



*By-law made under the Local Government Act 1999
and the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*

CATS BY-LAW 2022

By-law No. 6 of 2022

For the management and control of cats within the Council's area.

Part 1 – Preliminary

1. Short Title

This by-law may be cited as the *Cats By-law 2022*.

2. Commencement

This by-law will come into operation four months after the day on which it is published in the *Gazette* in accordance with Section 249(5) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

3. Definitions

In this By-law:

- 3.1 **authorised person** has the same meaning as in the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*;
- 3.2 **cattery** means a building, structure, premises or area approved by the relevant authority pursuant to the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* for the keeping of cats on a temporary or permanent basis;
- 3.3 **cat** means an animal of the species '*Felis catus*' over 4 months of age;
- 3.4 **keep** includes the provision of food or shelter;
- 3.5 **premises** includes:
 - 3.5.1 land;
 - 3.5.2 a part of any premises or land.

Part 2 – Cat Management**4. Limit on Cat Numbers**

- 4.1 Subject to subparagraphs 4.3 and 4.4, the limit on the number of cats to be kept on any premises is four.
- 4.2 A person must not, without permission, keep a cat on any premises where the number of cats being kept on those premises exceeds the limit.
- 4.3 Permission under subparagraph 4.2 may be given if the Council is satisfied that:
 - 4.3.1 no insanitary condition exists on the premises as a result of the keeping of cats; and
 - 4.3.2 a nuisance is not caused to any neighbour as a result of the keeping of cats on the premises.
- 4.4 Subparagraph 4.1 does not apply to a cattery.

Part 3 – Miscellaneous**5. Notices**

- 5.1 The Council may serve notice on the occupier of premises or the owner of a cat requiring action to be taken to ensure compliance with this by-law.
- 5.2 The person to whom notice is given must comply with the notice.
- 5.3 If the person to whom notice was given does not comply with the notice, an authorised person of the Council may carry out the terms of the notice and recover the costs of so doing from that person.

6. Revocation

Council's *Cats By-law 2015*, published in the *Gazette* on 1 October 2015, is revoked on the day on which this by-law comes into operation.

The foregoing by-law was duly made and passed at a meeting of the Council of the Light Regional Council held on the Thirtieth day of August 2022 by an absolute majority of the members for the time being constituting the Council, there being at least two thirds of the members present.



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