance with conditions of this local law	\$200
8	2.9	Keep, or suffer to remain in a residential area, a rooster, turkey, goose or geese, or peafowl	\$200
9	2.10(2)	Failing to keep cages, enclosures and lofts maintained to minimum standard specified in the Code of Practice	\$200
10	2.12	Failing to prevent pigeons nesting or perching	\$200
11	2.13	Failing to keep aviary birds in accordance with conditions of this local law	\$200
12	2.14	Keeping birds so as to create a nuisance	\$200
13	2.16(1)	Keep of bees without a valid approval	\$200
14	2.16(2)	Failure to comply with a condition of approval to keep bees	\$200
15	2.17	Creation of a nuisance from keeping of bees or beehives	\$200
16	2.18(1)	Failure to comply with a notice to remove bees or beehives for contravention of local law	\$200
17	2.22(1)	Keeping a farm animal without a valid licence	\$200
18	2.26	Keeping a miniature horse on land without approval	\$200
19	2.27	Keeping a miniature pig on land without approval	\$200
20	2.29	Permitting livestock to stray, or be at large in a street, public place or private property without consent	\$200
21	2.31	Failing to keep property fenced in a manner capable of confining livestock	\$200
22	3.1	Failure to provide or maintain a refuse receptacle on a building or development site	\$500
23	3.2	Failure to control refuse on a building or development site	\$500
24	3.3	Unauthorised storage of materials	\$500
25	3.4	Release or escape of dust or liquid waste from land	\$500
26	3.5	Commencing works involving clearing of land without an approved Dust Management Plan	\$500
27	3.6	Burning of cleared vegetation or other material from a building or development site	\$500
28	3.9(a)	Storing, or allow to remain on land, more than 1 vehicle, vessel or machinery in a state of disrepair	\$500
29	3.9(b)	Storing, or allow to remain on land, any vehicle, vessel or machinery in a state of disrepair for a period in excess of 1 month	\$500
30	3.9(c)	Storing, or allow to remain on land, any vehicle parts, vessel parts or machinery parts (including tyres)	\$500
31	3.9(d)(i)	Wreck, dismantle or break up any vehicle part or body, vessel or machinery not inside a building	\$500
32	3.9(d)(ii)	Wreck, dismantle or break up any vehicle part or body, vessel or machinery not behind a sufficient fence or wall	\$500
33	3.9(e)	Wreck, dismantle or break up a vehicle, vessel or machinery so as to cause a nuisance	\$500
34	3.10	Disposing of disused refrigerator or similar container with door/lid that can be fastened without removing the refrigerant, door, lid, lock, catch, hinge and rendering the door/lid incapable of being fastened	\$500
35	4.1	Erection or use of lighting installations other than in accordance with this local law	\$500
36	4.2	Emitting light so as to create or cause a nuisance	\$500
37	4.5	Permitting the escape of smoke, fumes, odours and other emissions so as to cause a nuisance	\$500
38	4.6(1)	Parking a livestock vehicle in an urban area or townsite in excess of 30 minutes	\$500
39	4.7	Starting or driving a truck on residential land, or adjoining residential land, without consent of the local government	\$500

Item No.	Clause No.	Description	Modified Penalty
40	4.8(1)	Discharging swimming pool backwash onto adjacent land so as to cause a nuisance or cause damage	\$500
41	4.9(1)	Failure to ensure that all rainwater or storm water received by a lot and any building, house or structure on the lot, is contained within the lot or discharged directly to a stormwater drain or road	\$500
42	4.10	Conducting an amusement so as to create a nuisance	\$500
43	4.12(1)	Unauthorised placement of advertisement, bill posting or junk mail	\$200
44	4.12(2)	Placement of advertisement, bill posting or junk mail where a "no junk mail", or equivalent, sign is displayed	\$500
45	4.14(1)(a)	Feeding a bird so as to create a nuisance	\$500
46	4.14(1)(b)	Feeding a bird a food or substance that is not a natural food	\$500
47	6.4(1)(b)	Failure to comply with notice	\$500
48		All other offences not specified	\$100

The Common Seal of the Town of Port Hedland was affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of—

K. HOWLETT, Mayor.
C. LINNELL, Acting Chief Executive Officer.

On this 16th day of August 2016.

Consented to—

TARUN WEERAMANTHRI, Executive Director,
Public Health.

Dated this 1st day of September 2016.
