

# Differential Rates & Minimum Payments 2020/21

Statement of Objects and Reasons

## Proposed Differential Rates and Minimum Payments for 2020/21

With the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic the Minister for Local Government has issued Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Order 2020, which removes the requirement to advertise the proposed differential rate in the dollar and minimum payments if they do not exceed the corresponding rate in the dollar and minimum payments imposed in the 2019/20 financial year.

On the 9 April 2020 Council resolved to impose a nil rate increase for the 2020/21 financial year in order to provide financial relief from the impacts of COVID-19 for Shire ratepayers.

### Minimum Rates

The Shire imposes a single minimum rate across the rating categories with the exception of storage units, ensuring all properties contribute an equitable rate amount to non-exclusive services. The minimum rate recognises that all ratepayers have an equal opportunity to enjoy the facilities and services provided by Council, regardless of the value of their property. The minimum rate for 2020/21 is \$1,143.

A lesser minimum of \$843 has been applied to storage units in recognition of the significant variation in valuations in comparison to other properties within the Shire. This lesser minimum is only applicable where the calculated rate is less than the general minimum rate.

### Differential Rates



GRV Rate Categories	Minimum Payment	Rate in \$
General	\$1143	0.09676
General Lesser Minimum	\$843	0.09676
Commercial	\$1143	0.07748
UV Rate Categories	Minimum Payment	Rate in \$
General	\$1143	0.006654

### Objects and Reasons

Description	Characteristics	Objects	Reasons
<b>GRV General</b>	Properties that are used for purposes other than commercial.	The object of this differential is to ensure that all ratepayers make a reasonable contribution towards the services and facilities provided and maintained by the Shire for the benefit of residents.	Revenue derived from this category to assist funding the service levels expected of the community, achieving the Strategic Community Plan and minimum standards of performance to which the Council will be measured by the State Government and others.
<b>GRV Commercial</b>	Properties that are used for non-residential purposes.	The object of this differential rate is to ensure all income producing facilities contribute to funding the costs associated with the service provided to these properties.	Lower rate in the dollar compared to residential, to reflect the economic circumstances associated with the significant fluctuation in valuations in the 2017/18 financial year. This will encourage retention of commercial activities during current economic circumstances, providing diversification of the economy and opportunity for local employment.
<b>UV General</b>	Properties that are used primarily for rural, farming or mining purposes.	The object of this differential is to ensure that all residential ratepayers make a reasonable contribution towards the services and facilities provided and maintained by the Shire for the benefit of residents.	Revenue derived from this category to assist funding the service levels expected of the community, achieving the Strategic Community Plan and minimum standards of performance to which the Council will be measured by the State Government and others.

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