



2026/27 RATES RESOLUTION

*This rates resolution was unanimously adopted by Council at the
22 June 2026 Council Meeting – Minute 117/2026*

That Council, pursuant to Part 9 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (the Act)*, adopts the following rates and charges for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027:

1 GENERAL RATE

- 1.1** Council makes a general rate under Section 90 of the Act of 5.625 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of all rateable land (excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provision of Section 87 in the Act) within the Dorset municipal area.
- 1.2** Council declares by absolute majority that pursuant to Section 107 of the Act and by reason of the following factors, the General Rate is varied as follows:
- a) For all land which is used or predominantly used for short stay visitor accommodation, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by 5.625 cents in the dollar to 11.25 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of the land.
 - b) For all land which is used or predominantly used for primary production – forestry purposes, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by 4.039 cents in the dollar to 9.664 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of the land.
 - c) For all land which is used or predominantly used for utility services where the locality is 2205 Cape Portland Road at Cape Portland, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by 2.896 cents in the dollar to 8.521 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of the land.
- 1.3** Council sets a minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate in accordance with Section 90(4) of the Act of \$579.
- 1.4** Council declares by absolute majority that pursuant to Section 107 of the Act and by reason of the following factors, the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is varied as follows:
- a) For all land which is used or predominantly used for vacant land the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is varied by increasing it by \$121 to \$700.
- 1.5** Council declares by absolute majority, pursuant to Section 88A of the Act to set a maximum percentage increase in the General Rate at 30 per cent for land within the municipal area which is separately assessed.

2. SERVICE RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

- 2.1** That pursuant to sections 93, 93A and 94 of the Act, Council makes the following service rates and service charges on all rateable land in the municipal area (including land which is otherwise exempt from rates pursuant to section 87 of the Act but excluding land owned by the Crown to which the Council does not supply the relevant services) for the period commencing 1 July 2026 and ending on 30 June 2027, namely:
- a) A service charge of \$196 for waste management services on all rateable land for making available waste management facilities (including operational costs of Council's Waste Transfer Stations, cartage of waste to landfill, removal of town waste and rehabilitation of Council's former tip sites);
 - b) Service charges for waste management in respect of all land to which Council supplies waste management services comprising the supply of a kerb-side garbage collection service and/or the supply of a kerb-side recycling collection service, as follows:
 - i. \$160 for a small (80 litre) mobile garbage bin;
 - ii. \$188 for a medium (120 litre) mobile garbage bin;

- iii. \$367 for a large (240 litre) mobile garbage bin; and
- iv. \$178 where Council supplies a recycling collection service.

2.2 If any land to which any of the waste management service charges in paragraphs 2.1a) or 2.1b) is applicable is the subject of separate rights of occupation, which are separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*, then the charges apply to each separate right of occupation.

2.3 Pursuant to section 93A of the Act, Council makes the following service rate in respect of the fire service contributions it must collect under the *Fire Service Act 1979* for the rateable parcels of land within the municipal area of Dorset:

- a) for land within the Bridport and Scottsdale Volunteer Brigade Rating District, a service rate of 0.2835 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value; and
- b) for land within the General Land Rating District a service rate of 0.2849 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value.

Pursuant to section 93(3) of the Act, Council sets a minimum amount of \$52 payable for the service rate in respect of the fire service contributions it must collect under the *Fire Service Act 1979*.

3. SEPARATE LAND

That for the purposes of these resolutions the rates and charges shall separately apply to each parcel of land which is shown as being separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*.

4. INSTALMENT PAYMENTS

That pursuant to section 124 of the Act, Council determined that ratepayers:

- a) may pay the rates and charges by one payment, in which case the due date for that payment is 30 September 2026; and
- b) may pay rates and charges by four (4) equal instalments, in which case Council determines that the dates by which the instalments are to be paid are as follows:
 - i. the first instalment on or before 30 September 2026; and
 - ii. the second instalment on or before 30 November 2026; and
 - iii. the third instalment on or before 31 January 2027; and
 - iv. the fourth instalment on or before 31 March 2027.

5. DEFAULT INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENT

Pursuant to section 128(1)(b) of the Act, if any rate or instalment is not paid in full within 14 days of the date it falls due, then there is payable a daily interest charge equal to the prescribed percentage calculated in accordance with section 128(2) of the Act in respect of the unpaid rate or instalment for the period during which the relevant amount remains unpaid.

6. ADJUSTED VALUES

That for the purpose of each of these resolutions, any reference to assessed annual value includes a reference to that value as adjusted pursuant to section 89 of the Act.

7. TERMS USED

Words and expressions used both in these resolutions and in the Act or the *Fire Service Act 1979* have in these resolutions the same respective meanings as they have in those statutes.