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Under the powers conferred by the Local Government Act 1995 and by all other powers the Council of the Shire of Northam resolved on 9th May 2002 to make the following Local Law.

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

Citation

1.1 This local law may be cited as the *Shire of Northam Keeping and Control of Cats Local Law 2002*.

Objects

1.2 The objects of this local law are to—

- (a) control the number of cats kept on premises; and
- (b) promote responsible cat ownership; and
- (c) reduce the nuisance to the community caused by cats; and
- (d) provide for the impounding and disposal of cats.

Definitions

1.3 In this local law unless the context otherwise requires—

“**Act**” means the *Local Government Act 1995*;

“**Applicant**” means the occupier of the premises who makes an application for a permit under this local law;

“**Approved cattery**” means any premises which are the subject of a valid planning approval under a Scheme or which is a non-conforming use that may continue under a Scheme;

“**Authorised Person**” means a person authorised by the Shire to perform the functions conferred on an authorised person under this local law;

“**cat**” means any member of species *Felis Catus* (domestic cat) of the family *Felidae*. This includes all domestic and feral cats but does not include any other Feline species, e.g. Lion, Tiger, etc.;

“**cat pound**” means a pound referred to in clause 4.2;

“**cattery**” means any premises where more than 4 cats over the age of 3 months are kept, boarded, trained or bred;

“**CEO**” means the Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Northam;

“**Council**” means the Council of the Shire;

“**District**” means the district of the Shire;

“**identified cat**” means a cat, which is identified under clause 2.2;

“**keeper**” in relation to a cat means of the following persons—

- (a) the owner of the cat;
- (b) a person by whom the cat is ordinarily kept;
- (c) a person who has or appears to have immediate custody or control of the cat;
- (d) a person who keeps the cat, or has the cat in her or his possession for the time being;
- (e) a person who occupies any premises in which a cat is ordinarily kept or ordinarily permitted to live; or
- (f) a permit holder of a permit which relates to the cat;
- (g) the holder of an exemption issued in relation to the cat;

“**Local Government**” means the Shire of Northam;

“**nuisance**” means behaviour that includes where a cat—

- (a) excretes or urinates on premises being premises where the cat is not normally resident; or
- (b) behaves in a manner that is contrary to reasonable standards of behaviour expected of an animal in the locality of the premises where the cat is normally resident;

“**permit**” means a permit issued by the Shire under clause 3.6;

“**permit holder**” means a person who holds a valid permit under clause 3.6;

“premises” includes—

- (a) any land and any improvements used for any purpose; and
- (b) any part of any building in separate ownership or separate occupation, or any unit, flat, town house, duplex, apartment or group or multiple dwelling;

“RSPCA” means the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Inc) of Western Australia; and

“Scheme” means a town planning scheme of the Shire made by it under the *Town Planning and Development Act 1928*;

“Shire” means the Shire of Northam.

Application

1.4 This local law applies throughout the district.

PART 2—IDENTIFYING CATS

Keeper of a cat shall identify it

2.1 A keeper of a cat shall identify the cat by one of the methods described in Clause 2.2.

When a cat is identified

2.2 A cat is identified if—

- (a) the cat has a collar around its neck and the collar, or a tag securely attached to the collar, is marked with the current address or telephone number of a keeper of the cat; or
- (b) the cat has—
 - (i) a microchip implanted in its body containing, or containing information that may be used to obtain the name of a keeper of the cat and a current address or telephone number of the keeper; and
 - (ii) the letter “M” is tattooed on the inside of either of its ears.

No marking of “M” permitted without microchip

2.3 (1) A person shall not—

- (a) tattoo, and cause to be tattooed, the letter “M” on the inside of a cat’s ear; or
- (b) mark the inside of a cat’s ear, or cause the inside of a cat’s ear to be marked, in a manner likely to be mistaken for the letter “M”;
- (c) unless the cat has a microchip implanted in its body containing the information referred to in subclause (2).

(2) A microchip referred to in subclause (1) shall—

- (a) contain; or
- (b) contain information that can be used to obtain,

the name of a keeper of the cat and a current address or telephone number of the keeper.

