

## PURPOSE

This policy outlines when the Wodonga Council (the council) will waive or rebate planning fees charged in accordance with the *Planning and Environment (Fees) Interim Regulations 2015* and building application fees charged in accordance with the *Building Act 1993*.

## OBJECTIVE

To establish when the council will waive or rebate development and building application fees.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to development and building application fees paid or payable to the council.

## POLICY

### 1. Waiver

Council will accept applications to waive development application fees, building application fees, and building permit fees, in the following circumstances:-

- 1.1 For registered not-for-profit charity based organisations where:-
  - the proposed development will provide a substantial and appropriate benefit to the community and where the development will be available for community use, or
  - the use or development proposed is minor and would not cause any material detriment to any person.
- 1.2 For Council works or Council sponsored works; or
- 1.3 As an economic development incentive where the use or development proposed will provide a significant economic benefit to the local economy.

Applicants will still be required to pay statutory costs, such as government levies and lodgement fees.

The Chief Executive Officer shall determine all applications to waive development or building fees.

## 2. Rebates

When an application is withdrawn planning application fees or building application fees may be rebated on the following sliding scale:

### 2.1 Development Application Fees

- 90% rebate - where an application has been registered and no further work undertaken;
- 50% rebate - where an application has been registered and partially processed, including a request for further information, referral to statutory authorities, advertising or a site inspection; or
- Nil rebate - where consideration of an application has commenced.

### 2.2 Building Application Fees

- 90% rebate - where an application has been registered and no further work undertaken.
- 50% rebate - where an application has been registered and partially processed; or where a building permit has been issued but no inspection has taken place.

Applicants will still be required to pay statutory costs, such as government levies and lodgement fees.

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

## RELATED POLICIES

Nil.

## RELATED LEGISLATION

Planning and Environment Act 1987  
Planning and Environment (Fees) Interim Regulations 2015  
Building Act 1993  
Building Regulations 2006

## REFERENCES

Nil.

## REVIEW

The council may review this policy at any time but unless otherwise requested at least every four years from date of adoption. Minor amendments to the policy may be authorised by the CEO at any time where such changes do not alter the substance of the policy eg: typographical errors, a change to the name of a related policy, or a change to the name of legislation.

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