

**POLICY CP 5.4.46****APPLICATIONS TO KEEP MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF DOGS****PURPOSE**

To establish the criteria against which applications to keep more than the permitted number of dogs will be considered.

POLICY STATEMENT

Under the City's Dogs Local Law 2020, the maximum number of dogs that can be kept on a property is as follows:

Property area less than 2,000m ²	2 dogs
Property area between 2,000m ² and 10,000m ²	3 dogs
Property area over 10,000m ²	4 dogs

1. The following factors will be considered when determining applications to keep more than the permitted number of dogs prescribed in the Dogs Local Law 2020:
 - 1.1 Any history of complaints in relation to dogs on the property;
 - 1.2 Any history of complaints in relation to dogs registered to the applicant, including those made to other local governments or the RSPCA;
 - 1.3 The adequacy of fences to contain the dogs.

2. Applications to keep more than the permitted number of dogs will be determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

GOVERNANCE REFERENCES

Statutory Compliance	Section 26 of the Dog Act 1976 Clause 3.2 of the City of Gosnells Dogs Local Law 2020
Industry Compliance	N/A
Organisational Compliance	N/A
Process Links	N/A

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

Directorate		Officer Title		Contact:	
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Risk Rating	Medium	Review Cycle	Triennial	Next Due:	2026
Version	Decision Reference	Synopsis			
1.	OCM 27/14/02/2017	New policy to provide guidance for the assessment of applications to keep more than two dogs.			
2.	OCM 302/11/09/2018	Reviewed with amendments			
3.	OCM 261/24/09/2019	Reviewed and amended			
4.	OCM 123/12/05/2020	Amended to reflect changes to the City of Gosnells Dogs Local Law			
5.	OCM 16/14/02/2023	Amended to reflect changes to the assessment criteria and enable applications to be determined by the Chief Executive Officer.			