No interference with identification

2.4 A person, other than the keeper of a cat or a person acting with the keeper’s authority, shall not without reasonable excuse interfere with or remove the means by which a cat is identified under clause 2.2.

Address of keeper

2.5 For the purpose of giving a notice to a keeper of an identified cat, the keeper’s address is to be taken to be that ascertained from the cat’s collar or tag, or on or obtained from the microchip.

2.6 Clause 2.1 does not apply to a cat—

- (a) kept at any refuge conducted by the RSPCA or any other animal welfare organisation;
- (b) kept at an animal pound which has been approved by the Local Government;
- (c) kept at a pet shop;
- (d) kept at a veterinary surgery; or
- (e) which is less than 3 months old.

PART 3—PERMITS FOR KEEPING CATS

Interpretation

3.1 In this Part, and for the purposes of applying the definition of “cattery” in clause 1.3—

“cat” does not include a cat less than 3 months old.

Cats for which permit is required

3.2 (1) Subject to subclause (2) a person shall not keep 3 or more cats on any premises except in accordance with a valid permit;

(2) A permit is not required under subclause (1) if the premises concerned are—

- (a) a refuge of the RSPCA or any other animal welfare organisation;
- (b) an animal pound which has been approved by the Shire;

- (c) a veterinary surgery;
- (d) a pet shop;
- (e) an approved cattery; or
- (f) a premises with 2 or less cats.

Application for permit

3.3 An application for a permit under clause 3.2 shall be—

- (a) be made by an occupier of premises in relation to those premises;
- (b) in a form approved by the Shire, describing and specifying the number of cats to be kept on the premises and stating whether or not those cats are identified under clause 2.1;
- (c) accompanied by the consent in writing of the owner of the premises, where the occupier is not the owner of the premises to which the application relates;

Refusal to determine application

3.4 The Shire may refuse to determine an application for a permit if it is not made in accordance with clause 3.3.

Factors relevant to determination of application

3.5 (1) In determining an application for a permit the Shire may regard to—

- (a) the physical suitability of the premises for the proposed use;
- (b) the suitability of the zoning of the premises under any scheme which applies to the premises for the use;
- (c) the structural suitability of any enclosure in which any cat is to be kept;
- (d) the likelihood of a cat causing a nuisance, inconvenience or annoyance to the occupiers of adjoining land;
- (e) the likely effect on the amenity of the surrounding area of the proposed use;
- (f) the likely effect on the local environment, including any pollution or other environment damage which may be caused by the use;
- (g) any submissions received under subclause (2) within the time specified in subclause (2); and
- (h) such other factors which the Shire may consider to be relevant in the circumstances of the particular case.

(2) The Shire may require an applicant to—

- (a) consult with adjoining landowners; and
- (b) advise the adjoining landowners that they may make submissions to the Shire on the application for the permit within 14 days of receiving that advice, before determining the application for the permit.

Decision on application

3.6 (1) The Shire may—

- (a) approve an application for a permit in which case it shall approve it subject to the conditions in clause 3.7 and may approve it subject to any other conditions it considers fit; or
- (b) refuse to approve an application for a permit.

(2) If the Shire approves an application under subclause (1) (a) then it shall issue to the applicant a permit in the form determined by the Shire.

(3) If the Shire refuses to approve an application under subclause (1) (b), then it is advise the applicant accordingly in writing.

Conditions

3.7 (1) Every permit is issued subject to the following conditions—

- (a) each cat kept on the premises to which the permit relates shall be an identified cat;
- (b) each cat shall be contained on the premises unless under the control of a person;
- (c) the premises shall be maintained in good order and in a clean and sanitary condition; and
- (d) the permit holder shall not substitute or replace any cat once that cat—
 - (i) dies; or
 - (ii) is permanently removed from the premises,

without first obtaining the consent of the Shire and if that consent is obtained, the new cat shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the permit.

(2) In addition to the conditions subject to which a permit is to be issued under this clause, a permit may be issued subject to other conditions, as the Shire considers appropriate, with such conditions being set in accordance with the objects of the local law.

