

## **Adoption of Rates Resolution for year ending 30 June 2024**

### **Resolution Number CO/2023/165**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Young:

That Report 23/428 Adoption of Rates Resolution for year ending 30 June 2024 be received.

That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

**CARRIED**

### **Resolution Number CO/2023/166**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

That the Horowhenua District Council sets the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on rating units in the district for the financial year commencing 1 July 2023 and ending on 30 June 2024.

#### **(a) General Rates**

A general rate set under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 made on every rating unit, set on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of \$0.00116300 (GST Inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "Farming" category
- A rate of \$0.00232600 (GST Inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "District wide" category

#### **(b) Land Transport (Roading) Rate**

A targeted Land Transport rate of \$0.00036209 (GST Inclusive) of capital value set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 made on every rating unit.

#### **(c) Stormwater Rate**

A targeted Stormwater rate of \$0.00026194 (GST Inclusive) of capital value set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all "Urban" rating units as outlined in the Funding Impact Statement. These urban areas are shown on the Council's district planning maps available in the Council's district plan.

#### **(d) Community Centre/Library Rate**

A targeted rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$323.31 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district to fund the provision of Community Centres and Library Services.

#### **(e) Representation and Community Leadership**

A targeted rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$343.10 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district to fund the Representation and Community Leadership costs.

**(f) Solid Waste Disposal Rates**

A targeted rate for solid waste disposal set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to fund the Solid Waste activity costs set on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of \$178.11 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the “urban” category,
- A rate of \$119.14 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the "rural" category.

**(g) Aquatic Centres (Swimming Pool) Rate**

A targeted rate for the provision of swimming pools set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$165.37 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district.

**(h) Waste Water Disposal Rates**

A targeted rate for sewage disposal set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to fund the Waste water activity costs set on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of \$628.32 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is connected to a wastewater network,
- A rate of \$314.16 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is available to be connected to a wastewater network.

**(i) Water Supply Rates**

A targeted rate for water supply set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to fund the Water Supply activity costs set on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of \$467.22 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is connected to a water supply network (except for Foxtton Beach which has a lower fixed rate to recognise the fact that it has universal water metering. This exception does not apply to the district wide availability differential).
- A rate of \$233.61 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is available to be connected to a water supply network.

For the Foxtton Beach water supply network:

- A rate of \$325.98 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is connected to the Foxtton Beach water supply network where a water meter is connected.

Targeted rates for water supply set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 where a meter is used to measure consumption on the network during the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 of:

- \$2.50 (GST Inclusive) per m<sup>3</sup> of water consumed in excess of 91m<sup>3</sup> per every quarter invoicing period on any rating unit connected to any water supply, except Foxton Beach.
- \$1.25 (GST Inclusive) per m<sup>3</sup> of water consumed in excess of 91m<sup>3</sup> per every quarter invoicing period on any rating unit connected to the Shannon untreated bore water supply.
- For Foxton Beach Water Supply
  1. **Step 1** - \$1.07 (GST Inclusive) per m<sup>3</sup> for the first 50 m<sup>3</sup> of water consumed per quarter on any rating unit or separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network during the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
  2. **Step 2** - \$2.14 (GST Inclusive) per m<sup>3</sup> for the second 50 m<sup>3</sup> of water consumed per quarter in excess of 50 m<sup>3</sup> on any rating unit or separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network during the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
  3. **Step 3** - \$3.21 (GST Inclusive) per m<sup>3</sup> for the balance of water consumed per quarter in excess of 100 m<sup>3</sup> on any rating unit or separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network during the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

**CARRIED**

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors: David Allan  
 Mike Barker  
 Rogan Boyle  
 Ross Brannigan  
 Sam Jennings  
 Paul Olsen  
 Justin Tamihana  
 Piri-Hira Tukapua  
 Bernie Wanden  
 Alan Young

**Against:**

Cr Nina Hori Te Pa was absent.

Cr Jonathan Procter was absent.

Cr Clint Grimstone was absent.

The division was declared CARRIED by 10 votes to 0.

**Resolution Number CO/2023/167**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Young:

**DIFFERENTIAL CATEGORIES**

That the Horowhenua District Council adopts the following definitions for its differential categories for the 2023/24 financial year.

### **General Rate**

- a. **Farming Category** applies to rating units classified as Farming. These properties will be identified in the District Valuation Roll (“DVR”) using the following “property Category” codes from Appendix F of the Rating Valuation Rules 2008(LINZS30300), promulgated by the Valuer General:

- “A” - Arable
- “D” – Dairy
- “F” – Forestry
- “H” – Horticulture
- “P” – Pastoral
- “S” - Specialist livestock

The Farming Category also applies to rating units located outside the urban boundaries, as defined in the Urban Rating Area maps available in the Council Offices, identified as;:

- “LB” - Lifestyle Bare
- “LV” - Lifestyle Vacant
- “RB” - Residential Bare
- “RV” - Residential Vacant

The Farming Category has a differential factor of 0.50

- b. **District Wide** - all rating units other than those in the Farming category. This category has a differential factor of 1.

### **Solid Waste Disposal Rate**

- a. **Urban** - all rating units within the towns of Levin, Foxton, Shannon, Tokomaru, Foxton Beach, Waitarere Beach, Hokio Beach, Ohau, Waikawa Beach and Manakau. These urban areas are shown on the district planning maps available in the Council’s District Plan. This category has a differential factor of 80%.
- b. **Rural** - all rating units within the district that are outside the defined “urban” differential described above. This category has a differential factor of 20%.

