

29 May 2019

Proposed Rates for 2019

Council endorsed the differential rates for 2019/2020 at the May Ordinary Council Meeting and resolved to advertise the Differential and Minimum Rates. Submissions on the proposed rates can be accepted from now until 24 June 2019.

Council also resolved to endorse the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges to be included within the 2019/2020 budget adoption.

Differential Rate Category	Cents in the Dollar	Minimum Rate
GRV Residential	0.098740	\$1166
GRV Commercial	0.098740	\$1166
GRV Vacant	0.098740	\$1166
UV Commercial	0.007702	\$1166
UV Rural	0.007702	\$1166
UV Mining	0.093950	\$583

A statement of objects and reasons for the proposed differential rates is available for inspection at the Shire Administration Office, Windich Street, Esperance during office hours.

GRV properties have been revalued this year and there has been a 1.08 per cent valuation increase since the last revaluation in 2014.

Shire President Victoria Brown said, "The proposed differential rates will mean an increase of 3.65 per cent, with the average residential household seeing an increase of approximately \$22. The revaluation in this year's GRV category does mean that some ratepayers will experience higher increases and some may find that their rates have decreased."

Council have proposed to decrease the 'rate in the dollar' in the UV category by more than 10% to counteract the large valuation increases in rural properties that were experienced during this year's revaluation.

The additional income of just over \$700,000 will be predominately allocated towards rural roads to concentrate on closing the asset management gap and making sure all Esperance residents have access to safe and reliable roads.

Local Government rates provide revenue that is needed to manage all the services and facilities which make the Shire a great place to live in. This ranges from the traditional roads, rates and rubbish, to sporting grounds and reserves, libraries and community spaces, community development and support, coastal infrastructure, animal control, compliance legislation and so on. These services and facilities are needed to build a strong and healthy community and provide high social return and generally have limited economic return.

A full copy of the Valuer General's valuations for both GRV and UV Properties and the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges are available on the Shire Website.

Ratepayers and electors are invited to make a submission on the proposed differential and minimum payment for Council's consideration. Submissions must be made in writing addressed to the CEO to shire@esperance.wa.gov.au, delivered to the Shire of Esperance, PO Box 507, Esperance WA 6450 or in person to the Shire of Esperance Administration Building, Windich Street. Submissions due by 4pm, Monday 24 June 2019.

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Additional Information on the below is available on the Shire website.

- Objects and Reasons for Differential Rates
- UV Valuation Summary
- GRV Valuation Summary
- Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges