

# Statement of Proposal



# Resource Consenting (Planning) Fees and Charges for the 2019/20 Year

## **HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING FEES 2019/20**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

This Statement of Proposal has been prepared to fulfil the requirements of section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) and section 36(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act).

The Act provides the Council with the ability to fix fees to recover the direct and indirect costs of Council's functions under the Act.

Council is proposing to fix fees to recover these costs.

Prior to fixing fees under the Act, the Council is required to consult on the proposed fees using the special consultative procedure of the LGA 2002.

### **2. REASON FOR PROPOSAL**

Council has decided to set fees to recover a portion of the direct and indirect costs of its functions performed under the Act.

Recovering costs in this manner recognises the benefit to the direct user of the service, while also recognising the public benefit for the community in relation to the functions performed. This aligns with Council's Revenue and Financing Policy, which identifies that in funding regulatory services functions, the majority of funds should be sourced through fees with a minority funded through general rates.

In fixing fees under Section 36 of the RMA a Local Authority is required to have regard to the requirement that the sole purpose of the charge is to recover reasonable costs incurred by the local authority in respect of the activity to which the charge relates, and a particular person or persons should only be required to pay a charge to the extent that the benefit of the local authority's actions to which the charge relates is obtained by those persons as distinct from the community of the local authority as a whole.

### **3. PROPOSAL TO SET FEES**

Council proposes the following fee structure to ensure the recovery of a proportion of the direct and indirect costs incurred by Council in performing its functions commencing 1 July 2019.

- (a). Fees and charges are set under the Resource Management Act 1991.
- (b). All fees and charges are GST inclusive and are effective from 1 July 2019, and Council reserves the right to review any fees and charges at any time.
- (c). Fees are charged for processing a wide variety of "planning" related applications processed under the Resource Management Act 1991 or the Local Government Act 1974 and 2002. Some fees and charges have a fixed fee, and others require a deposit and are then charged on an hourly rate basis which will be invoiced on completion of processing.
- (d). Digital Capture Levy
  - (i) Fee will only apply if an electronic submission method is available.

- (e). Applicants may apply for the remission of any charges and have the right of objection and appeal to any “additional” charges that may be incurred (s36(6) Resource Management Act 1991).
- (f). Deposit fees/charges are ‘non-refundable’.
- (g). Consents may incur additional charges relating to any required monitoring inspections.

#### 4. PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES

Description	Fee/Charge 18/19	Proposed 19/20	Variation
<b>Consent Applications</b>			
Processing Fee	\$150.00 per hour	\$155.00 per hour	\$5 per hour
10 Day Land Use Consents	\$1,000.00 fee	\$1,000.00 fee	Nil
Land Use Consent (non-notified)	\$1,000.00 deposit	\$1,000.00 deposit	Nil
Subdivision Consents (non-notified)	\$1,200.00 deposit	\$1,200.00 deposit	Nil
Digital Capture Levy (applies to hard copy consent applications only)	\$25.00 fee	\$200.00 fee	Increased to reflect extra time involved with processing hard copy applications
<b>Other Applications</b>	<b>Deposit &amp; Time Based Fee/Charge 18/19</b>	<b>Proposed Deposit &amp; Time Based Fee 19/20</b>	
Bond Administration	\$200.00 fee	\$200.00 fee	Nil
s125 Extension of Time	\$750.00 fee	\$750.00 fee	Nil
s221 Preparation of Consent Notice	\$210.00 fee	\$210.00 fee	Nil
S223 Approval of Land Transfer Plan	\$150.00 fee	\$150.00 fee	Nil
Certificate of Compliance	\$600.00 deposit	\$600.00 deposit	Nil
Existing Use Certificate	\$600.00 deposit	\$600.00 deposit	Nil
s127 Application	\$600.00 deposit	\$600.00 deposit	Nil
s221 Consent Notice Amendment and/or cancellation	\$600.00 deposit	\$600.00 deposit	Nil
s224(c) or (f) Application	\$400.00 deposit	\$400.00 deposit	Nil
Outline Plan approval or waiver	\$600.00 deposit	\$600.00 deposit	Nil

Any other application or certificate under the RMA	\$205.00 deposit	\$205.00 deposit	Nil
Any other application under provisions of LGA 1974 not repealed	\$500.00 deposit	\$500.00 deposit	Nil
Boundary Activities	\$350 fixed fee	\$350 fixed fee	Nil
Marginal or Temporary Activities	\$500 per hour or part thereof	\$500 per hour or part thereof	Nil
<b>Notification &amp; Hearing Costs</b>	<b>Fee/Charge 18/19</b>	<b>Proposed 19/20</b>	
Limited Notification	\$1,115.00 deposit	\$1,115.00 deposit	Nil
Full Notification	\$2,230.00 deposit	\$2,230.00 deposit	Nil
Hearing Costs – Council Hearings Committee	\$3,200.00 deposit based on 6 hour hearing	\$3,200.00 deposit based on 6 hour hearing	Nil
Commissioner Costs	At cost	At cost	Nil
s357 Lodgement of Objection & Assessment	\$550.00 deposit	\$550.00 deposit	Nil
<b>Miscellaneous Matters</b>	<b>Fee/Charge 18/19</b>	<b>Proposed 19/20</b>	Nil
Consultant s42A planning reports	Cost + 20%	Cost + 20%	Nil
Specialist Reports	Cost + 20%	Cost + 20%	Nil
Mileage	AA rate applicable	AA rate applicable	Nil
Disbursements	Cost + 20%	Cost + 20%	Nil
Pre-Hearing Meetings	Cost + 20%	Cost + 20%	Nil

## 5. HAVE YOUR SAY

- Post to : Proposed Fees & Charges 2019/20 Submission, Horowhenua District Council, Private Bag 4002, Levin 5540;
- Deliver To : Horowhenua District Council, 126 Oxford Street, Levin;
- Email to : [recordsprocessing@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:recordsprocessing@horowhenua.govt.nz);
- Fax to : (06) 366 0983.

Please note that submissions must be received by 5.00 pm on **13 May 2019**.