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Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 21 April 2023. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

Does your organization hold a music license for its various offices and buildings?

Yes, Horowhenua District Council holds a 'Council License'. This includes music in the workplace i.e. for Free community events, background music and music on hold.

Does your organization require multiple music licenses for different buildings?

The 'Council License' covers all HDC buildings and facilities. Foxton and Levin Aquatic Centres have a separate license for the purpose of running fitness classes, and Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-po has a license for a Low power FM Radio Station with no gross advertising revenue.

How much does your organization pay for each of its music licenses?

License	Amount excluding GST
Council License	\$4,540.60
Fitness license	\$3,362.96
Radio Station	\$283.40

Who provides you music license(s)?

Our music license is provided by OneMusic NZ

Why do you have the licenses? Is music played in general staff areas, to staff at their desks, in staff training sessions, at conferences or to callers on hold?

The Council License is the only option available for Councils. It covers all music in the workplace. This includes background music, music on hold and music in the workplace i.e. free community events. Background music is played at Levin Aquatic Centre at various times of the day.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or free phone 0800 802 602.

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If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact the LGOIMA Officer on LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz

Ngā mihi



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