

How many birds may I have?

Poultry

A Person shall not keep poultry on any premises, except in the rural and special rural zones of the district, where up to twenty (20) poultry may be kept.

Upon application, the City may grant an **Exemption** from this requirement.

Roosters

Roosters shall **not** be kept on any premises in the district, except within the rural and special rural zones of the district.

Pigeons

Up to twenty (20) pigeons may be kept on any premises in the district. Upon application the City may grant an exemption to an Affiliated Person to keep up to one hundred and fifty (150) pigeons (exclusive of the Young Birds).

An Affiliated Person who keeps pigeons shall ensure the pigeons are kept in a properly constructed weatherproof pigeon loft that does not exceed 3 metres in height and faces a yard with an unobstructed area of at least 30 square metres.

Miscellaneous Birds

No more than twenty (20) Miscellaneous Birds may be kept on any premises in the district. Upon application Council may grant an exemption to this requirement.

General requirements

- Enclosures shall be kept free from excrement, filth, food waste and all other matter, which is or is likely to become offensive or injurious to health or to attract rats, vermin or insects.
- Enclosures, as far as possible, are to be kept free from flies or insects by spraying with a residual insecticide or other effective means.
- Enclosures must be effectively drained and situated so as not to allow water to drain towards buildings / foundations.
- No enclosures are to be constructed closer than ten (10) metres to any dwelling, church, schoolroom, hall, factory, dairy or premises whatsoever wherein food is manufactured, packed or prepared for human consumption. Upon application an exemption may be granted to allow a lesser distance.

Building Requirements

A building licence may be required for the erection of aviary/chicken coop. Please contact the City's Building Department regarding specific requirements.

Noise

When deciding to keep birds of any sort, it is important to consider the type of bird and how much noise they produce. In some instances in the past, people have been instructed to reduce or cease keeping particular birds when the noise they have produced has created a nuisance.

In certain circumstances, the general restrictions imposed by the Health Local Laws relating to the keeping of Pigeons, Poultry and Other Birds can be varied/relaxed to the benefit of responsible persons without causing a nuisance to neighbours or creating a risk to health. Certain discretionary and exemption provisions are contained within the City's Health Local-laws and applications for exercise of a discretionary provision or exemption shall only be

considered where the City is satisfied that the number of animals or birds to be kept will not be a nuisance, injurious, create a noise problem or dangerous to health.

EXEMPTION Process - To enable the City to determine if a nuisance or health risk would be likely to arise in respect of any application, the applicant must provide the following:

- Details of the number and type of birds proposed to be kept;
- Written comment from all contiguous land owners and / or occupiers;
- A plan of the proposed enclosure, which indicates the dimensions and location in relation to dwellings;
- Details of a Management Plan to be employed by the applicant to contain any potential nuisance or health risk;
- Acknowledgment in writing that the applicant understands that the City may cancel an exemption should the City be of the opinion that such cancellation is warranted; and
- Acknowledgment in writing that the applicant will comply with any terms or conditions the City may impose relating to an approval or exemption.
- Application fee for approval to keep poultry, pigeons is \$30.00.

Definitions

Affiliated Person	is a member of a properly constituted Pigeon Club.
Code of Practice	means the Code of Practice - Pigeon Keeping and Pigeon Racing, approved by the Pigeon Racing Federation of WA (Incorporated).
Miscellaneous Birds	includes all birds other than poultry and registered homing or racing pigeons.
Poultry	includes fowls, peafowls, turkeys, geese, ducks and the like.
Young Birds	means any birds under twenty four (24) days of age and are recognised as birds without feathers on the flesh under their wings.

The City, in determining an application for exemption to Health Local Laws, will take into account the comments of adjoining owners.

Note: Comment from each adjoining neighbour **must** be provided when the application is lodged.

For further details, please contact:

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APPLICATION FOR AN EXEMPTION TO KEEP POULTRY

Applicant's name	
Address	
Phone number	
Email	

Details of exemption to which the City's approval is required and comments sought –
 _____ is applying for an exemption to Clause 76(1) of the City of Rockingham Health Local Laws 1996, in order to keep up to _____ poultry in the rear yard at the property located at _____

ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS'S COMMENTS

Neighbour 1	Object	Do not object
Name		
Address		
Phone number		
Comments		
Signature _____ Date _____		

Neighbour 2	Object	Do not object
Name		
Address		
Phone number		
Comments		
Signature _____ Date _____		

Neighbour 3	Object	Do not object
Name		
Address		
Phone number		
Comments		
Signature _____ Date _____		

The City of Rockingham is collecting your personal information to process an application for a Poultry Exemption under the City of Rockingham Health Local Laws 1997. It may also be used for secondary purposes which would be reasonably expected.

We may share this information with other government agencies in order to assess the application. If you choose to not provide your personal information, we may not be able to process the application.

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