

Guidelines for the Keeping of Poultry and Pigeons

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide information in simple easy to read terms so that persons interested in keeping poultry or pigeons are made aware of relevant Local Authority requirements and to clarify how to apply for approval to keep poultry and pigeons.

DEFINITIONS

Residential zone includes any area zoned “Residential” and “Urban Development” under a Local Planning Scheme;

Pigeon includes homing pigeons and other domesticated breeds of the species *Columba livia*, but does not include native pigeons or doves whether or not the keeping of such birds is subject to the approval of the Department of Environment and Conservation;



Poultry includes fowls, roosters, ducks, peafowls, turkeys, geese, guinea fowls, pheasants and other birds commonly kept for the production of eggs or meat for domestic consumption;

Affiliated person means a person who is a member of a poultry or pigeon club incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1987*;

Am I allowed to keep poultry and pigeons?

Yes you can keep up to 12 poultry and pigeons within the City of Mandurah provided that they are kept in accordance with the following conditions:

Conditions relating to the keeping of poultry

A person who keeps poultry or permits poultry to be kept shall ensure that:



- (a) no poultry shall be kept less than 9 metres from any residential building;
- (b) no poultry is able to approach within 15 metres of a public street, public building, commercial premises or food premises;
- (c) all poultry is kept in a properly constructed and securely fastened structure;
- (d) all structures or enclosures within which poultry are kept are maintained at all times in a clean condition;
- (e) all poultry are contained in an enclosure at all times.

Please return completed form to:

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City of Mandurah
PO Box 210
MANDURAH WA 6210

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Facsimile: 9550 3888
Customer Services: 9550 3777
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Office Location: 3 Peel Street, Mandurah

Conditions relating to the keeping of pigeons



(1) A person who keeps pigeons or permits pigeons to be kept shall ensure that:

- All pigeons are kept in a properly constructed pigeon loft, except where registered homing pigeons are freed for exercise;
- All structures or enclosures within which pigeons are kept are maintained at all times in a clean condition;
- No opening to a pigeon loft, including openings for ventilation, is within nine metres of any residential building;
- No opening to a pigeon loft, including openings for ventilation, is within 15 metres of a public street, public building, commercial premises or food premises.

(2) An affiliated person who keeps pigeons, or permits pigeons to be kept, shall do so in accordance with the Code of Practice—Pigeon keeping, subject to the provisions of this Local Law.

Can I keep a rooster, goose, gander, turkey, peafowl or peahen?

In general the answer is “**NO**” but there is an opportunity for an exception to be made on land in a rural or rural residential zone or with the prior written permission of the Local Government. However as a general rule approval is not given to keep these animals.

An owner or occupier of premises shall not keep any of the following—

- rooster;
- a goose or gander;
- a turkey; or
- a peacock or peahen.

What if I want to keep more than 12 pigeons?

You may be able to keep more than 12 pigeons. However if you wish to keep more than 12 on a property the owner or occupier of the property must be an affiliated person in which case the maximum number of pigeons may be increased to 100.

What are the hygiene requirements that I need to maintain?

The Occupier is responsible for maintaining all enclosures, cages, crates or lofts in a clean condition at all times. All stored food must be kept in fly and vermin proof containers. Faeces and other waste must be disposed of in such a manner that it is inaccessible to flies or vermin and will not create a nuisance to adjoining properties.

Are there any building requirements that I need to adhere to?

A building licence may be required for the erection of pigeon loft/chicken coop. Please contact Council's Building Department on 08 9550 3749 regarding specific requirements.

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