Compliance with conditions of permit

3.8 A permit holder shall comply with each condition of a permit.

Duration of permit

3.9 Unless otherwise specified, in a condition on a permit, a permit commences on the date of issue and is valid unless and until—

- (a) it is revoked; or
- (b) the permit holder ceases to reside at the premises to which the permit relates.

Revocation

3.10 The Shire may revoke a permit if the permit holder fails to observe any provision of this local law or a condition a permit.

Permit not transferable

3.11 A permit is not transferable either in relation to the permit holder or the premises.

No contravention of conditions

3.12 Subject to a defence under clause 9.4, a keeper shall not contravene a condition of a permit.

PART 4—REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDING OF CATS**Register**

4.1 (1) The Shire is to keep a record of removed and impounded cats (the “Register”).

(2) The register is to contain the following information about each impounded cat—

- (a) the breed and sex of the cat;
- (b) the colour, distinguishing markings and features of the cat;
- (c) if known, the name and address of its keeper;
- (d) the date and time of removal;
- (e) the name of the person who removed the cat;
- (f) the reason for the removal;
- (g) the date of release or disposal;
- (h) the place from where it was impounded;

Cat pound

4.2 The Shire may establish and maintain a pound or pounds, and may approve an animal pound or cattery maintained by any person, for the Impounding of cats under this local law.

Attendance at pound

4.3 An authorised person shall be in attendance for the release of a cat or cats at such times and on such days of the week as shall from time to time be determined by the CEO.

No unauthorised release of impounded cat

4.4 Unless the person is authorised by the Shire to do so a person must not—

- (a) release or attempt to release a cat from a pound; or
- (b) destroy, break into, damage or in any other way interfere with any cat pound or container used for the purpose of catching, holding or conveying cats.

Effect of payment of impounding expenses

4.5 The payment of any costs by a keeper in respect of the removing, impounding and keeping of a cat does not relieve the keeper of an liability to a penalty for an offence against any provision of this local law.

Note: The impounding of animals is dealt with in Part 3, Division 3, Subdivision 4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*.

PART 5—ABANDONMENT OF CATS**No abandonment**

5.1 A person shall not abandon a cat.

Delivery to an authorised person not abandonment

5.2 A person who delivers a cat into the custody of an authorised person is to be taken not to have abandoned the cat.

PART 6—MISCELLANEOUS**Giving of a notice**

6.1 A notice given under this local law may be given be given to a person—

- (a) personally;
- (b) by registered mail addressed to the person; or
- (c) by leaving it for the person at her or his address.

Immunity of persons acting in good faith

6.2 No proceeding, whether civil or penal, shall lie against the Local Government, or an authorised person or any person for any act, matter or thing done, or commanded to be done, in the exercise or purported exercise of a power or the performance of a duty under the provisions of this Local Law, or for any act, matter or thing omitted to be done, unless that act, matter or thing was done, commanded to be done, or omitted to be done, maliciously or without reasonable and probable cause.

PART 7—EVIDENCE**Averment that person a keeper**

7.1 In proceedings for any offence against any provision of this local law, an averment in the complaint that at a specified time a person was a keeper of the cat is evidence of the fact in the absence of proof to the contrary.

PART 8—OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS**Objection and appeal rights**

8.1 A person adversely affected by a decision of the Shire under Part 3, including a decision to refuse to approve an application for a permit or to revoke a permit, may be entitled to object or appeal against the decision under the Act.

Note: Objection and appeal rights are dealt with in Part 9, Division 1 of the Act and in regulations 33 and 34 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*.

PART 9—OFFENCES, DEFENCE AND PENALTIES*Division 1—General***Offences**

9.1 (1) Any person who fails to do anything required or directed to be done under this local law, or who does anything which under this local law that person is prohibited from doing, commits an offence.

(2) Any person who commits an offence under this local law is liable, on conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$5,000, and if the offence is of a continuing nature, to an additional penalty not exceeding \$500 for each day or part of a day during which the offence has continued.

*Division 2—Infringement notices and modified penalties***Prescribed offences**

9.2 An offence against a clause specified in Schedule 2 is a prescribed offence for the purposes of section 9.16 (1) of the Act. The amount appearing directly opposite each such offence is the modified penalty in relation to that offence.

