

RATES RESOLUTION 2025/26

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RESOLUTION NO: 16.011/25*



INTERPRETATION

1. The words and expressions used in this resolution and in the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Fire Service Act 1979* have in this resolution the same respective meanings as they have in those Acts.
2. In this Resolution:
“Act” means the *Local Government Act 1993*;

“Separate Tenement” means each premises, tenement, flat, unit, apartment, single strata title, portion of land set aside for separate occupation or Certificate of Title;

GENERAL RATE

3. Pursuant to section 90 of the Act the Council makes a general rate comprising 0.307 cents in the dollar of the Capital Value of the land in respect of all rateable land in the Huon Valley Council Municipal Area.
4. Pursuant to section 107 of the Act Council declares that the general rate varies within the municipal area according to use or predominant use of the land as follows:
 - (a) For land used or predominantly used for commercial purposes the general rate is varied by increasing it by 0.087 cents to 0.394 cents in the dollar of the Capital Value of the land;
 - (b) For land used or predominantly used for industrial purposes the general rate is varied by increasing it by 0.112 cents to 0.419 cents in the dollar of the Capital Value of the land;
5. Pursuant to section 90(4) of the Act the Council sets a minimum amount payable of \$689.00 in respect of the General Rate.

FIRE SERVICE ACT 1979 CONTRIBUTIONS

6. Pursuant to section 93A of the Act the Council makes service rates in respect of the Fire Service Contributions it must collect under the *Fire Service Act 1979* as follows:

General Land Fire District

- (a) A General Land Fire District rate of 0.011965 cents in the dollar of Capital Value of the land on all rateable land in the General Land Fire District which excludes all lands contained within the Volunteer Brigade Rating Districts, subject to a minimum amount payable in the amount of \$50.00.**

Volunteer Brigade Fire Rate

- (b) A Volunteer Brigade Fire Rate of 0.013740 cents in the dollar of Capital Value of the land on all rateable land, in the Cygnet, Dover, Franklin, Geeveston and Huonville Volunteer Brigade Rating Districts, subject to a minimum amount payable in the amount of \$50.00.**

SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES

Stormwater Removal Charge

- 7. Pursuant to section 94 of the Act the Council makes a service charge for stormwater removal of \$160.00 for each Separate Tenement on all rateable land (including land which is otherwise exempt from rates pursuant to Section 87 of the Act but excluding land owned by the Crown to which the Council does not supply service to the land) for which a stormwater removal service is supplied or made available.**

Waste Management – Kerbside Collection Charge

- 8. Pursuant to section 94 of the Act the Council makes the following service charges for waste management for each Separate Tenement on all rateable land (including land which is otherwise exempt from rates pursuant to Section 87 of the Act but excluding land owned by the Crown to which the Council does not supply service to the land) to which the Council supplies or makes available the following services:**

- (a) The supply and collection of mobile garbage bins for the Kerbside Refuse Collection Service (which pursuant to section 94(3A) of the Act the service charge is varied according to the level of service (capacity) provided) as follows:**

\$242.00	In respect of each 80 litre mobile garbage bin
\$275.00	In respect of each 120 litre mobile garbage bin
\$430.00	In respect of each 240 litre mobile garbage bin

AND

- (b) The supply and collection of mobile recycling bins for the Kerbside Recycling Collection Service of \$155.00 in respect of each mobile recycling bin.**

REMISSIONS

9. Pursuant to section 129 of the Act a remission is granted to rates paid or payable in respect of:
- (a) Rateable land that has been covenanted for conservation in perpetuity under either the Private Forests Reserves or the Protected Areas on Private Land Programs pursuant to the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* of:
 - i. \$5.00 per hectare and
 - ii. with a minimum remission per rateable land of \$180.00 and a maximum remission per rateable land of \$500.00 provided that the minimum general rate will not be less than \$509.00 per rateable land.
 - (b) Lessees and licencees who hold leases and licences from the Crown in relation to jetties/slipways and boatsheds so that the total general rate applicable does not exceed \$180.00. Fire service contributions and service charges where applicable are to be levied.

PAYMENT

10. Pursuant to section 124 of the Act the Council determines that all rates and charges are payable by four instalments. The first instalment shall be one-quarter of the rates and charges together with the smallest additional sum as will allow the subsequent three instalments to be equal to each other and in whole dollars and are due to be paid as follows:
- the first instalment by the 22nd day of August 2025;
 - the second instalment by the 31st day of October 2025;
 - the third instalment by the 31st day of January 2026; and
 - the fourth instalment by the 30th day of April 2026.

DEFAULT IN PAYMENT OF INSTALMENT

11. If a ratepayer fails to pay any instalment within twenty one (21) days of the date on which the rates are due to the Council will require the ratepayer to pay the full amount owing pursuant to Section 124(5) of the Act.

LATE PAYMENTS

- 12. Pursuant to section 128 of the Act if any amount of rates or charges or an instalment are not paid on or before the date they fall due:**
 - a. a penalty of three (3) percent of that amount will be imposed and payable; and**
 - b. daily interest will be charged and payable on that amount of 10.3% per annum for the period during which it is unpaid.**
 - c. Pursuant to section 129 of the Act a remission of penalty or interest that may be applied under this clause may be granted to any ratepayer who has entered into, and complies with, alternative and flexible payment arrangements or has an approved rate payment deferral under the Council's *Financial Hardship and Payment Assistance Policy*, GOV-FIN 006.**