

Rural Pursuit (Keeping of Animals)

Planning approval is required for the keeping of hooved and / or large non-domesticated animals or pets. In considering an application for the keeping of animals the City shall have particular regard for appropriately demonstrated land management arrangements inclusive of:

- a) The land capability of the property including an assessment of the management techniques proposed by the applicant;
- b) The amount and condition of remnant vegetation on the property;
- c) Implications for water catchment areas and watercourses; and
- d) Implications on neighbouring properties.

Planning approval will be required for any proposed structures that will form part of the keeping of animals including, but not limited to, stables, outbuildings. Water tanks etc. Please refer to the City's Development Application Checklist for further information.

How to Make an Application

When submitting a planning application to the City the following is required:

- a) A completed Development Application form (including an MRS Form 1 if the property falls within a Water Catchment area);
- b) A completed and signed DA Checklist;
- c) The requisite planning fee;
- d) One (1) electronic and one (1) hard copy set of plans drawn to no less than 1:500 that show all existing / proposed structures on site and their purposes as part of the rural pursuit;
- e) Details on any proposed fencing; and
- f) An animal management plan.

Requirements of an Animal Management Plan

As a guide, the following information is to be addressed in an animal management plan:

- a) Site location and brief description of the proposal;
- b) Description of the current land use;

- c) The extent of existing native vegetation and any native vegetation to be removed as part of the proposal;
- d) Any proposed areas for revegetation, as well as indication of the species, planting density and site preparation required;
- e) Details of any current groundwater allocation licences held for the property;
- f) Proposed fertiliser to be used;
- g) Proposed management of manure wastes;
- h) Details on the proposed stable construction;
- i) Proposed management of stable wash down water;
- j) Area(s) to be irrigated and the design of the irrigation system;
- k) The quantity, quality and availability of the water source;
- l) Activities on the property that have the potential to generate dust, and appropriate dust suppression methods to be used; and
- m) The proposed management of odour.

Referral Process for the Planning Application.

If the property falls within any of the following areas, the application is required to be forwarded to the following agencies by the City for assessment and comment:

- Public Drinking Water Source Area – Department of Water for a minimum period of 28 days.
- Water Catchment Area – The Western Australian Planning Commission for determination.

In all cases, the City is required to refer the application to the Department of Agriculture and Food for consideration and comment for 28 days.

Should you have any queries please contact the City's Approval or
Environmental Health Services on 9257 9999