Forms

9.3 (1) An infringement notice given under section 9.16(1) of the Act is to be in the form of Schedule 3.

(2) A notice sent under section 9.20 of the Act withdrawing an infringement notice is to be in the form of Schedule 4.

Note: The issue of infringement notices, their withdrawal and the effect of payment of a modified penalty are dealt with in Subdivision 2 of Division 2 of Part 9 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Division 3—Defence

9.4 It is a defence to a charge of an offence of contravening clause 3.8 if the keeper charged satisfies the court that at the material time some other person (whom he shall identify) over the age of 18 years was the keeper of the cat(s).

Schedule 1**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO PARTICULAR PERMITS****A Permit to keep 3 to 4 cats****Additional conditions**

- (1) The written consent to the application for a permit of the adjoining multiple dwellings has been obtained;
- (2) Without the consent of the Shire, the permit holder will not substitute or replace any cat once that cat:—
 - (a) dies;
 - (b) is permanently removed from the premises.

B Permit to use premises as a cattery**Additional conditions**

- (1) All building enclosures must be structurally sound, have impervious flooring, be well lit and ventilated and otherwise comply with all legislative requirements.
- (2) There is to be a feed room, wash area, isolation cages and maternity section.
- (3) Materials used in structures are to be approved by the Local Government.
- (4) The internal surfaces of walls are, where possible, to be smooth, free from cracks, crevices and other defects.
- (5) All fixtures, fittings and appliances are to be capable of being easily cleaned, resistant to corrosion and constructed to prevent the harborage of vermin.
- (6) Wash basin with the minimum of cold water to be available.
- (7) The maximum number of cats to be kept on the premises stated on the permit is not to be exceeded.
- (8) An entry book is to be kept recording in respect of each cat the—
 - (a) date of admission;
 - (b) date of departure;
 - (c) breed, age, colour and sex; and
 - (d) the name and residential address of the keeper;
- (9) The entry book is to be made available for inspection on the request of an authorised person.
- (10) Enclosures are to be thoroughly cleaned each day and disinfected at least once a week to minimise disease.
- (11) Any other matter which in the opinion of the Shire is deemed necessary for the health and well being of any cat, or person, or adjoining premises or the amenity of the area (or any part thereof).

Schedule 2**SHIRE OF NORTHAM***Keeping and Control of Cats Local Law 2002***MODIFIED PENALTIES**

Item No	Clause No	Nature of Offence	Modified Penalty
1	2.1	Failure to identify a cat	\$100
2	2.3	'M' tattooed on cat when no microchip	\$100
3	2.4	Interference with or removal of identification of a cat	\$100
4	3.2(1)	Keeping of 3 or more cats on premises without permit	\$100
5	4.4(a)	Unauthorised release of impounded cat	\$250
6	4.4(b)	Destroy, break in to, damage or interfere with pound or cat container	\$250
7	5.1	Abandonment of a cat	\$250

Schedule 3*Local Government Act 1995***SHIRE OF NORTHAM***Keeping and Control of Cats Local Law 2002***INFRINGEMENT NOTICE**

No.....

Date.....

To (name of alleged offender)

Of (address of alleged offender)

It is alleged that at (place of alleged offence).....

On the.....day of20.....

You committed the offence indicated below, for which the modified penalty payable is as indicated below—

Item Number	Clause Number	Nature Of Offence	Modified Penalty	Indicate Offence Committed
1	2.1	Failure to identify a cat	\$100	
2	2.3	'M' tattooed on cat when no microchip	\$100	
3	2.4	Interference with or removal of identification of a cat	\$100	
4	3.2(1)	Keeping of 3 or more cats on premises without permit	\$100	
5	4.4(a)	Unauthorised release of impounded cat	\$250	
6	4.4(b)	Destroy, break in to, damage or interfere with pound or cat container	\$250	
7	5.1	Abandonment of a cat	\$250	

You may dispose of this matter—

- (a) by payment of the modified penalty indicated above within 28 days after you have been given this notice, by—
- (i) posting this form together with the amount of the modified penalty to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Northam, PO Box 613, Northam WA 6401; or
 - (ii) paying the amount of the modified penalty to an authorised person of the Shire of Northam at the Offices of the Shire at 395 Fitzgerald Street, Northam, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday; or
- (b) by having it dealt with by a court. [option to include FER warning]

If the modified penalty is not paid within the time specified, a complaint of the alleged offence may be heard and determined by a court.