### **Wastewater Rate**

- a. **Connected Differential**

Council sets a fixed charge rate on all rating units across the District for which connection to a reticulated wastewater disposal system is available. A reticulated wastewater disposal system is available to a rating unit if a lateral/s exists for the purposes of accepting wastewater from the rating unit to the wastewater trunk

main, where there is a connection from the land within the rating unit to that lateral/s or trunk main.

Liability for the fixed-sum rate will be assessed on whichever is greater:

- each rating unit, or
- the number of SUIPs of each rating unit, or
- the number of connections of each rating unit.

**b. Availability Differential**

A fixed charge rate on any rating unit that is not connected to a reticulated wastewater disposal system, but is within 30m of a trunk main that is available to take waste from the rating unit. A reticulated wastewater disposal system is available to a rating unit if a lateral/s exists for the purpose of accepting wastewater from the rating unit to the wastewater trunk main or, if no lateral exists, if Council will allow the rating unit to be connected. This rate is set at 50% of the fixed charge for a connected rating unit.

**Water Supply Rate**

**a. Connected Differential**

Council sets a fixed charge rate on all rating units for which connection to a reticulated drinkable water supply is available. This does not include Moutoa, Waikawa, or Kuku schemes, which are not drinkable supplies. A reticulated potable water supply is available to a rating unit if a lateral/s exists for the purpose of delivering water from the trunk main to the rating unit, and there is a connection from the land within the rating unit to that lateral/s or trunk main.

The Foxton Beach charge is reduced by an allowance to account for the universal metering of Foxton Beach.

**b. Availability Differential**

A fixed charge rate on any rating unit not connected to, but within 100 metres of a trunk main for a reticulated drinkable water supply that is available to the rating unit. A reticulated drinkable water supply is available to a rating unit if a lateral/s exists for the purpose of delivering water from the trunk main to the rating unit or, if no lateral exists, if Council will allow the rating unit to be connected. This rate is set at 50% of the fixed charge for a connected rating unit.

**DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF RATES**

That all rates (except water-by-meter rates) will be payable in four equal instalments due on:

| <b><u>Instalment</u></b> | <b><u>Due dates</u></b> | <b><u>Penalty dates</u></b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Instalment One</b>    | 15 September 2023       | 16 September 2023           |
| <b>Instalment Two</b>    | 15 December 2023        | 16 December 2023            |
| <b>Instalment Three</b>  | 15 March 2024           | 16 March 2024               |
| <b>Instalment Four</b>   | 15 June 2024            | 16 June 2024                |

**Water-by-meter rates due dates 2023-2024**

| <u>Area</u>                             | <u>Water meters read during</u> | <u>Due date</u> |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Foxton Beach 6-10,<br>Shannon, Tokomaru | Jul-23                          | 25-Aug-23       |
|   | Oct-23                          | 25-Nov-23       |
|   | Jan-24                          | 25-Feb-24       |
|   | Apr-24                          | 25-May-24       |
| Foxton Beach 1-5,<br>Whirokino          | Aug-23                          | 25-Sep-23       |
|   | Nov-23                          | 25-Dec-23       |
|   | Feb-24                          | 25-Mar-24       |
| Levin, Ohau, Foxton                     | May-24                          | 25-Jun-24       |
|   | Sep-23                          | 25-Oct-23       |
|   | Dec-23                          | 25-Jan-23       |
|   | Mar-24                          | 25-Apr-24       |
|   | Jun-24                          | 25-Jul-24       |

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The division was declared CARRIED by 10 votes to 0.

**Resolution Number CO/2023/168**

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Tamihana:

That the Council authorises the following penalties to be added to rates that are not paid by the due date:

- i. a charge of 10 percent on so much of each instalment that has been assessed after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 and which is unpaid after the due date of each instalment, to be added to the amount of the unpaid rates on the penalty dates above,
- ii. a charge of 10 percent on so much of any rates levied before the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 which remain unpaid on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023,
- iii. a further charge of 10 percent on any rates to which a penalty has been added under (ii) above if the rates remain unpaid on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

That the authority to apply the Council's policy on penalty rates be delegated to the Senior Rates Officer, Financial Services Manager, and Financial Controller.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution Number CO/2023/169**

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Brannigan:

**PAYMENT OF RATES**

That property and water rates shall be payable by cash and eftpos at any of the following places:

|          |   |                            |   |
|----------|---|----------------------------|---|
| Levin    | Public Office<br>126-148 Oxford Street    | Mon-Tue, Thu-Fri<br>Wed    | 9am to 5pm<br>9.30am to 5pm               |
| Foxton   | Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom<br>92 Main Street | Mon to Fri                 | 9.00 am to 5.00 pm                        |
| Shannon  | Library/Service Centre<br>Plimmer Terrace | Mon to Fri                 | 10.00 am to 12 noon<br>1.00 pm to 5.00 pm |
| Tokomaru | Tokomaru Store<br>Tokomaru Road           | During store opening hours |   |

Alternatively, payment of rates can be made to the Council by direct debit, internet banking, automatic payment, telephone transfer or at NZ Post Shops. Credit card payments can only be made through the Council's website, and are subject to a convenience fee.

Where a payment made by a ratepayer is less than the amount now payable, the Council will apply the payment firstly to any arrears from previous years and then proportionately across all current year rates due.

**CARRIED**