

DEFERRAL FOR PAYMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES BY APPLICATION (ON GROUNDS OF HARDSHIP)

In accordance with Section 170 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and Council Policy in force from time to time

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL RATEPAYERS LISTED ON THE RATE NOTICE

The definition of "property" on this form is the property you are making application on.

ASSESSMENT NUMBER WITH CHECK DIGIT: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS APPLICATION IS FOR: _____

NAME(S): _____

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: _____

OCCUPATION(S): _____

1. Are you the occupier of the property?

- Yes
- No

2. Are you the owner of the property?

- Yes, I have owned the property since _____
- No

3. What is your age and date of birth? _____

4. Do you have any dependants that live with you?

- Yes Provide number and age of dependants _____
- No

5. Do you receive board and lodgings free of charge in return for the use (or partial use) of the property?

- Yes
- No

6. Do you receive any payment for use of any part of the property?

- Yes If yes, provide details
- No

Details: _____

ASSETS

7. Do you own any assets? Yes/No If yes, provide details and dollar value.

a) Property Assets

Primary Place of Residence: _____

Estimated Value: _____

Investment Properties: _____

Estimated Value: _____

b) Bank Deposits (Combined): _____

(All deposits held in Financial Institutions including but not limited to Banks, Building Societies and Credit Unions)

c) Shares (Total value): _____

d) Other investments: _____

(Includes equity held in private companies or superannuation funds)

e) Motor Vehicle(s): _____

INCOME

8. In dollar terms, what is your total fortnightly income from all sources?

- a) From Salary (includes Workcover): _____
- b) From Pension (State the type of Pension): _____
- c) From Property Assets (Rent): _____
- d) From Bank Interest: _____
- e) From other investments (Includes Share Dividends): _____
- f) From Superannuation: _____
- g) From other sources (Provide details): _____

EXPENSES

9. In dollar terms, what are your fortnightly expenses?

- a) Mortgage repayments: _____
- b) House i.e. Insurance, maintenance etc: _____
- c) Credit cards/Store cards: _____
- d) Council Rates: _____
- e) Water Rates: _____
- f) Utilities i.e. Gas, electricity, telephone etc: _____
- g) Groceries i.e. food, household supplies etc: _____
- h) Motor Vehicle i.e. Petrol, insurance, registration etc: _____
- i) Health Insurance: _____
- j) Medical expenses i.e. Doctor/Specialist visits, pharmacy etc: _____
- k) Other i.e. School fees, Personal loans, leisure etc: _____

LIABILITIES

10. Provide in dollar value what, if any, is owing on the following:

- a) Mortgage: (Primary Residence): _____
- b) Mortgage (Investment Property): _____
- c) Credit/Store cards: _____
- d) Personal Loans: _____
- e) Other i.e. lease payments etc: _____

11. Can you provide any other information that may support your application? In particular, why do you think you will experience hardship (not necessarily financial hardship) if payment of the rates and charges is not deferred?

This application for deferral in payment of rates and charges is made in accordance with Section 170 of the *Local Government Act 1989* for consideration by Whitehorse City Council in respect of the property mentioned above on which I/we are the recorded ratepayer(s) with Council for any rate or charge or interest.

I/we acknowledge that the information provided in support of my application is true and correct.

I/we acknowledge and understand the requirements of Section 170 of the *Local Government Act 1989* reproduced at the end of this application. In particular, I/we acknowledge and understand Council's rights under section 170(3) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

I/we acknowledge that interest may continue to accrue in accordance with Section 172 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

I/we acknowledge that, if Council grants this application on the grounds of hardship, it may defer in whole or in part the payment by me/us of the rate or charge for which this application is being made for such period and subject to such conditions as determined by Council.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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IMPORTANT NOTE

WHITEHORSE CITY COUNCIL HAS RELIED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISALLOW ANY SUBMITTED APPLICATION OR TO REQUEST ANY FURTHER OR VERIFY ANY PARTICULARS IN RELATION TO THE APPLICATION

170 Deferred payment

- (1) A Council may defer in whole or in part the payment by a person of any rate or charge which is due and payable for a specified period and subject to any conditions determined by the Council if it considers that an application by that person shows that the payment would cause hardship to the person.
- (2) On deferral of the payment the person who is liable to make the payment is not liable until the Council sends the person a notice under subsection (3).
- (3) A Council may by a notice sent to a person—
 - (a) require that person to pay the whole or part of any deferred rate or charge by a specified date if—
 - (i) it considers that the person's circumstances have so changed that the payment would no longer cause hardship to the person; or
 - (ii) the person no longer owns or occupies the land in relation to which the rate or charge was levied; and
 - (b) require the payment of interest for the late payment of the rate or charge, as if the deferral had not occurred.