Name and title of person giving the notice.....

Signature:.....

Schedule 4

Local Government Act 1995

SHIRE OF NORTHAM

Keeping and Control of Cats Local Law 2002

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

No

Date/...../.....

To (name of alleged offender).....

Of (address of alleged offender)

Infringement Notice No.....dated.....for the alleged offence of

(insert description of offence)

has been withdrawn.

The modified penalty of \$.....

- ☐ Has been paid and a refund is enclosed.
- ☐ Has not been paid and should not be paid.

Name and title of person giving the notice.....

Signature:.....

Dated this the 19th day of August, 2002.

The Common Seal of the Shire of Northam was affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of:

A. W. LLEWELLYN, President.
A. J. MIDDLETON, Chief Executive Officer.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

SHIRE OF NORTHAM

FIREBREAKS LOCAL LAW 2002

In pursuance of the power conferred upon it by the abovementioned Act and all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Shire of Northam hereby records having resolved on 9th day of May 2002, to make and submit for the confirmation by the Governor, the following local law.

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

Repeal

1. The following local laws are hereby repealed:

The Local Laws Relating to Firebreaks published in the *Government Gazette* on 5th September 1980 including subsequent amendments.

Citation

2. This local law may be cited as the *Shire of Northam Local Law Relating to Firebreaks*.

Arrangements and Definitions

3. (1) This local law is divided into parts as follows—

PART 1 PRELIMINARY

PART 2 APPLICATION

PART 3 DEFINITION AND CLARIFICATION

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

“**Council**” means the Council of the Shire of Northam and shall include its duly authorised officers.

“**Townsite Land**” means all land within the boundaries of Wundowie, Grass Valley, Spencers Brook, Clackline and Bakers Hill Townsites.

“**Rural Land**” means all land within the Northam Shire district not defined as townsite land.

“**Fire Break Period**” on townsite and rural lands within whole of the Shire of Northam means from 15 November to 15 April in the following year.

“**Firebreak**” means ground from which inflammable material has been removed and in which no inflammable material is permitted during the firebreak period.

“**Dividing Line**” means an imaginary line commencing on the Shire of Northam and Shire of York local government boundary at the centreline of the Avon River. The boundary to continue generally northward on the centreline of the Avon River to the Shire of Northam and Town of Northam local government boundary, then generally northward, and then eastward on the Shire of Northam and Town of Northam local government boundary to the centreline of the Avon River then generally northward on the centreline of the Avon River to the local government boundary of Shire of Northam and Shire of Toodyay.

“**Inflammable Material**” for the purpose of this local law means dead grass and timber, boxes, cartons, paper and any combustible material or rubbish, but does not include green standing trees, growing bushes and plants in gardens or lawns.

PART 2—APPLICATION

Provision of Firebreaks

4. All owners or occupiers of land within the Shire of Northam shall have firebreaks during the firebreak period of the dimensions prescribed within this local law.

5. Single buildings or clusters of buildings on properties within the Shire of Northam be protected by installation of a three (3) metre firebreak as close as reasonably possible to the buildings.

Rural land

6. Firebreaks of at least two (2) metres in width immediately inside and along all external boundaries of the land except that all blocks with an area of 1020 square metres or less shall be completely cleared of all inflammable material and all blocks exceeding 1020 square metres in area but not exceeding 4000 square metres in area shall be hazard reduced by ploughing, slashing to a height of 150 mm or burning. Where the option of ploughing or slashing is selected a two (2) metre wide firebreak shall be also installed on the perimeter of the block.

7. Firebreaks of at least two metres in width in such positions as to divide properties of more than 200 hectares into separate sections of no more than 200 hectares completely surrounded by a firebreak of at least two metres in width.

8. Firebreaks of at least two metres in width within 100 metres of the perimeter of all buildings and/or haystacks or groups of buildings and/or haystacks in such a manner as to completely encircle the buildings and/or haystacks.

9. On or before the 15th day of November in the Western Section of the Shire (being all land west of the dividing line) and on or before the 15th day of November in the Eastern Section of the Shire (being all land east and south of the dividing line) clear of all inflammable material firebreaks of at least two metres in width immediately surrounding all areas of standing crop or standing crop and pasture combined in such positions so as areas of standing crop or standing crop and pasture combined or more than 100 hectares are divided into separate areas of more than 100 hectares.

10. You shall on or before the commencement of the firebreak period clear of all inflammable material firebreaks of at least three metres in width and inside and along all property boundaries which abut a Railway Reserve on which railway traffic operates.

11. You shall on or before the commencement of the firebreak period clear of all inflammable material (including standing and fallen trees, branches and undergrowth) firebreaks of at least three metres in width along and as close as possible to all external boundaries of each separate area of undeveloped land and in such extra positions so as areas of more than 200 hectares are divided into areas of no more than 200 hectares completely surrounded by a firebreak.

12. Where an internal fence is constructed of rubber tyres, clear of all inflammable material a firebreak of at least two (2) metres in width along each side of such fence.

13. Where a boundary fence is constructed of rubber tyres clear of all inflammable material a firebreak of at least three (3) metres immediately inside such boundary fence.

Townsite land

14. All blocks with an area of 1020 square metres or less shall be completely cleared of all inflammable material,

15. All blocks exceeding 1020 square metres in area but not exceeding 4000 square metres in area shall be hazard reduced by ploughing, slashing to a height of 150 mm or burning. Where the option of ploughing or slashing is selected a two (2) metre wide firebreak shall be also installed on the perimeter of the block,

16. Construct firebreaks of at least two metres in width immediately inside and along all external boundaries of the land where the lot is greater than 4,000 square metres in area.

Exclusion/alternative Firebreak

17a. If it is considered impracticable or undesirable to provide firebreaks as required by these local laws, the approval of the Council must be obtained for any variation. Approval will be only granted up to or before the 7th day of November in any year, and will not be obtained unless the prior consent of the appropriate Fire Control Officer has been obtained.

17b. A rural or townsite lot or location up to two hectares shall be considered for a variation if the whole of the lot or location has been mowed or slashed to a height of no more than 50 mm and that any leaf or debris material being standing or otherwise shall not exceed 50 mm.

Non Compliance

18. Failure to comply with this local law shall be an offence and shall subject the offender to the penalties prescribed in the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

PART 3—DEFINITION AND CLARIFICATION

Cropped land

19. If several paddocks of standing crop or standing crop and pasture total no more than 100 hectares, then a firebreak completely surrounding the several paddocks is sufficient.

20. If a single paddock comprises several areas of standing crop divided by pasture, timbered, stony or other areas and the total area of the paddock is no more than 100 hectares, then a firebreak surrounding the paddock is sufficient.

21. If a single paddock of standing crop or standing crop and pasture combined is more than 100 hectares in area, then additional firebreaks would have to be provided so as to divide the paddock into separate areas of no more than 100 hectares, with each separate area being surrounded by a firebreak.

Undeveloped land

22. Undeveloped land should be regarded as land which is virtually still in its virgin state and includes land on which development has commenced but has not been completed to any final stage. The term is not intended to apply to areas of bush or semi bush which have been left uncleared within a developed property because of the nature of the terrain or for shelter or similar purposes. Land which is developed to a "Parkland" state should be considered as developed land.

23. An area of undeveloped land means an area, irrespective of shape or size, which is not completely or partially divided by developed land. This means if two undeveloped areas, whether of the same location number or not, are separated by developed land, they must be regarded as separate area and should be treated accordingly.

Dated this the 19th day of August 2002

The Common Seal of the Shire of Northam was affixed by authority of a resolution of the council in the presence of—

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A. J. MIDDLETON, Chief Executive Officer.



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